

# Edinburgh International Book Festival – Day 1

The tents are up, the stages are set and the mikes tested.

The Edinburgh International Book Festival begins tomorrow on 12 August 2017 with 1,000 writers from over 50 countries expected to attend.

There will be 50 novelists showing off their first books as well as internationally known authors who write for adults or children.

Discussions range from big world issues to conversations and some big names are included on the guest list. Ali Smith, Zadie Smith, Simon Callow, Harriet Walter, Harriet Harman, David Owen, Sir Vince Cable and the First Minister the Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon are only a few of the people who will appear at the festival.

✘ The gardens will be full of people and it is a good place to go and hang out just for the fun of it, (it is free to enter the garden) but also to go and hear some very good talks and performances.

This year there are tickets still available for some events. All you have to do is log on to the website and have a search or get along to the box office where they can help you book or queue for returns.

The Edinburgh International Book Festival 2017 will run from 12-28 August in Charlotte Square and all venues are fully accessible.

[More information here.](#)



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