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Welcome to Doors Open Day 2017, Scotland’s largest free festival that celebrates heritage and the built environment. It offers free access to over a thousand venues across the country throughout September, every year. The aim of Doors Open Day is to ensure that Scotland’s built heritage, new and old, is made accessible. This year we have a great programme with lots of new buildings and events across the city. Be sure to get to the Fire Station and take part in their family friendly activities or join in the local history fair at the Town House. There will be 2 special exhibitions at Seventeen Belmont Street and a talk on the history of Aberdeen’s Jewish community in the Synagogue on Sunday. To learn more about the history of Aberdeen and its buildings download more information here www.aagm.co.uk/Heritage/Heritage-Trails.aspx. Also check out our app ‘Discover: Old Aberdeen’ available free for android and iPhone.

Doors Open Day takes places throughout Scotland and is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust. Please visit www.doorsopendays.org.uk for more information. Thanks this year are due to Aberdeen City Council and of course to all the people who give up their time to make these fantastic buildings available.

Please take care when visiting buildings, which you do at your own risk. Neither the Local Area Coordinator for the Scottish Civic Trust nor the building owners take responsibility for any accidents or damage. Last minute alterations to this programme may be unavoidable, follow us on www.facebook.com/aberdeendoorsopenday and check www.doorsopendays.org.uk/places/aberdeen-city for up-to-date information.

This year’s Aberdeenshire Doors Open Day 2017 will be focused in South Aberdeenshire. Spanning from Banchory, Drumoak to Stonehaven and down to St. Cyrus, the event will be held on Saturday 16th September 2017.

If that wasn’t enough, in celebration of the Scottish Government’s Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology we have added an extra day. On Sunday 17th September 2017 we will be heading up north focusing around Portsoy, Banff, Fraserburgh and Macduff.

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A free hop on/off bus will be provided by Stagecoach and will leave from the front of the Sheriffs Court on Castle Street at regular intervals throughout the day. See page 09 for details on the full route.

Timetables can be found online, visit:
www.facebook.com/aberdeendoorsopenday
www.doorsopendays.org.uk/places/aberdeen-city

KEY TO ENTRIES

- Wheelchair Access
- Guided Tours
- Exhibition/Information Panels
- Toilets
- Activities
- Carpark available
- No Wheelchair Access
- 1st Doors Open Day
- Booking Required
01 **ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL • 1816**

Archibald Simpson later Sir Ninian Comper (architects), 28 King St AB24 5AX

The church contains the national memorial to Samuel Seabury, consecrated first Bishop of America in Long Acre, Aberdeen, on 14th November 1784. Roof heraldry depicts the American States and the Jacobite supporters of the Episcopal Church. Tours on the hour for 20 minutes, no booking required.

02 **ABERDEEN SHERIFF COURT • 1867-73**

Peddie and Kinnear
Castle St AB10 1WP

Enter by the main Court entrance, 2 doors along from the Town House. Take this opportunity for a tour of the courts and the cells.

03 **TOWN HOUSE • 1867-73**

Peddie and Kinnear
Castle St AB10 1FY

Explore the main civic rooms and beautiful staircase. Delve deeper into the history of Aberdeen at the local and family history fair taking place in the Town & County Hall - organisations including Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives, University of Aberdeen Special Collections, NHS Grampian Archives and the Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society will be on hand to answer your questions.

04 **ABERDEEN CITY AND ABERDEENSHEIRE ARCHIVES**

Townhouse, Castle St AB10 1FY

Home to one of the most important sets of burgh records in Scotland. Recognised by UNESCO in 2013 as part of their World Heritage Project. Access by tours which run every 30 minutes, no booking required.

05 **TOWN HOUSE EXTENSION • 1977**

City Architect Ian A. Ferguson
Broad St AB10 1FY

Access from Broad St (steps) or Queen St (level). The principal spaces within the modern extension to the Town House, including the Council Chamber, can be viewed.

