Principal’s Welcome

Welcome to the 2017 May Festival.

The May Festival is back for its fifth year with a dynamic and packed programme, building on last year’s inspirational event during which we welcomed record audiences of over 13,000 people onto our beautiful King’s College campus in Old Aberdeen.

This year, we’re celebrating Scotland’s Year of History, Heritage & Archaeology with a range of events including a citizens’ dig outside our University chapel. Our festival team have once again ensured there is something for all ages and interests — spanning science, music, literature, sport, Gaelic, food and drink, film and visual culture and the environment. Our highly popular Discover theme is back, giving opportunities to discover and discuss some of the University’s most innovative world-class research.

The University is proud of the role it has in enhancing the cultural and intellectual life of the North-East and beyond, and we are delighted that the May Festival is now firmly established as a highlight in the region’s cultural calendar.

The Festival is made possible only through the generous support of our partners and sponsors. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them, and in particular Total E&P UK whom we warmly welcome as our 2017 Title Sponsor.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year’s May Festival.

Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Aberdeen
May Festival Themes

**History, Heritage & Archaeology**
To celebrate Scotland’s Year of History, Heritage & Archaeology 2017 we have a whole host of fantastic events! You can visit a live archaeological dig on campus, discover the connections between Aberdeen and Robert the Bruce and learn more about the Jacobites. Hear about the science and study of bones in our family-friendly talk and immerse yourself in the history of campus with one of our guided tours.

**Music**
The musical offering at the May Festival is bursting at the seams. Performing at the festival will be our very own chapel choir and Baroque Ensemble as well as the internationally renowned Rose Consort. And you can be musical too! Learn to play the pennywhistle, and immerse yourself in the James Carpenter Collection; the largest collection of North-East ballads in existence.

**Vision**
From selfies to shadow dance there’s lots on offer in this year’s performing arts strand. Take part in our selfie workshop and find out how these self-portraits are changing communication. Enjoy a shadow dance at the Sir Duncan Rice Library and spend an evening with the Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre presenting Shakespeare through brilliant comedy sketches, songs and double-act nonsense!

**Word**
The WORD events this year showcase local, national and international talent including our own creative writing students, Norwegian novelist Anne Oterholm and Argentinian activist writer Inés Arteta. We will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of PEN Scotland with Neal Ascherson, and welcome familiar faces Janice Galloway and Alan Spence as well as Man Booker Prize 2016 nominee Wyl Menmuir.

**Food and Drink**
As always there will be plenty to tickle your taste buds and leave your palate craving more. The ever-popular Produce Market returns to Elphinstone Hall and you can visit the new Rowett Institute to hear from our scientists about how foods can be reformulated to improve health. Aspiring young chefs can go on a slow food taste adventure and even try their hand at bread and pasta making!
Discover
This ever-popular theme will showcase the best the University has to offer. Our staff and students have once again put together an exciting and inspiring programme of workshops, debates, talks and displays. Topics this year cover everything from the science of swearing to Viking humour and Aberdeen’s pioneering work in the field of MRI scanning. You can also delve into the unseen world with the help of our microscope expert and find out how drones can tell us more about volcanoes.

Environment
Explore the environment of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden in our tours and family workshops. At the Hall of Mayhem you can join the Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre team to flex your green fingers, try your hand at nest-building and learn more about the importance of colours and patterns in the animal kingdom.

Current Affairs
Join the conversation about today’s hot topics! The “Rebel Girls!” will host a lively panel discussion addressing what it means to be a woman today and experts in science and culture will discuss Gut Health in the Modern Day. An expert panel including the Chair of the new Scottish Land Commission will discuss the 2016 land reform act and what it means for us.

Science
The science strand is jam-packed in 2017! Join quantum magician Kevin McMahon for an afternoon of science and magic, and Kjartan Poskitt for some Murderous Maths. You can take part in an interactive discussion around microbiology and infections, and find out how soon we might be arguing with computers!

Gaelic
Gaelic speaker or not, you can still enjoy everything this strand has to offer. There are family events throughout the weekend giving you a chance to sing songs and learn some new dance moves. You can also hear from Gaelic authors Sandy NicDhòmhnnaill Jones, Aonghas Dubh MacNeacail and Seonag Monk.

Co-dhiú a tha Gàidhlig agaibh no nach eil dh’ fhaodadh gach nì a thahas a’ taraigsinn an seo, còrdadh ribh. Tha tachartasan airson an teaghlaich a’ gabhail aite fad’ na deireadh-sheachdain, far am faodar órain a sheinn agus dannsaichean ûra ionnsachadh. Gheibh sibh cuideachd cothrom éisteachd agus coinneachadh ris na hughdairean, Sandy NicDhómhnnaill Jones, Aonghas Dubh MacNeacail agus Seonag Monk.

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Join the discussion #mayfestival
Friday 26th May

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Dig site, near Chapel, University of Aberdeen

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Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

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Land Rights and Land Responsibilities: An Audience with the Chair of the New Scottish Land Commission
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wilfred Owen’s Scottish Enlightenment
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm
Alan Spence
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

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Drones and 3D Thermal Imaging of Volcanoes
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

5.00pm – 7.00pm
Scottish PEN 90th Anniversary Event with Neal Ascherson
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

6.30pm – 8.30pm
New Writing with Causeway/Cabshair
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

7.00pm – 9.00pm
Scottish Falsetto Socks Do Shakespeare
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

7.30pm – 9.30pm
At Home in the World
Zoology Museum, University of Aberdeen

8.00pm – 9.30pm
It’s in your Bones
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Saturday 27th May

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The King's Dig
Dig site, near Chapel, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 4.00pm
Bookbinding Workshop and Talk
The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 4.00pm
Reformation For Health: Why less really is more
Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 4.00pm
At Home in the World
Zoology Museum, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 4.00pm
Slow Food and Sustainability: In Conversation with Carlo Petrini
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

11:00am – 12:00pm
The Suffragettes in Aberdeen
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 2.30pm
SCANDI SATURDAY: Kenneth Steven
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

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Zoology Museum, University of Aberdeen

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James Carpenter Collection Workshop
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm
The King's Tours (Families)
King’s Museum (Old Town House), University of Aberdeen

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Cantores ad Portam: Melpomene, Mournful Muse
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Sunday 28th May

10.00am – 4.00pm
The King’s Dig
Dig site, near Chapel, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 10.40am
Letting in the Light
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 11.00am
Metcon
Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, Aberdeen

