

# Five things you need to know today



**Smith Commission and the BBC**

**Edinburgh to Abu Dhabi – direct**

**Year of the Dad 2016**

**Young Scot – Living Wage employer**

**Juniper Green Community Market**

The Scottish Government's role in the future of the BBC will be guaranteed in a Memorandum of Understanding between it, the UK Government, Scottish Parliament and the BBC.

The agreement follows interventions from Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop to ensure the Scottish Government is consulted in the whole process of charter renewal.

The MoU has been agreed by Scottish and UK Ministers and is expected to be considered and voted on by the Scottish Parliament next week.

[Read more here.](#)

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Edinburgh Airport have launched yet another destination which you can reach direct from the capital. Gone are the days when all Scottish passengers had to transit through Heathrow as Edinburgh is fast becoming a major international hub.

Etihad Airways, the national carrier of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), officially launched their brand new daily service between Edinburgh and Abu Dhabi earlier this month –

their first Scottish route.

The new route will be operated with a two-class Airbus A330-200 aircraft, offering a total of 22 seats in Business Class and 240 seats in Economy Class. It will be a daily service with connections onward to vital destinations for the Scottish economy in the Middle East, Indian sub-continent, Asia and Australia.

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Deputy First Minister John Swinney was on hand to help Edinburgh charity Dads Rock at their Fathers' Day event at the museum, and it looks like he and Matthew had a good time from the photos you can see [here](#).

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Young Scot has joined a growing number of third sector organisations and businesses across Scotland in becoming a Living Wage employer.

Scotland's national youth information and citizenship charity joins over 200 organisations who have achieved Living Wage accreditation which means all employees and subcontractors are paid at least the Living Wage of £7.85 an hour.

The Living Wage is calculated according to the basic cost of living in the UK, which is set independently and updated yearly. It's estimated 18% of the Scottish workforce earn less than the living wage. Recent research has shown the benefits of implementing the Living Wage could include a better working environment, greater staff engagement and a reduced level of absence.

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