DOORS OPEN DAY
ABERDEEN
Get into buildings
Saturday 8 September 2018

Free Entry
Welcome to Doors Open Day 2018, Scotland’s largest free festival that celebrates heritage and our built environment. It offers free access to over a thousand venues across the country throughout September, every year. The aim of Doors Open Days is to ensure that Scotland’s built heritage, new and old, is made accessible. Be sure to visit the Fire Station and take part in their family friendly activities or join in the local history fair at the Town House. This year is the 200th anniversary of the Institute of Civil Engineers and to mark this the new harbour development at Nigg Bay and the Tillydrone Community Hub, which is currently under construction, will welcome visitors to their respective sites to see these exciting projects as they develop. Be sure to make it along to the University of Aberdeen Zoology Building where we have partnered with TechFest to bring you a day of family friendly hands-on science and fun!

Learn more about the history of Aberdeen here www.aagm.co.uk/Heritage/Heritage-Trails.aspx. Also our free app Discover: Old Aberdeen.

Doors Open Day takes place 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.

Last minute alterations to this programme may be unavoidable, follow us on www.facebook.com/aberdeendoorsopenday and check www.doorsopendays.org.uk/aberdeen for up-to-date information.

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.

### ABERDEENSHIRE DOORS OPEN DAY 2018

This year Doors Open Day Aberdeenshire will be held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. Properties will be open in all 6 areas offering visitors the opportunity to experience the wonderfully varied architecture and environments of Aberdeenshire.

For further information...
www.doorsopendays.org.uk

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### KEY TO ENTRIES

| W | Wheelchair Access |
| G | Guided Tours |
| E | Exhibition/Information Panels |
| T | Toilets |
| A | Activities |
| P | Carpark available |
| N | No Wheelchair Access |
| NEW | 1st Doors Open Day |
| B | Booking Required |

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### 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, except 12 noon when there will be a free 30 minute concert given by the trebles of the Cathedral Choir.

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### 02 ABERDEEN SHERIFF COURT • 1867-73
Peddie and Kinnear, Castle St AB10 1FY

Enter by the main Court entrance, 2 doors along from the Townhouse. Tour with an experienced member of court staff talking about history of the court building and what happens in the court room, with an opportunity to explore areas of court 1, court 6 and the cells that are off limits to the public. There will be an opportunity to take pictures which are otherwise prohibited within the court.

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### 03 ABERDEEN TRADES UNION COUNCIL
John Londragon House, 22a Adelphi AB11 5BL

Aberdeen Trades Union Council was formed in 1868 and is still going strong - 2018 is a year of celebration, marking their 150th year anniversary. ATUC has played an important role in Aberdeen's radical history, and a range of artefacts from their history will be on display.

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### 04 TOWNHOUSE • 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, Local Studies and the Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society will be on hand to answer your questions.

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### 05 ABERDEEN CITY AND ABERDEENSHIRE 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.

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### 06 TOWNHOUSE 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.
Aberdeen City Centre

07 ADVOCATES LIBRARY • 1869
James Matthews, Concert Court, off Broad Street 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.

08 MARischAL COLlEGE • 1837-44 & 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.

09 ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
Gallowgate, Aberdeen AB25 1EA
St Margaret’s was consecrated in 1890 and the architect was Sir Ninian Comper. A feature of his windows and statues is that he often used family likenesses in the faces portrayed. Take your time to look around soaking up the atmosphere left by years of prayer in this place. Go outside to enjoy the garden.

10 ROBERT GORDON’S COLLeGE • 1732
Robert Adam, Schoolhill AB10 1FE
Robert Gordon’s College is a co-educational independent day school for children aged 3-18 years. The Auld Hoose will showcase the original decorative scheme by Arthur Clyne, Notice also the stained glass window on the staircase by Cottier & Co.

11 PDSA
26-30 Fraser Place AB25 3TY
The PDSA has been in Aberdeen since the 1950s but have existed nationally for 100 years. In their centenary year they invite you to drop in and learn how vet practices have changed over 100 years. Guided tours of 45 minutes will start at 10.30am and run as required.

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

13 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. Built around 1450 and restored by Dr William Kelly in 1898. Tours of the archaeological dig site at 11am, 12, 2 and 3pm.

14 UNITARIAn CHURCH • 1905
D and J R McMillan, Skene Terrace AB10 1RN
You will be able to explore the main worship area/hall and the 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.