10.00am – 11.00am
Fèis Bheag (Wee Fèis)
Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 12.00pm
Dig In and Discover
Dig site, near Chapel, University of Aberdeen

10.30am – 11.30am
King’s College Campus Tour (Adults)
King’s Museum (Old Town House), University of Aberdeen

10.30am – 12.00pm
Embrace
Cruckshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen

10.30am – 12.00pm
Family Baking Workshop
MacRobert Building 416, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm
Microscopy: Seeing is Believing
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm
Julian Furman
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm
Chapel Worship with Author Kenneth Steven
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm
Maths and Music
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

11.15am – 11.45am
Polish Scottish Songs
Mascot, University of Aberdeen

11.30am – 12.30pm
The King’s Tours (Families)
King’s Museum (Old Town House), University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm
Man vs Microbes
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm
Viking Humour
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm
Ceòl agus Spòrs (Music and fun)
Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 3.00pm
Slow Food Taste Adventure
MacRobert Building 614, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 4.00pm
Hall of Mayhem
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Ten Things You Never Knew About WW1
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

12.30pm – 1.30pm
A Knife in the Darkness: Book Launch
Blackwell’s Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen

10.00pm – 2.00pm
The Hidden World of MRI
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

10.00pm – 2.00pm
Science & Magic
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

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The King’s Tours (Families)
King’s Museum (Old Town House), University of Aberdeen

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Dig In and Discover
Dig site, near Chapel, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 2.30pm
What Will it Mean to Argue with a Computer?
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 2.30pm
Sandy NicDhomhnaill Jones & Seonag Monk
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 3.00pm
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour
ASV Aquatics Centre, Regent Walk, Aberdeen

2.00pm – 4.00pm
Fèis Mhòr (Big Fèis)
Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen

2.30pm – 3.30pm
Chasing Black Gold with Author Robert Stone
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

2.30pm – 4.00pm
Director’s Cut:
Mark Adams – The Magic of Film Festivals
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm
The King’s Dig:
The Archaeology of Our Campus
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm
Rose Consort of Viols:
Music by Peter Philips and Richard Dering
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.30pm
Celebrating North-East Writing
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.30pm
Family Pasta Making Workshop
MacRobert Building 416, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 5.00pm
Steall! Magazine Launch and Reception
Blackwell’s Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen
Friday 26 May

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY
The King's Dig
10.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Dig site, near King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen
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HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY/DISCOVER
Aberdonians in the Americas: Migrants and Adventurers from Mexico to Paraguay
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen
An illustrated talk by the Aberdonians in the Americas’ exhibition co-curators, Maggie Bolton (Lecturer in Anthropology) and Patience Schell (Professor in Hispanic Studies), exploring the lives of five people who travelled from Aberdeen to Latin America in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. They went to seek their fortunes for different reasons – as explorers, doctors, miners, or missionaries – and found cultures and experiences strikingly different from their lives at home. For more information on the exhibition, see page 19.

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY/WORD/TOURS
Women’s Literary Heritage Walk
11.30am – 1.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Off Campus – Castlegate, Aberdeen City Centre
Meeting Point: Mercat Cross, Castlegate, Aberdeen City Centre
Join members of Aberdeen Women’s Alliance for a city centre tour to discover the places linked to some remarkable literary women and hear fascinating stories of their achievements and contributions, literary and otherwise.

SCIENCE/DISCOVER/CURRENT AFFAIRS
Gut Feeling – Digestive Health in Modern Culture
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
This event brings together historians, biologists, and literature and culture specialists for a panel discussion on Gut Health in Modern Culture. It will compare earlier understandings of digestive health with current research in this area.

ENVIRONMENT/TOURS
Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour
11.00am – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Cruickshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Garden Courtyard
Join Mark Paterson, Curator of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, for a tour of the UK’s most northerly university botanic garden. The 4.5 hectare property has over 2,500 species grown in picturesque settings, including an arborium, a sunken garden and a stunning herbaceous border. Please note some locations on this tour are not accessible by wheelchair.

The Law in Aberdeen 500 years ago
11.30am – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Aberdeen’s UNESCO recognised Burgh Records – records of governing and day to day life in Aberdeen in the Medieval period and beyond – are currently being digitised and transcribed in an exciting project to make these unique records accessible and to help preserve them for future generations. This ground-breaking project is the first of its kind in Scotland and is an exciting collaboration between town and gown. The talk will explore and discuss the significance of the project, the process and the records.
**Main Programme**

**Friday 26 May**

**Word**

**Janice Galloway**

12.30pm – 1.30pm  | £7/£5/Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 1.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Janice Galloway’s first novel, *The Trick is to Keep Breathing*, was published in 1990 and was republished last year by Penguin Vintage Classics. Over a long career, her collaborative work includes texts for typographers, sculptors, painters, musicians and videographers while her novels, stories and non-fiction have won multiple awards at home and abroad. Her latest book, *Jellyfish* — an ‘utterly outstanding’ (*The Independent*) and ‘exquisite collection of short stories’ (*The Guardian*) — was published last year. Join longstanding Festival favourite, Janice, for an unforgettable lunchtime hour.

**Music**

University of Aberdeen Chamber Choir: Immortal Memory

12.30pm – 1.30pm  | £5/£3/Under 16s Free/Booking Required

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

The University of Aberdeen Chamber Choir and their conductor, Professor Paul Mealor, present music from their bestselling album, *Immortal Memory – A Burns Night Celebration*. The album was launched in January by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay in Ballater and was John Suchet’s disc of the week on Classic FM. It reached No 3 in the UK classical charts. The Selkirk Grace, *Ae Fond Kiss, Ye Banks and Braes* and many more will be given the Aberdeen twist in this concert.

**Food & Drink/Science/Discover**

Does your Baby Food Contain Toxic Arsenic?

1.30pm – 2.30pm  | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Arsenic is a carcinogen and occurs in all rice products. January 2016 saw the introduction of a limit to the amount of inorganic arsenic which can be found in rice products within the EU. Join our academics to find out more about this issue, gain advice on which rice products have lower levels of arsenic, and bring in rice from home to test the levels of arsenic for yourself.

**Environment/Tours**

Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour

1.30pm – 3.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required

Cruickshank Botanic Gardens, University of Aberdeen

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**History, Heritage & Archaeology/Discover**

Where Romance Meets Reality – Mythbusting Bonnie Prince Charlie and the ’45 Jacobite Rebellion

2.30pm – 3.30pm  | FREE/Booking Required

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

This talk will challenge the most common misconceptions of the Jacobites with particular focus on Charles Edward Stuart and the ’45 Rebellion. The talk will be followed by a Jacobite re-enactment on King’s Lawn.

