

Wednesday in Edinburgh – what's on today

✘ WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2014

The Big Vote – a free seminar and cross-generational debate on the Referendum from [Edinburgh Active Citizenship Group](#).

Andrew Barr, co-founder of [National Collective](#), and [Jil Murphy](#) of [Business for Scotland](#) will put the case for a YES vote: Mike Dailly of [Better Together](#) and [Talat Yaqoob](#), feminist activist & campaigner, will put the case for NO.

7-9pm City Chambers, High Street. No booking required unless you have special requirements.

The poetry and feminism of Willa Muir: [Dr Rhona Brown](#) will talk about [Willa Muir](#), some of her poetry, and her 1920s feminism, with reference to Simone de Beauvoir and Virginia Woolf. 6-7.30pm, Conference Room, Central Library, George IV Bridge. Free tickets must be booked via [eventbrite](#).

[James Kelman](#), Booker Prize winner, novelist, playwright and political analyst, in conversation with Edinburgh-based writer, poet and activist [Kevin Williamson](#). 6pm, [National Library of Scotland](#). Free but must be booked via [website](#) or by calling 0131 623 3734.

Blackwell's Edinburgh presents [Helen Grant 'The Demons of Ghent.'](#) Launch of the second instalment of Helen Grant's thrilling Forbidden Space series. 6.30pm, [Blackwell's, South Bridge](#). Free tickets from the shop's front desk or by calling 0131 622 8218. For more information call Ann Landmann on 0131 622 8222 or email events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk

[Experiencing Prison: Past, Present & Future.](#) [Jamie Bennett](#) (Governor of HMP Grendon & Springhill, the only prison to operate as a series of therapeutic communities) and Jessica Bird in conversation with Pete White, founder of Positive

Prison?...Positive Futures? which supports people on their release from prison and also gives feedback to policy makers and service providers. 5.30-7.30pm, Law School, Old College, University of Edinburgh. Free but must be booked via [eventbrite](#).

Pakistan Today, Problems and Prospect: Muslim and Christian Perspectives – a Christian-Muslim Dialogue for Peace and Understanding. Mr Shahid Farooq (Pakistan Association) and Mr Sandy Sneddon (Asia Secretary, Church of Scotland World Mission Council) will give a Muslim and a Christian view of Pakistan today, and Rev Brian Cooper (Uniting for Peace) will talk on '**An Ethical Foreign Policy for the UK**'. An open forum will follow. 7.30pm (doors open 7pm), Annandale Street Mosque, off Leith Walk. Collection taken for charities. Enquiries to Rev Brian Cooper: 0131 446 9545.