06 **ADVOCATES LIBRARY • 1869**

James Matthews
Concert Court, off Broad St AB10 1BS

On the first floor there is one of the finest private law libraries in the country with the original decorative scheme by Arthur Clyne. Notice also the stained glass window on the staircase by Cottier & Co.

07 **MARISCHAL COLLEGE • 1837-44 and 1893-1906**

Archibald Simpson & Alexander Marshall Mackenzie
Broad St AB10 1AB

The University of Aberdeen leased the majority of these buildings to Aberdeen City Council who converted it for use as Aberdeen City Council’s corporate headquarters. For Doors Open Day the public reception areas and the quadrangle will be open.
08 THE ANATOMY ROOMS
Rear Quad, Marischal College, enter from Shoe Lane off Queen St AB10 1AN

The site now houses two arts organisations - All In Ideas and Citymoves Dance Agency. The building has been repurposed as a progressive multi art form, event and studio space, with a focus on experimentation and production. The day will offer an insight into the unique site and the variety of arts being produced in the city. New for this year is the exhibition ‘Body Matters’ in the old Dissection Hall and Museum in Marischal College. Including works by University of Aberdeen staff, students as well as artists, all inspired by the study of anatomy, will be on display, as well as modern imaging and a glimpse into what lies beneath.

09 ROBERT GORDON’S COLLEGE • 1732
Robert Adam
Schoolhill AB10 1FE

The Auld Hoose will be open. Although there have been many internal alterations, the original central stone staircase remains as does the first floor Governors’ room with its fine panelled walls. Also open are the junior school, the Craig Centre for Performing Arts and the Wood Foundation for Science and Technology.

10 SEVENTEEN BELMONT ST • 19th century
17 Belmont St AB10 1JR

Seventeen is Aberdeen’s creative hub on Belmont Street, housing exhibition space, offices and a digital fabrication lab - MAKE Aberdeen. Join us for exhibitions by Harmony Bury and pupils from Harlaw Academy. Harmony explores our relationship with nature by combining photography and sculpture. Check facebook.com/SeventeenAberdeen for workshop details.

11 KIRK OF ST NICHOLAS UNITING • 11th century onwards
Various architects
Union St AB10 1JZ

The Mither Kirk is one of the most historically important buildings in Aberdeen, with some surviving elements from the late 12th century in Collison’s Aisle. Since the reformation St Nicholas has consisted of two churches: the West and the East.

12 ST MARY’S CHAPEL • mid-15th century
Correction Wynd AB10 1JZ

St Mary’s Chapel is the vaulted crypt underneath the East Kirk of St Nicholas. Dedicated by Bishop William Elphinstone in 1498 and restored by Dr William Kelly in 1898.
13 **UNITARIAN CHURCH • 1905**

D and J R McMillan
Skene Terrace  AB10 1RN

Open for the first time this year you will be able to explore the main worship area/hall, upper quiet room which includes a small Unitarian library. Unitarian information posters, brochures, a presentation and tours will be available as required no need to book.

14 **EBURY HOUSE • 20th century**

Dee St  AB11 6DR

The tours and displays will offer an insight into the work to support customers from a variety of backgrounds to move into employment where that is appropriate, and to access community services, training and advice. Display information will include support offered to a variety of customer with health conditions, information sessions on the local labour market, help available for customers considering starting their own business and work undertaken with partner organisations. Tours on the hour from 10am till 3pm.

15 **FREEMASONS HALL • 1910**

Jenkins and Marr
Crown St  AB11 6EX

Possibly the finest, purpose-built building devoted entirely to Freemasonry within the Scottish Constitution. Conducted tours will be organised as well as opportunities to wander freely in the company of members.

16 **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND MOSQUE • 1849-51**

Thomas Mackenzie
Crown Terrace  AB11 6NG

The north aisle was added in 1898 and the tower in 1913. Note the great east window and memorial nave windows, the Sir Ninian Comper reredos and 16th century font from Kinkell Church, Inverurie. The church, hall and adjoining mosque will all be open.