**Book your tickets now** [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)

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Friday 26 May

**Land Rights and Land Responsibilities:**
An Audience with the Chair of the new Scottish Land Commission

2.30pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

In one of the first public events by the Scottish Land Commission, its Chair Andrew Thin will introduce the Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement and analyse what it and the new Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 mean for the management, use and regulation of land. The discussion will be opened up to an expert panel, led by Malcolm Combe.

**DISCOVER Wilfred Owen’s Scottish Enlightenment**

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

In 1917 Wilfred Owen was sent to the Craiglockhart War Hospital in Edinburgh, where he met fellow war poet Siegfried Sassoon. This talk is the culmination of over ten years research by Neil McLennan, Chair of the Wilfred Owen 1917–2017 committee, looking into Wilfred’s key experiences in Edinburgh and their impact on his life and work.

**WORD Alan Spence**

4.30pm – 5.30pm | £5/£3/Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 5.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Alan Spence is one of Scotland’s best loved writers, an award-winning poet and playwright, novelist and short story writer. He is Professor Emeritus in Creative Writing at University of Aberdeen, where he founded the WORD Festival and ran it for 12 years. His most recent books are the novel Boat and the play Morning Glory and the play No Nothing which was performed at the Lemon Tree. Join Alan for a memorable reading of new work with a few of his greatest hits!

**DISCOVER/SCIENCE Drones & 3D Thermal Imaging of Volcanoes**

4.30pm – 5.30pm | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Join University of Aberdeen scientist John Howell to find out about his highlight of 2016 – standing on the rim of an active volcano, flying a drone with a thermal camera through the erupting ash cloud, while being filmed by the Discovery channel. If you would like to learn more about this and the science behind building the world’s first 3D thermal model of a volcano, then come along.

**WORD Scottish PEN 90th Anniversary Event with Neal Ascherson**

6.00pm – 7.00pm | £5/£3/Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 7.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Marking the 90th Anniversary of Scottish PEN, join celebrated journalist, writer and reviewer, Neal Ascherson for reflections on his writing life and long experience of repressive regimes. An expert on Eastern and Central Europe, as well as Scottish writing and its historic attitudes to autocratic power, Ascherson’s books include The Polish August, The Struggles for Poland, and Black Sea: The Birthplace of Civilisation and Barbarism. The last-mentioned won the 1995 Saltire Scottish Book of the Year Award. In 2002 Ascherson published Stone Voices: The Search for Scotland, an account of Scotland’s deep roots and modern history.

**WORD New Writing, with Causeway/Cabshair**

7.30pm – 8.30pm | FREE/Booking Required

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

A showcase of new work from the next generation, including the University’s PhD Creative Writing students, with readings by Lily Greenall, Donald Givans, Joanna Vadenbrin and others. Also features literary magazine Causeway/Cabshair, which publishes new writing by Irish and Scottish writers in all the languages of both countries and seeks to showcase the work of both new and established writers.

**VISION/DISCOVER Scottish Falsetto Socks Do Shakespeare**

8.00pm – 9.00pm | £6/£4/Booking Required | Suitable for ages 12 +

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Earth’s funniest footwear are back with their hit new show of songs, sketches, socks & violence, taking on The Bard Of Avon himself. Howl at their Hamlet, roar at their Romeo & Juliet, and peer into their Coriolanus. Plus all the usual satirical nonsense from the Two Gentlesocks of Verrucca. The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre is a comedy act that has to be seen to be believed!

Starring at the Edinburgh Fringe and touring internationally since 2007 they have appeared on TV shows including The Culture Show (BBC2) and The One Show (BBC1). Their songs, sketches, parodies and puns delight audiences across the globe!
Sat 27 May

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY

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Dug site, near King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen
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FOOD & DRINK

Produce Market
10.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop In/No Booking Required
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
Always a huge success, the produce market will be bursting at the seams with a variety of stalls. Come along and meet the local suppliers showcasing and selling their products including Cambus O’May Cheese, Udny Provender and Felicity’s Chocolate to name but a few!

Reformulation For Health: Why less really is more
10.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop In/No Booking Required
Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen, Foresterhill
Come and visit the new Rowett Institute and hear from two of our up-and-coming scientists as they tell you how familiar foods can be adapted to improve our health. There will be drop-in activities throughout the day including tasters. The talks will be at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

SPORT

Metcon
10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/Booking Required
Indoor Athletics Track, Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road
A fast paced, high intensity workout completed in a short period of time that will challenge you! It will involve bodyweight and weight lifting movements, with short rest periods in order to create a ‘conditioning’ effect, which will work towards transforming your body shape.

WORD

Inés Arteta
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 12.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Inés Arteta is one of the most interesting new voices in the Argentinian literary scene, winning numerous prizes, most recently the prestigious ‘Premio Municipal’. She has published one novel and two collections of short stories, including Chicas Bien (2007), translated into English as Bed with No Sheets (2011). Her non-fiction work focuses on gender conflict and social problems in urban Argentina and her latest book is about religiosity in the violent shanty towns of Buenos Aires. Inés is bilingual, so whether you speak Spanish or not, come along and enjoy this opportunity to hear her read and discuss her writing.
Saturday 27 May

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY/DISCOVER

The Suffragettes in Aberdeen
11.30am – 12.30pm  FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Who were the Aberdeen suffragettes and what did they do? What happened when the Pankhursts came to the city? Professor Sarah Pedersen explores the history of the campaign for the votes for women and its local connections with Aberdeenshire.

FOOD & DRINK/ENVIRONMENT

Slow Food and Sustainability: In Conversation with Carlo Petrini
12.00pm – 1.00pm  FREE/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Carlo Petrini, founder and President of Slow Food, and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Special Ambassador for Zero Hunger in Europe, will give a lecture on the theme of food and environment. Slow Food is an organisation working to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions and to ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food.

MUSIC/DISCOVER

James Carpenter Collection Workshop
12.00pm – 1.00pm  FREE/Booking Required
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen
700 ballads and hundreds of other traditional songs from the 1930s North-East! The Carpenter collection is an unparalleled resource for singers and enthusiasts alike and is now available online. Come and learn about the new resource and how to use it.

WORD/DISCOVER

Wyl Menmuir
1.30pm – 2.30pm  £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 2.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Join author Wyl Menmuir to discuss his debut novel, The Many, which was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2016. Set in an isolated fishing village, this mysterious tale follows Timothy – a city slicker who relocates there and becomes entangled in the unsettling experience of life in the small village, and intrigued by the previous resident of his house. One not to be missed!

