

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019 – Iain Dale : All Talk

**Award-winning LBC radio presenter, CNN political commentator and For the Many podcast co-host, Iain Dale brings his acclaimed, incisive insight on current affairs to the Fringe for the first time.**

Between 31 July and 11 August, Iain will interview a different high-profile guest each day, including: Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell, London Mayor Sadiq Khan, CNN host Christiane Amanpour, former home secretaries Alan Johnson and Jacqui Smith (who will appear with former Victims Commissioner, Dame Louise Casey), former Change UK MP and now Independent MP Heidi Allen, Lib Dem leadership hopeful Layla Moran, BBC Newsnight's Kirsty Wark, outspoken MPs Jess Phillips and Johnny Mercer, BBC News, Scotland Editor Sarah Smith and Radio 4 regular Fi Glover, and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

For up-to-the minute updates visit [www.iaindale.com/alltalk](http://www.iaindale.com/alltalk)

This could be the first time that Edinburgh Fringe-goers will have had access to a wide cross-section of high-profile media and political figures in one place. Audiences will be in good hands, as Iain is one of the UK's leading broadcasters, commentators and interviewers, and has a wealth of experience across news and debate formats.

Iain Dale said: "There's a real appetite for live political debate and conversation and that's why I'm delighted to be bringing a live political interview show to the Fringe. We've had been deliberately ambitious in our line-up of guests and

its testament to the status of the Fringe that they've all said yes! We might even occasionally get away with mentioning the B(rexit) word but we intend to have a lot of laughs too."

Iain Dale presents the Evening Show on LBC Radio. He was named Radio Presenter of the Year for 2013 and 2016 at the Arqiva Awards, and was shortlisted for Speech programme of the Year at the 2013 Sony radio awards.

He won a Sony award for his interview with a witness to the terrorist murder of Lee Rigby in 2013. Iain is also a panellist on CNN Talk on CNN International, and a regular contributor to Newsnight, The Andrew Marr Show, Good Morning Britain and Channel 5's Jeremy Vine (formerly The Wright Stuff). He was a presenter of Radio 5 Live's Sunday Service alongside Fi Glover and Charlie Whelan, is a regular panellist on Radio 4's Any Questions and was a regular presenter of Radio 4's What the Papers Say. He has also appeared on BBC1's Question Time.

In print and online, Iain is a regular columnist for the Telegraph, Evening Standard and I paper. He has been a contributing editor for GQ Magazine, and, for five years, he wrote a monthly column in the gay lifestyle magazine, Attitude. He writes a weekly diary column for ConservativeHome.com. Iain also founded Total Politics magazine. Iain is also a prolific podcaster and co-hosts a weekly podcast with former Home Secretary Jacqui Smith called For the Many, the Iain Dale Book Club podcast, and a podcast of his weekly Cross Question political panel show.

Iain was the brains behind Politicos Bookstore and, until June 2018, was managing director of Britain's leading political publisher, Biteback Publishing, for whom he published more than 600 books. A former parliamentary researcher and chief of staff to David Davis MP, Iain has also been a political lobbyist, financial journalist and was the creator and host of the theatre production A Night With Ann Widdecombe, which

toured provincial theatres all around the country. He stood for Parliament at the 2005 general election in North Norfolk, but has now given up active politics.



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