17 **QUAKER MEETING HOUSE • early 20th century**

Crown St  AB11 6HJ

After an absence of a few years it’s great to have this much loved building open. It features the plain simplicity of a typical Quaker Meeting House with an elders’ bench. It houses full-scale photos of two of the panels of the 1970s Quaker Tapestry relating to Quaker history in the North East of Scotland.

18 **CROWN TERRACE BAPTIST CHURCH • 1870**

James Souttar
Crown Terrace  AB11 6HE

The church has a small Italian gothic tower and a very large window with 16th century type Scots tracery under which a new, more convenient entrance has been formed. The main sanctuary will be open to view and there will be musical performances.

19 **CFINE (COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE NORTH EAST) • 19th century**

Poynernook Rd  AB11 5RW

LIMITED OPENING 10am to 2pm

Explore this beautiful granite fronted building and hear about a range of support and services available for disadvantaged, vulnerable individuals, families and communities in Aberdeen and the North East. Tours will be available as required, no booking required.
20 **ABERDEEN CENTRAL COMMUNITY FIRE STATION**  
Mounthooly Way AB24 3ER

One of the most popular venues for Doors Open Day will be open with guided tours every 15 minutes (no booking needed) and a range of family friendly and exciting activities. Central Fire Station is one of four fire stations located within Aberdeen City. The station was opened in 1998 and further converted in 2016 to house the Aberdeen City LSO HQ. A great chance to explore fire service heritage information, get fire safety information, free CPR training, see chip pan fire demonstrations and learn about local partnership work. Suitable for a family audience.

21 **ALBYN SCHOOL • 1879**

Matthews and Mackenzie  
Queen’s Rd AB15 4PB

Albyn School is celebrating its 150th birthday this year and will have displays showcasing their history. The school occupies four 19th century merchant houses on Queens Road and retains a number of architectural features. There will be displays of memorabilia relating to the school’s history and opportunities to have a guided tour as well as some musical performances. Guided tours will be available as required - no need to book.

22 **RUBISLAW CHURCH CENTRE • 20th century**

Beaconsfield Place AB15 4AB

Opened in 1971, Rubislaw Church Centre is a multi-purpose building used extensively by community and church groups. Information about the various groups will be on display as well as people to chat with. Refreshments will be served all day in the lounge.

23 **RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH • 1873-5**

Marshall Mackenzie  
Queen’s Gardens AB15 4YD

An 1875 sandstone church of fine Gothic design featuring intricate woodwork and pews of Canadian pitch pine. The 1890 3 manual ‘Father’ Henry Willis organ will be played at intervals throughout the afternoon. The church features an original Victorian toilet. Refreshments will be available in the Church Centre on Beaconsfield Place, see No. 22.

24 **TRINITY HALL • 1967**

Mackie, Ramsay and Taylor  
Holburn St AB10 6DA

This is the third Trinity Hall to be occupied by the Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. The current building (1967) re-uses the traceried windows of its predecessor but otherwise the architecture is very much of its period. The interior is very dramatic and contains many furnishings and artefacts that were used in all three Halls. Guided tours as required, no booking necessary.

25 **FERRYHILL PARISH CHURCH • 1873**

Duncan McMillan  
Fonthill Rd AB11 6UD

The Sanctuary will be open and you can discover the Piper Alpha window, Amalgamation window and First World War memorial windows dedicated to the 51st Highland Division. Self-guided audio tours with information cards will be available on the day.
26 **INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES • 1996**

David Murray Associates
Ashgrove Rd West AB25 2ZD

The University of Aberdeen’s Institute of Medical Sciences accommodates over 400 scientists and research staff. Stands in the atrium will present some of the outstanding research carried out in the building in neuroscience, microbiology, cardiovascular and metabolic disease, immune system function, developmental and cancer biology and musculoskeletal medicine. The presentations will include how scientists are replacing, reducing and refining the use of animals in research. The central atrium, ground floor labs and new MRC Centre for Medical Mycology labs are open for guided tours at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. Suitable for a family audience.