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Rebel Girls!
1.30pm – 3.00pm  FREE/Booking Required  Suitable for age 16+
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Rebel Girl invites you to join a panel of esteemed and rebellious women in a lively discussion of womanhood. With so many expectations placed on what a woman should and shouldn’t be, our panel takes on the question of what it really means to be a woman in today’s world.

SPORT/TOURS

Aberdeen Sports Village Tour
2.00pm – 3.00pm  FREE/Booking Required
Aberdeen Sports Village, Aquatics Centre, Regent Walk
Meeting Point: ASV Aquatics Centre Reception Area
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Saturday 27 May

**DISCOVER**

**Collections Close-Up: Curator's Favourites!**

2.00pm – 3.30pm | FREE/Drop In Event/No Booking Required

The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Get up close and personal with 3 treasures from the Special Collections. For this year’s May Festival, our curators have each chosen a favourite rare book from the collections held by the University of Aberdeen. They will be on hand to turn the pages for you and to answer questions about the books. A unique ‘behind-the-scenes’ opportunity not to be missed!

Event supported by Friends of Aberdeen University Library

**WORD**

**SCANDI SATURDAY:**

**Anne Oterholm**

2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 3.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

U.S. born Norwegian novelist, Anne Oterholm won the Okklubben Nye Bakers Prize for the Debut Author of the Year in 1995 with *ikke noe annet enn det du vil*. In 1999 she was awarded Tanum’s Scholarship for Women and in 2010 the Aschehoug Prize. Head of the Norwegian Authors’ Union 2005–2012, she is today a member of the Norwegian Arts Council and Associate Professor in Creative Writing at The Arctic University of Norway. *Lily of the Valley Girl*, which has been nominated for the Brage Prize, is her eighth novel. Readings will be in English and Norwegian.

**MUSIC**

**Aberdeen Early Music Collective: Prisoner of Love**

3.45pm – 4.45pm | £5/£3/Under 16s FREE/Booking Required

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Join members of the Aberdeen Early Music Collective for a recital to celebrate sweet suffering of lovers caught in the chains of Cupid with the dramatic and expressive baroque music of Giovanni Maria Ruggieri (edited by Aberdeen’s Jasmin Cameron) and his contemporary, Antonio Vivaldi. A sneak preview of an exciting upcoming event!

**DISCOVER**

**The Science of Swearing**

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Suitable for age 18+, younger attendees welcome at guardian’s discretion

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Why do we find swearing offensive? Who swears the most? What effect does swearing have on memory? This talk will discuss the science of swearing with a focus on psychological and sociolinguistic research. Please be aware that this event will contain the frequent use of extremely offensive language.

**DISCOVER**

**Dark Ingredients**

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

An illustrated talk by Keith O’Sullivan, Senior Rare Books Librarian, looking at the University library’s rich collection of Gothic literature, including Mary Shelley’s classic *Frankenstein* and M.R. James’ spine-chilling ghost stories!

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Saturday 27 May

WORD

SCANDI SATURDAY: Ian Crockett Viking Poetry Book Launch, with music by Jonzon Duo

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 5.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Award-winning poet and poetry translator, Ian Crockett will be launching The Song Weigher, his newly published volume of poetry translated from Old Norse. Subtitled Complete Poems of Egill Skallagrimsson, tenth century Viking and skald, these are the poems of the larger-than-life hero of the thirteenth-century Icelandic classic, Egill’s Saga (biography of a real warrior and poet renowned for his brutality in combat as well as his extraordinary poetic skills). This is the first time Egill’s poems have appeared in English as a work in their own right independently of the saga narrative they inspired. Jonzon Duo (Kristin Borghede and Nathan Bissette) will round off the afternoon with songs and tunes from Sweden and Norway. Not a horned helmet in sight!

DISCOVER/VISION

Selfies

4.30pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for age 18 +
KCG11, King’s College Quad, University of Aberdeen
We are living in a time of selfies; but is the selfie making it harder for us to communicate honestly about ourselves? Run by recovery activists from Greater Manchester this workshop will explore photography, creative writing, and projection of text as a way to connect with our feelings and those of others. Please bring with you a cameraphone and appropriate cables for downloading photos.

FOOD & DRINK/ENVIRONMENT

Slow Food & Sustainability

4.30pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen
Carlo Petrini, Founder and President of Slow Food, and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Special Ambassador for Zero Hunger in Europe, will join a panel of experts from the University to discuss with the audience issues around food and the environment.

MUSIC/VISION

Shadow Dance

5.00pm – 5.20pm | FREE/Drop In/No Booking Required
The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
How many bodies are present even when you dance alone? This performance by Claire Vionnet explores this question in conversation with the architectural space of the library, the knowledge it contains in its books, the bodies of other dancers and the audience itself.

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY

Aberdeen and Robert the Bruce

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Much has been written about Aberdeen’s relationship with Robert the Bruce and myth has become well and truly intertwined with fact. Join Dr Chris Croly as he leads us through the truths and the legends. Along the way he will touch on Aberdeen’s castle, the motto Bon Accord and the history of the Freedom Lands.

Carl MacDougall

5.30pm – 6.30pm | £5/£3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 6.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Carl MacDougall has written three prize-winning novels, including The Casanova Papers, four collections of short stories and two works of non-fiction as well as editing four anthologies, not least the best-selling The Devil and the Gro. He has written and presented two major television series for BBC 2, is President of Scottish PEN, an Honorary Fellow of the Association for Scottish Literary Studies and, by his own admission, is probably working on too many things. His latest short story collection, Someone Always Robs the Poor, will be published by Freight Press this year.

An Audience with Laura Main

6.30pm – 7.30pm | £6/£4/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Join Laura Main, star of BBC’s Call the Midwife and University of Aberdeen alumnus for this special in-conversation event. Hear about her life growing up, studying in Aberdeen and her acting career so far, from student productions to Shakespeare and of course her TV roles.

Dilys Rose

7.30pm – 8.30pm | £5/£3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 8.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Dilys Rose is a novelist, short story writer, poet and librettist. She has published 12 books, most recently a novel, Unsplicable (Freight Books, 2017). As well as going solo she also enjoys collaborating with visual artists and composers. Her most recent collaboration, Watching Over You, is a song cycle specially written for Karen Cargill, with music by Rory Boyle and performed by Red Note Ensemble in 2015. Awards and fellowships for her work include the Macallan/Scotland on Sunday Short Story Prize, the McCash poetry prize, two Scottish Arts Council Book Awards, A Canongate Prize, a Society of Authors’ Travel Award, a UNESCO City of Literature Fellowship and a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. She lives in Edinburgh and is currently programme director of the online MSc in Creative Writing at the University of Edinburgh.

