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# Café Scientifique

WINTER – SPRING 2012

## Coffee and a Slice of science

All events commence at 7pm\* in Waterstone's Union Bridge on the dates listed and are **FREE** to attend.

**JAN**

Wed 18th

**Dr David Lusseau, School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen:** *Did Animals Invent twitter?* We think of Facebook and twitter as human inventions. However animals have been using social media for decades. Come and find out why we're playing catch up to the social networks of animals.

**FEB**

Wed 15th

**Sandy Sullivan, Resomation Ltd:** *Cremation's Carbon Footprint.* For years cremation has dealt with our physical remains after we die. However, new flame-free technology may soon pave the way for a greener alternative. Come and discover the science of chemically reducing the body to ash.

**MAR**

Wed 14th

**Dr Jennie Macdiarmid and Dr Janet Kyle, The Nutrition Society:** *Dietary Choices For Reducing Climate Change.* What might our future diets look like and can we keep eating like we do now? As experts gather in Aberdeen for The Nutrition Society's Spring conference, join us for a discussion of environmentally friendly diets for a healthier population and planet.

**APR**

Wed 18th

**John Edwards, Head of Collections, Aberdeen Museums and Galleries:** *RMS Titanic – 100 Years On.* On this date 100 years ago over 700 Titanic passengers arrived safely in New York. Find out how they owed their lives to technology and how Titanic's fate a few days earlier resulted from an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances.

**MAY**

Wed 16th

**Professor David Macdonald, School of Geosciences, University of Aberdeen:** *Frozen Eldorado?* Is there oil in Antarctica? Extravagant claims have been made by governments and journalists for billions of barrels but without any evidence. What's the truth – and should we drill even if the oil is there?



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*An informal way to engage with the latest topics in science.*

## Where and When

Usually held on the middle Wednesday of each month. All start at 7pm unless otherwise stated in Waterstone's Union Bridge branch. The family Saturday session in August takes place in Waterstone's ground floor children's books section.



## How it Works

- 7.00pm** We begin with a short presentation from the speaker
- 7.30pm** Interval and chance to chat informally and get refreshments
- 8.00pm** Chaired, open discussion involving the speaker and audience
- 8.45pm** Close and thanks.

## What's the Cost?

All sessions are FREE and open to everyone. Refreshments will be on sale and proceeds help support the venue cost. Speakers usually give up their time for free. Other costs are covered by sponsorship.

## Friends of Café Sci

Café Sci goers can enjoy a 10% discount on anything purchased at the Waterstone's tills during any Café Sci session.

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