27 **SUTTIE CENTRE • 2009**

Bennetts Associates
Foresterhill Rd AB25 2ZD

This timber-clad building is designed to maximise natural daylight and ventilation, to reduce solar gain and provide a state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility at the heart of the Foresterhill health campus. The Anatomy museum will be open and features displays of anatomy specimens, historical models, innovative 3D Anatomical resources for teaching and current research into anatomy and surgery.

28 **ROWETT INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION AND HEALTH • 2016**

Halliday, Fraser, Munro
Ashgrove Rd West AB25 2ZD

Explore the atrium, Human Nutrition Unit and labs of this state of the art new science building with art and artefacts from the previous 100 year old building.

29 **MAGGIE’S CENTRE • 2008**

Snøhetta
Westburn Rd AB25 2UZ

Visit the architecturally stunning Maggie’s Centre, set in the grounds of ARI, and experience the warm welcome extended to patients, friends and family. Maggie’s provides practical, emotional and social support free of charge to help people deal with the challenges that a cancer diagnosis can bring. Tours available as required, no booking required.
30 CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS • 1967

North Anderson Drive  AB15 6DD

The church building was designed in Salt Lake City and must have looked very American when it was first built. It has unfortunately lost its original copper roof but its elegant needle-topped spire is a familiar landmark on North Anderson Drive. On Doors Open Day the chapel and most of the rest of the building will be open including the Family History Centre.

31 CREMATORIUM • 1968

City Architect
Skene Rd, Hazelhead  AB15 8PT

LIMITED OPENING 10am to 3pm

An opportunity to visit the building and to see all aspects of the working of the Crematorium including the two Chapels, Rest Room and behind the scenes Cremating Area. There will be conducted tours hourly between 10am-3pm. Restricted access as part of a conducted tour only. Places are limited on the day.

32 ADVENTURE ABERDEEN

Fairley Rd  AB41 9BA

The former Kingswells Primary School will be open with displays on the history of the school and showcasing the work of its current residents Adventure Aberdeen. Display information complement tours that will run throughout the day, as required with no need to book. Try your hand at a range of activities including our mobile climbing wall, mountain biking track and Wilderness Skills & shelter building.
35  **KING’S CHAPEL** • 1500 onwards
College Bounds  AB24 3FX

LIMITED OPENING 10am to 12 noon
The University was founded in 1495 and the chapel is the oldest surviving building. Inside are the finest surviving pre-Reformation choir stalls and screen in Scotland. Join Professor Jane Geddes for tours at 10am and 11am to explore this stunning building. No booking required.

36  **CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE** • 18th century
High St  AB24 3EE

The Institute provides Chinese language teaching and cultural events to the North East Scotland community. It acts as a linguistic and cultural bridge, promoting knowledge exchange between China and the people of North East Scotland and serving as the first port of call for information on China. The building has had many uses in its long history, including a museum and a bank, and its courtyard bamboo garden is one of Old Aberdeen’s best kept secrets. Experience a Chinese tea ceremony or try your hand at Chinese calligraphy. Suitable for a family audience.

37  **KING’S MUSEUM** • 1788 (converted 2011)
Alexander Jaffray
High St  AB24 3EN

Built in 1788 this building has had a number of purposes. The top floor housed a masonic lodge which only moved out in 2004 when the building was converted into the King’s Museum for the University of Aberdeen.