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Sunday 28 May

**HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY**

**The King’s Dig**

10.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required

Dig site, near King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Join us at our archaeological excavation in front of King’s College Chapel. We will be excavating the site of the historic grammar school that all prospective students had to enter before attending King’s. We will be welcoming visitors 10am to 4pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday and would be delighted to talk to you about the excavation. Please note that this is a working archaeological site. If you would like to try your hand at some archaeology we have specific sessions for you to join us, 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm. Places are free but booking is absolutely essential (see below).

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**Dig In and Discover**

10.00am – 12.00pm or 1.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Booking required

Dig site, near King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Try your hand at some archaeology by joining our excavation in front of King’s College Chapel. We will be excavating the site of the historic grammar school that all prospective students had to enter before attending King’s. Necessary briefing and personal protective equipment will be provided on site.

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**HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY/TOURS**

**King’s College Campus Tour**

10.30am – 11.30am | FREE/Booking Required

Old Aberdeen, University of Aberdeen

Meeting Point: King’s Museum (Old Town House)

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**WORD**

**Embrace**

10.30am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Cruickshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen

Meeting point: Cruickshank Garden Courtyard

Join Honorary Fellow of the ‘University’s WORD Centre for Creative Writing’, Petra Vergunst for a promenade performance of her poem Embrace in the Cruickshank Botanic Garden.

**DISCOVER/WORD**

**Letting in the Light**

10.00am – 10.40am | FREE/Booking Required

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Author Kenneth Steven will read a selection of poems from his most recent publication, while also sharing a little of the background to the individual poems.

**SCIENCE**

**Microscopy: Seeing Is Believing**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

Kevin Mackenzie, manager of the Microscopy & Histology Facility at the University of Aberdeen, looks at life under the microscope. He will present a selection of images, including everyday objects, and will discuss how some of the samples were prepared before being captured with optical and electron microscopes.

**SPORT**

**Metcon**

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/Booking Required

Indoor Athletics Track, Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road

A fast paced, high intensity workout completed in a short period of time that will challenge you! It will involve bodyweight and weight lifting movements, with short rest periods in order to create a 'conditioning' effect, which will work towards transforming your body shape.

**WORD**

**Julian Furman**

11.00am – 12.00pm | £5/£3/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 12.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Julian Furman was born and educated in London to an Argentine father and a Japanese-German mother. He spent much of his childhood in recently-opened China, and in Israel. Julian holds a Masters in International Studies and Diplomacy, and worked with the Knesset’s Constitution Law and Justice Committee. Set in Tel-Aviv, his first novel, This is How We Talk (Freight, 2017) fearlessly examines the lives of the younger generation of Israelis, alienated from their state and morally conflicted about their role as soldiers and citizens burdened with responsibility of forging the future for a nation perpetually at war with itself.
### Main Programme

**Sunday 28 May**

#### DISCOVER/WORD

**Chapel Worship with Author Kenneth Steven**

**11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required**

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Kenneth Steven will highlight the role his personal faith has played in the shaping of his written work, both prose and poetry. Portions of his work will be read during the course of the service.

#### DISCOVER/MUSIC

**Polish Scottish Songs**

**11.15am – 11.45am | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required**

May Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

The Polish-Scottish Song and Story Group, coordinated by the Elphinstone Institute, will be performing songs to celebrate the musical cultures of both countries.

#### DISCOVER/SPORTS

**Man vs Microbes**

**12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required**

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Find out about how microbes affect our daily lifestyle. Take part in a quiz that will test and enhance your knowledge of microbiology and how you can stay safe from infections. Are microbes our friends or foe? Why is it so difficult to combat them?

#### DISCOVER

**Viking Humour**

**12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for ages 12+**

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

How do you make a Viking laugh? Come along and hear some Viking puns, jokes, insults, and satire, and what these things tell us about early Scandinavian culture and social concerns. Help researchers discover whether we still share a sense of humour with people of the past!

#### HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY/WORD

**Ten Things You Never Knew About WWI**

**12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/Booking Required**

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Think you know about the First World War? Think again. There are fascinating facts and extraordinary stories that you’ve probably never heard of. Helen Lynch will chair a panel of experts from the University of Aberdeen who will discuss some of the darkest secrets and strangest statistics of the war.

#### DISCOVER/WORD

**A Knife in the Darkness: Book Launch**

**12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required**

Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High St, Old Aberdeen

Lexie Conyngham is a historian living in the shadow of the Highlands. Her *Murray of Letho and Hippolyta Napier* novels are born of a life amidst Scotland’s old cities, ancient universities and hidden-away aristocratic estates, but she has written since the day she found out that people were allowed to do such a thing. Join her to launch *A Knife in the Darkness* which follows the story of Hippolyta Napier, leaving the stylish streets of Georgian Edinburgh to make a new life amidst Ballater's dark woods and pure, flowing waters. Suspicion, intrigue and death await both inside and outside her new home, and the forces of nature take few prisoners.

#### SCIENCE/WORD

**Science & Magic**

**1.00pm – 2.00pm | £6/£4/Booking Required**

Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

State-of-the-art magic fused with incredible science, from Scotland’s top magician-scientist hybrid who was tutored by Penn and Teller. Having spent the first ten years of his adult life studying Physics and the next ten studying Magic, Member of the Magic Circle Kevin Quantum showcases stunning light-based illusions, including projecting your thoughts into reality using your smartphone and a will-o’-the-wisp light floating miraculously around the stage. Enter the exotic space where science ends and magic begins. Amazing magic, stunning science.

#### SCIENCE/DISCOVER

**The Hidden World of MRI**

**1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required**

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

MRI scanners are used by doctors every day to diagnose disease. Yet the way in which MRI works is a mystery to most people. This interactive lecture will unravel the fascinating science and technology behind MRI, as well as revealing Aberdeen’s role in its development and hinting at its future.

#### SCIENCE/DISCOVER

**What will it Mean to Argue with a Computer?**

**1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for 16+**

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Could a computer argue with you or help you critically examine your opinions? Recent advances have begun to enable argumentative computers. Given your statement, computers can disagree (with a justification) or even reveal hidden implications of your statement which you might not like. Join an expert from the University of Aberdeen’s Computing Science department to find out more about this fascinating technology and how it could shape the future.