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. Tours will be available as required.

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
The Quaker Meeting House was opened in 1903 & was designed by Dr William Kelly. It is the only purpose built Quaker Meeting House still in use in Scotland. It features the plain simplicity of a typical QMH with the Elders’ Bench.

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 CHILDLINe
3rd Floor Ruby House, Ruby Lane AB10 1QZ
Childline is there day and night to offer support to children and young people throughout the UK when they most need it. Come along and see where it all happens, find out more about Childline and take part in some fun activities.

20 GILCOMSTON CHURCH • 19th century
Union Street AB10 1TP
This is a big birthday year for Gilcomston Church! A building which has played host to 150 years of high-octane adventure – from being a supporting act to Billy Graham in his heyday, to the first ever (unintended) high-level, make-shift water-slide onto Union Street.

21 ALBYN SCHOOL • 1879
Matthews and Mackenzie, Queen’s Road AB15 4PB
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.

Visit www.doorsopendays.org.uk/aberdeen for up-to-date information.
22 THE OIL & GAS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
20 Queen's Road AB15 4ZT

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre is opening its doors to showcase its state-of-the-art Innovation Hub and give an insight into how the organisation is helping transform the North Sea oil and gas industry. More than 100 exciting projects, delivered in partnership with oil and gas companies, are underway to develop new technologies that will help ensure there is a vibrant industry for generations to come. An incredible 8,000 people have visited the Centre since it opened in February 2017. Restricted hours: 10am to 3pm.

23 ST MARGARET’S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
17 Albyn Place AB10 1RU

Set inside an adapted set of granite buildings this school dates from 1846. Take this rare opportunity to tour the buildings and learn about the oldest continuously operating girls’ school in Scotland.

24 RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH • 1873-5
Marshall Mackenzie, Beaconsfield Place 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. 25.

25 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.

26 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 tracery 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. Refreshments will be available.

27 FERRYHILL PARISH CHURCH • 1873
Duncan McMillan, Fonthill Road 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.

28 FERRYHILL HERITAGE RAILWAY CENTRE
Duthie Park, enter from Riverside Drive end, AB11 7WE

One of Aberdeen’s hidden gems open for the very first time! Visit the Engine Shed Houses which were built in 1850 and the railway turntable. Displays will include plans and timetables and a chance to see how work is progressing to restore these important buildings.

29 INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE • 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 such as 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 and second floor labs are open and there are guided tours at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. No booking required. Staff car park free to use on Doors Open Day.

30 ROWETT INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION AND HEALTH • 2016
Halliday, Fraser, Munro, Ashgrove Road West AB10 2ZD

Over its 100 year history the Rowett has played a key role in shaping the health of the UK. From showing the health benefits of providing free milk to school children to underpinning the rationing system, the Rowett has always been at the forefront of nutrition research. In our new institute building the focus is now on understanding the molecular basis of human health. Come and explore the atrium, Human Nutrition Unit and labs of this state of the art research staff. Stands in the atrium will present some of the outstanding research carried out in the building such as 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 and second floor labs are open and there are guided tours at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. No booking required. Staff car park free to use on Doors Open Day.

31 GRAMPIAN HOSPITAL RADIO
Westburn Cottage, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI), AB25 2ZN

We are a hospital radio station located in a refurbished cottage in the grounds of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, from which we provide a variety of programming including a Get Your Request show to the patients of ARI. We also have a second station located in the same building for broadcasting to the patients of Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital with programming more suited to their tastes. On the Day we will be showing the public around the studios and telling them the history of the station which has broadcast to ARI for over 35 years. Tours as required.

32 ABERDEEN DENTAL INSTITUTE
Cornhill Road, Aberdeen AB25 2ZD

A Dental School in the Grampian Region of Scotland was established to help to provide a suitably qualified dental workforce, not only in relation to the country’s needs, but particularly in relation to the dental needs of the population in the north of Scotland. Come and view the facilities, which has broadcast to ARI for over 35 years. Tours as required.

33 ROYAL CORNHILL HOSPITAL, ART ROOM
Cornhill Road AB25 2ZD

Grampian Hospitals Art Trust is an arts organisation which exists to enhance the wellbeing and experience of all who spend time in hospital. The Lochhead Day Unit’s art room will be open for drop in sessions and there will be a display of artwork in the main corridor.
34 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF 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.