38  **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CENTRE - SIR DUNCAN RICE LIBRARY**
Bedford Rd  AB24 3AA

LIMITED OPENING 10am to 1pm
The Special Collections Centre, home of the University’s historic books and archives, will open its doors, explore The Wolfson Reading Room on the lower ground floor where you can view highlights from our collections. Jen Shaw, Exhibitions & Public Programming Officer, will host visitors in the Gallery on the ground floor and highlight our latest exhibition, ‘Cooking the Books’ exploring the history of Scottish cooking.

39  **BOTANICAL GARDENS** • 1898
St Machar Drive (entrance from The Chanonry) AB24 3UU

There have been gardens and parkland on the site since at least the late 17th Century. The Botanic Garden, founded with a bequest from Miss Anne Cruickshank, is an educational resource and a beautiful and secluded amenity for University of Aberdeen staff and students and the general public.

40  **ST MACHAR’S CATHEDRAL** • from 1370
The Chanonry  AB24 1RQ

There has been a church on this site beside the Don since the sixth century. Inside there is a notable heraldic oak ceiling with the coats of arms of European monarchs and Scottish nobles and bishops.

41  **ZOOLOGY MUSEUM** • 1969
Mackie Ramsay and Taylor
Tillydrone Avenue  AB24 2TZ

The Zoology Museum is the only zoological museum in the region and boasts one of the largest collections in Scotland including animals of the world, from protozoa to whales.
Get up close to our native wildlife and some exotic creatures with our taxidermy collection. Examine specimens from Cruickshank Botanic Garden under the microscope and pick up the trail to explore the Zoology museum looking for endangered bird species. Suitable for a family audience.

Meet scientists from the School of Biological Sciences, and find out more about the cutting edge research that is happening at the University of Aberdeen. Learn more about the fascinating aspects of biology that scientists in Aberdeen are focussing on including invasive species, bloodsucking insects, diseases and tropical rainforests. Join tours of the tropical greenhouse at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. Booking not required.

Sue Ryder Dee View Court is a specialist neurological care centre in Kincorth, Aberdeen, caring for people aged 18 and over with life-changing conditions affecting the brain and nervous system. Visitors will receive behind the scenes tours of Scotland’s only purpose-built neurological care centre, and learn more about the work of Sue Ryder in the community. Access via tours only at 10am, 11am, midday 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Booking is essential, email: DeeView.Appeal@sueryder.org

The Donside Community Hydro is a renewable energy micro-hydro power plant. It was established by residents of Donside Village which is built on the site of the former Donside Papermill. The hydro utilises an old lade originally used by the mill. It now produces clean renewable energy which will provide funding for community activities. Most of the site can be viewed from a public accessible path. The turbine house is not wheelchair accessible. Access via tours only at 10am, 11am, midday, 1pm and 2pm. Booking is essential, email: info@acenergy.org.uk
47 CARMELITE HOTEL • 1869-81, 1885
James Souttar and William Henderson
AB11 6JU
LIMITED OPENING 11am to 4pm

Boasting many fine gothic style features and stained glass windows, the building is situated in the approximate area of the medieval Carmelite Friary which was excavated in the 1980s and 90s ahead of developments. Learn about these exciting excavations from archaeologist Ali Cameron at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Brunch, Sunday Lunch, Afternoon Tea served all day - 50% off Sunday lunch menu given on presentation of Doors Open Day Brochure.

48 SYNAGOGUE • 1936
Dee St AB11 6DS

In 1945 this Georgian terraced house, dating back to the very early 1800s, was acquired by the Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation for use as a synagogue. The principal ground floor room has been adapted and furnished along similar lines to those found in all Orthodox synagogues. Tours will offer an insight into Judaism. There will be a special talk by Professor Nathan Abrams ‘Jews in Aberdeen: A Brief History’, starting at 10am.

Booking is essential, visit: www.scojec.org/news/2017/17ix_history/booking/aberdeen/booking.html

The Synagogue will then be open to the public from 11.30am. Tea/coffee and traditional Jewish bakes will be served in the communal meeting room. NB: the synagogue is being used for worship on Saturday and is not open to the general public until Sunday.

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