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**Main Programme**

**Sunday 28 May**

**Word/Gaelic**

1.30pm – 2.30pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
Sandy NicDhòmhnaill Jones & Seonag Monk  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen  
Join prize-winning poet, singer and harpist Sandy NicDhòmhnaill Jones and award-winning writer and broadcaster Seonag Monk to discuss their fantastic, diverse bodies of work and their up and coming projects in this exclusive event.  
Tha Sandaidh, a choisinn duais 'son a bàrdachd, cuideachd aithnichte mar sheinneadair 's mar chlàrsair agus tha Seonag, mar an ceudna air duaisean a chosnadh son a cuid sgriorbhadh agus craoladh.Libhribhgidh na leadadh sean na thomhpa, agus na tha iad air a dhiannamh a cheana, aig a' chruthaiteachadh miolbhailich seo.  
This event is sponsored by the Gaelic Books Council!

**Sport/Tours**

2.00pm – 3.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour  
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**History, Heritage and Archaeology**

3.00pm – 4.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
The King’s Dig: The Archaeology of our Campus  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen  
This talk will outline the results of the King’s Dig, an investigation of the archaeology of the Grammar School that once stood beside the location of the King’s College Chapel on campus.

**Music**

3.00pm – 4.00pm  | £3/£3/Under 16s FREE/Booking Required  
Rose Consort of Viols: Music by Peter Philips and Richard Dering  
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen  
Internationally acclaimed ensemble, the Rose Consort, performs consort music by two English Catholics who spent time on the continent. Fanciful fantasias and dances by Philips and Dering are taken from David J. Smith’s new scholarly edition, published in Musica Britannica.

**Discover**

3.00pm – 4.30pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
Celebrating North-East Writing  
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen  
A celebration of North-East poetry and prose, in honour of David Toulmin, with readings, songs, and musical performances, featuring the rich dialects of our region. Join us for an exciting afternoon of humour, pathos, and history.

** Gaelic/Word**

3.00pm – 5.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
Steall! Magazine Launch & Reception  
Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High St, Old Aberdeen  
Join Aonghas Dubh MacNeacail, Seonag Monk and others to launch Gaelic mag STEALL’s second edition. Be the first to get STEALL 02, featuring 20 Gaelic new and established authors and enjoy music and a glass of wine. This event is organised in collaboration with STEALL publisher CLÀR.

**Vision**

2.30pm – 4.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required  
Director’s Cut: Mark Adams – The Magic of Film Festivals  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen  
Mark Adams is Artistic Director of the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the world’s oldest continually running film festival. Mark will discuss the ‘behind the scenes’ world of international film festivals and the magic of showing audiences unknown masterpieces and future classics. He will share stories of festival encounters with Robert Carlyle, Clint Eastwood, and Quentin Tarantino, and give a preview of EIFF’s programme for its seventy-first edition!

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TOURS

FRIDAY

Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour
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Cruickshank Botanic Gardens, University of Aberdeen
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Garden Courtyard
Join Mark Paterson, Curator of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, for a tour of the UK’s most northerly university botanic garden. The 4.5 hectare property has over 2,500 species grown in picturesque settings, including an arboretum, a sunken garden and a stunning herbaceous border. Please note some areas are not accessible by wheelchair.

SATURDAY

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Cover Stories: What Bindings say about Books
Opening hours: Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 May: 9am – 5pm, Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 May: 9am – 7pm, Sunday 28 May: 11am – 5pm
FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
The Gallery, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, Bedford Road, University of Aberdeen
A book cover can tell its own story. During the early history of book production, the manner in which a book was bound was unique. Each hand-crafted binding reveals information about the individuals who owned books, their status, professions and how they valued the texts within. The type of covering also demonstrates the skill of the binder and the fashion of the times in which it was made. This exhibition includes examples of the finest luxury coverings through to the purely utilitarian. It features a selection of books from the University of Aberdeen’s Special Collections that were bound for, or belonged to, persons of note: a fine leather volume with lions tooled in gold for Prince Henry Stuart; a mathematical text wrapped in waste manuscript for daily use by the Renaissance scholar Duncan Liddel; a work of fiction bound in an Arts and Crafts chintz designed by William Morris. The exhibition also presents covers that illustrate the moment in the mid-1800s when the art of bookbinding changed from being the means of customising a text for an individual into a new graphic art of book design aimed at the mass market.

Aberdonians in the Americas: Migrants and Adventurers from Mexico to Paraguay
Opening hours: Tuesday 23 – Sunday 28 May: 11.30am – 4.30pm
FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
King’s Museum, Old Town House, High Street, University of Aberdeen
This exhibition explores the lives of five local collectors who travelled to Latin America in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. They went to seek their fortunes for different reasons as explorers, doctors, miners or missionaries – and met cultures and experiences strikingly different from their lives at home. Aberdonians in the Americas draws on the University of Aberdeen’s rich South American collections to explore the hidden stories behind the donations that these collectors made to the University of Aberdeen of material relating to their work and travels. It includes objects whose connections with local collectors were re-discovered during the course of the exhibition, from a stalactite from a Bolivian tin mine to a ‘diabolical’ mata mata turtle that was fished out of the River Amazon.

The Unfinishing of Things
MacRobert ArtSpace: Monday 22 May – Sunday 28 May: 9am – 6pm
King’s College ArtSpace: Monday 22 May – Sunday 28 May: 9am – 6pm
The Sir Duncan Rice Library: Monday 22 May – Friday 26 May: 8.30am – 8pm Saturday 27 May: 9am – 7pm, Sunday 28 May: 11am – 5pm
FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required Various locations as above
This exhibition is the result of work from the ‘Knowing From the Inside’ project, funded by the European Research Council. It explores how our knowledge of things grows from practical and observational engagements with our surroundings. Things are never finished. They always overflow from the ends set for them; that’s how life can carry on. The exhibition is hosted in 3 sites, each site is grouped by theme; the MacRobert ArtSpace will host knowing with people, and the Sir Duncan Rice Library will host knowing with materials, each site features different work from different contributors. The project will also be hosting an open house at 24 High Street for the curious.

Silver City Stories
Opening hours: 1 – 31 July 2017, Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm
FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
ACT Aberdeen Gallery, 33 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5AA
Due to phenomenal demand, we are pleased to announce that the Window Shopping exhibition will return to ACT Aberdeen, as part of the Silver City Stories weekend. Featuring images of shops in Aberdeen from the 1950s through to the 1980s, the exhibition opens on 1st July for one month. The original exhibition was so popular, do not miss out on this opportunity to take a walk down memory lane.
The May Festival weekend boasts lots of great events for everyone to enjoy, but we also have a host of various events and activities outwith the main programme to get the festivities started! Take a look at what's on offer and join in with the Mayhem!