35 ABERDEEN TREASURE HUB MUSEUM CENTRE • 2017 Granitehill Road AB16 7AX
See behind the scenes at Aberdeen Treasure Hub Museum Centre, the purpose-built storage facility for Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums’ extensive collections of decorative art, costume, painting, sculpture, and objects relating to Aberdeen's archaeology, maritime history, science and industry. You will also see Night on the Town a display of objects from the collections inspired by the recent acquisition of LS Lowry’s 1933 painting, The Old Cinema.

36 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. 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.

37 MASJID ALHIKMAH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
Nelson Street AB24 5ER
Take the opportunity to tour this brand new purpose built mosque and community centre. There will also be exhibitions on Islam and the chance to observe live prayers. Refreshments will be available.

38 KITTYBREWSTER POLICE STATION
Great Northern Road AB25 3PS
Kittybrewster Police Office are delighted to open their doors to visitors who can experience actual Police cells and take part in tours and displays. Various Police departments will be present to tell you about their specialist skills and how you can join up too! Tours every 15 minutes, no booking required.

39 KING’S CHAPEL • 1500 onwards
College Bounds AB24 3FX
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 Dr Chris Croly and Neil Curtis for tours of the chapel and campus at 11am, 12.30, 1pm and 2.30pm, lasting around one hour. No booking required.

40 CONFCUIUS 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 children.

41 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CENTRE - SIR DUNCAN RICE LIBRARY
Bedford Road AB24 3AA
(Limited Opening 10am - 1pm)
Special Collections Centre and NHS Grampian Archives will have on display items from their rich and historic archive and printed book collections. Staff car park free to use on Doors Open Day.

42 ELPHINSTONE INSTITUTE
MacRobert Building, 581 King Street AB25 5UA
Visit the Institute which was established in 1995 to research and promote the culture of the North and North east of Scotland. Throughout the day we'll enjoy informal performances in the Buchan Library by North-East singers, musicians and storytellers. You're invited to bring along and share your own song, tune or story too. Dinnia be a stranger! Staff car park free to use on Doors Open Day.

43 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.

44 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.

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45 ZOOLOGY MUSEUM • 1969
Mackie, Ramsay and Taylor, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ

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46 TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY HUB
Hayton Road  AB21 2RL

47 OLD TORRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
2 Abbey Place  AB11 9QH

48 TORY UNITED FREE CHURCH
Grampian Road  AB11 8EA

49 MARINE LABORATORY
375 Victoria Road  AB11 9DB

50 ABERDEEN HARBOUR EXTENSION PROJECT
Visitor Centre, Nigg Bay AB11 8TN

Join us at this special collaboration between Doors Open Day and TechFest. Come and explore the fantastic collection of around 75,000 specimens at Aberdeen’s Zoology Museum; attend TechFest’s Bizarre Bones workshop and find out which part of your body is stronger than steel; learn about what’s going on in Aberdeen’s Science departments from ‘Snappy Science’ presentations by University of Aberdeen science students.

This is a volunteer run community centre in Old Torry which organises varied activities for local people, and have a collection of artefacts, books, films and photos of Torry and its peoples over many years, so pop in to learn about the history of Torry, its buildings and people as well as its industries.

This church has been a vital part of Torry for 175 years. Take this opportunity to tour the building, view its archive material and learn about its role in the community.

The Lecture Theatre, Fish House and Conference Room will all be open and Marine Scotland will have interactive displays showcasing the types of work that they do such as: taste testing; pipetting; marine litter games; fish display; fish scale reading and microscope use. We will have a virtual tour of the research vessel The Scotia and hopefully some dolphin sounds as well!

Aberdeen Harbour, one of the UK’s busiest ports, is being transformed to better serve existing and new markets. Civil engineers are building new facilities and infrastructure to increase the harbour’s capacity and accommodate larger vessels at Nigg Bay, to the south of the existing harbour. Learn about the design and construction processes being used and observe the transformation from an ideal vantage point. Tours will be provided on the hour, every hour from 1000 with the last tour departing at 1400. The tour has been organised by Dragados in partnership with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), who are celebrating their 200 year anniversary. You’ll learn why civil engineers are invisible superheroes and get some goodies to take away for your budding engineers.

Booking online www.ice.org.uk/events/doors-open-day-aberdeen-harbour-expansion-project

Key for maps (on reverse)

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