**Café MED — The Key to Stroke Survival**

*Monday 22 May, 6.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required*
Suttie Centre Café, University of Aberdeen, Foresterhill Health Campus

Stroke is common in older age and is associated with death and disability. Hear about the latest research on the importance of person-centred care in reducing the burden of stroke with **Professor Phyo Myint** (Chair in Old Age Medicine, University of Aberdeen), and **Thérèse Lebedis**, (Consultant occupational therapist in stroke, NHS Grampian).

**Energetica Summer Festival**

*Saturday 6 May – Sunday 27 August*

Following the success of the 2016 festival, the Energetica Summer Festival is returning! In its fifth year, the Energetica Summer Festival promises something for everyone, with a huge variety of events showcasing all there is to see and do across the Energetica corridor. There's something for everyone with activities at venues from Bridge of Don to Peterhead. Find out more at www.energetica.uk.com

**PechaKucha Aberdeen – Feed Your Mind**

*Tuesday 23 May, 7.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required*
Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JS

An evening of inspired thoughts captured in 6 minutes and 40 seconds. This 'Feed Your Mind' themed evening will feature several fast paced presentations, covering a broad range of topics. PechaKucha nights now run in over 500 cities across the world, gathering people together in a relaxed, inclusive and enjoyable environment to share their work and ideas and make connections with like-minded individuals.

**Café Sci – Electrical Healing: Beyond Frankenstein**

*Wednesday 24 May, 7.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required*
Waterstones Aberdeen, Union Street

Did you know that your skin is a battery? Come along to learn how research is helping to develop novel electro-therapies for repair of skin wounds and nervous system damage with **Dr Ann Rajnicek** (Institute of Medical Sciences, University of Aberdeen).

**RS PB Dolphinwatch**

*11am – 6pm every Thursday – Sunday from 6 April to 20 August*

FREE (donations welcome) / No Booking Required
Torry Battery car park, Greyhope Road, AB11 9QY

Did you know that Aberdeen is one of the best places in Europe to see bottlenose dolphins? From a well-chosen vantage point, RSPB Scotland staff and volunteers will help you to witness the dolphins’ spectacular displays and learn more about marine habitats and Aberdeen’s amazing coastal wildlife. Be aware this is an outdoor attraction, so wrap up warm! This event may be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Event Supported By: RSPB Scotland, VisitAberdeenshire, Aberdeen City Council, Whale & Dolphin Conservation, Aberdeen Harbour Community Action Fund and Viking Optics

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**Book Launch Event — Granite Writers**

*Sunday 28 May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm | £5. Booking at www.act-aberdeen.org or call 01224 641122*

ACT Aberdeen, 33 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AA

The writing team that brought you Granite last year are bringing out a book this year: a collection of stories and poems and sketches from Aberdeen’s Granite Mile. To launch the book, The Granite Theatre Company, led by renowned novelist and playwright Peter Arnott and Ten Foot Tall Theatre, present a selection from “The Mile Long Club” with music and shopping and bus drivers with magic powers. And seagulls, don’t forget the seagulls.

In collaboration with National Theatre of Scotland

**The Mile Long Club as part of Silver City Stories programme**

*Sunday 2 July, 2.30pm – 5pm and 7.30pm – 10pm | FREE. Booking at www.act-aberdeen.org or call 01224 641122*

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Granite Theatre Company and Ten Foot Tall Theatre present a platform performance with music of The Mile Long Club... sketches and poems from Aberdeen’s famous Granite Mile written by the team that brought you Granite last year. Expect shopping and dodgy blokes nipping in and out of the courts, Feekie drinkers and poets, madmen and specialists. Oh, and seagulls, LOTS of seagulls.
Children’s Festival Programme 27 & 28 May 2017

Come and join the Mayhem

The Children’s Programme offers fun, creative and interactive events for children of all ages! There’s the ever-popular Hall of Mayhem, a spectacular science and magic show, some murderous maths, plenty of fun with food and lots of singing, dancing and music! Most events are FREE unless otherwise stated but booking may be required.

TICKET BOOKING HOTLINE: 01224 641122 or visit www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

Please note: All children and adults require tickets for each ticketed event. When booking tickets, please indicate how many adults and children will be attending. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMME

Saturday 27 May

Book your tickets now www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Aberdeen Box Office 01224 641122

PLEASE NOTE: FOR TICKETED EVENTS, ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE A TICKET
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES DURING EVENTS

Culture Together
10.00am – 4.00pm | Tipi, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Pennywhistle sessions 10 – 11am, 11 – 12pm, 2 – 3pm & 3 – 4pm | FREE/Booking Required
Drop in: 12 – 2pm

Join Gael Music in their very special tipi on King’s Lawn for workshops dedicated to the collection, learning and sharing of traditional music. Drop in for a first experience of playing a range of folk related instruments including clarsach harp, melodeon, fiddle, mandolin, bodhran and wooden flute. Or book for first access styled pennywhistle lessons with all instruments provided on the day.

Capturing Nature!
10.30am – 12.00pm | Cruickshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for ages 5+
Meeting Place: Cruickshank Garden Courtyard

Prepare yourself for a hunt in the magical botanic gardens. Discover hidden places and look out for fantastic creatures! Using cameras, phones and drawing tools you will capture nature, and your pictures and drawings will tell wonderful stories! Older children and adults will be encouraged to start creating a nature journal. Please bring a suitable notebook (we suggest A5, plain) if you’d like to create a nature journal/field notebook.

At Home in the World
10.30am – 12.30pm | Zoology Museum, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required
Explore varied and intriguing objects from the University’s museum collections from the Arctic to the rainforest, to discover how people have lived in different environments and used a variety of natural materials.

The King’s Tours
12.00pm – 1.00pm | Old Aberdeen, University of Aberdeen | FREE/No Booking Required
Meeting Point: King’s Museum (Old Town House)

Tour the historic campus of the University in the company of figures from our past. Join University founder Bishop Elphinstone and Hector Boece, the first principal of the University in these fun and informative family friendly tours. Event supported by Heritage Lottery Fund

Festival Face Painter
12.00pm – 4.00pm | May Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
No Booking Required, £1.50 per face

Come and visit Ulianka for some fun face art!

It’s in your Bones
1.00pm – 2.00pm | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for ages 8+

Join the experts for a fun, accessible and possibly mildly gory talk on the science of bones and how they can change through our life. We’ll also talk about the study of bones in archaeology and how we can make artificial bones!

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Murderous Maths with Kjartan Poskitt
3.30pm – 4.30pm | Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Book Signing: 4.30pm, Arts Lecture Theatre

Join Kjartan Poskitt for a stand-up maths routine that will have children and parents in fits of laughter, maths has never been so much fun!
Sunday 28 May

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

Fèis Bheag (Wee Fèis)
10.00am – 11.00am | Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for ages 5 – 7

Come along and try out some fun activities you could do at a Fèis Bheag. You will sing some Gaelic action songs, play games and do some fun craft activities. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event and you can learn some new Gaelic words.

Thigibh còmhla rinns gu bhoil chaidh rinn uain an lòb na Fèise Bigh. Oadar àran-cleas no dhà, gearnachd gu leòr agus cleasan-ciùirid, bidh ann paiteas ann a shàsaicheas sìth, Chan fheum Gaidhlig a bhith agad airson a bhith am a' spòrs seo. 'S ann a dh' ionnsaicheas tu facal ùr no dhà anns a' Ghaidhlig.

Family Breadmaking Workshop
10.30am – 12.00pm | Room 416, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
£5 per ticket (allowing 1 adult & up to 2 children)/Booking Required
Suitable for ages 5 – 10 years of age

Yvonne Dewhurst, from the School of Education, will lead a fun and interactive session on breadmaking with sustainability in mind. This session is designed to get adults and children involved. Come prepared to knead that dough!

Maths and Music
11.00am – 12.00pm | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Book Signing: 12.00pm, Regent Lecture Theatre

How do numbers turn noise into tunes? Why do musical notes rely on fractions? Why do some notes sound nice together and some sound awful? Kjartan Poskitt explains all – and even introduces the man who invented the guitar… Pythagoras!

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Ceòl agus Spòrs (Music and fun)
12.00pm – 1.00pm | Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Suitable for children aged 0 – 5

Join us for some music and fun for wee ones with a Gaelic focus. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event and you can learn some new Gaelic words.

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Slow Food Taste Adventure
12.00pm – 3.00pm | Room 614, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Suitable for ages 4 – 12

This is a fun multi-sensory food experience. Slow Food UK’s Taste Adventure encourages children to think about food and why it is important to diversify their diet. The Taste Adventure encourages children aged 4 to 12 to experience food in an entirely new way, through each of their five senses: Seeing, Hearing, Smelling, Touching and Tasting.

Hall of Mayhem
12.00pm – 4.00pm | Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Drop-in Event/No Booking Required

Lots of fun, interactive, hands on stalls for all the family! Learn how to make a bracelet or badge, discover the world of minibeasts, make a bird’s nest and find out more about how your body works. One for all the family, all ages welcome.

Science & Magic
1.00pm – 2.00pm | Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
£6/£4/Booking Required

State-of-the-art magic fused with incredible science, from Scotland's top magician-scientist hybrid who was tutored by Penn and Teller. Having spent the first ten years of his adult life studying Physics and the next ten studying Magic, Member of the Magic Circle Kevin Quantum showcases stunning light-based illusions, including projecting your thoughts into reality using your smartphone and a will-o’-the-wisp light floating miraculously around the stage. Enter the exotic space where science ends and magic begins. Amazing magic, stunning science.
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Fèis Mhòr (Big Fèis)

2.00pm – 4.00pm | Festival Marquee, University of Aberdeen | FREE/Booking Required
Suitable for ages 8+

Come along and try out some of the fun activities you could do at a Fèis Mhòr. You will learn some step dancing, which is a traditional form of dancing native to Scotland. You will also learn some traditional Gaelic songs and some drumming so that you can play the drums in time with a song. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event and you can learn some new Gaelic words.

Nach tig sibh’s nach fheuch sibh cuid den a’ spòrs a bhios ri fhaighinn aig an Fhèis. Ionnaichdich sibh danna ceurmsin agaibh danna tradaiseanta agus a tha dualach do dh’ Alba. Ionnaichdich sibh órain Ghàidhlig agus cuideachd drumainreachd’s le sin faoidhich sibh brag a thoirt air droma Thadh’s a tha sibh ri seinn nan òrran!

Family Pasta Making Workshop

3.00pm – 4.30pm | Room 416, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
£5 per ticket (allowing 1 adult & up to 2 children)/Booking Required
Suitable for ages 5 – 10 years of age

Antonietta di Muro from Italy, winner of the public award of the Local Wild Food Challenge 2016, Verduno, Italy, assisted by Yvonne Dewhurst from the School of Education, will lead a fun and interactive session on making specialist pasta shapes. This session is designed to get adults and children involved.

THE INCREDIBLE MAY FESTIVAL INFLATABLE CHALLENGE

The Aberdeen Sports Village team will be on campus throughout the May Festival weekend, hosting a variety of fun activities to get your heart pumping as part of the Incredible May Festival Inflatable Challenge; bounce your cares away with the crew on King’s Lawn. Drop in session, no booking required.
**Books Abroad**

Books Abroad is a registered Scottish charity (SC011359) which recycles used text books from schools, colleges, universities, libraries and individual donors. Once sorted and selected at their base in Rhynie, Aberdeenshire the books are sent to educational institutions in low income countries. In the past few years books have been sent to countries including Ghana, Rwanda, Kenya, The Gambia, India, Sri Lanka and Albania.

Books Abroad will have a stand in the May Tent beside the cafe and bookshop so please come and visit – pick up some literature, chat with the volunteers on hand and find out more about the charity. Donations of text books can also be made at the stand.

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The University of Aberdeen’s record label Vox Regis has released a fantastic selection of recordings.

Purchase our range of CDs at the Festival, from all good record shops, or via Amazon and iTunes.
Booking Tickets

Tickets for the May Festival will be available online and by phone from 10.00am Tuesday 18th April until 12.30pm on Thursday 25th May.

From 9.30am Friday 26th May, tickets will be available to collect and purchase at the May Festival Box Office in King’s College Conference Centre on the University Campus.

**Book Online:**
Until 12.30pm, Thursday 25th May at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

**Book by Telephone:**
Until 12.30pm, Thursday 25th May, call Aberdeen Box Office +44(0)1224 641122

**Book in Person:**
Until 12.30pm Thursday 25th May
Visit Aberdeen Box Office, His Majesty’s Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB25 1GL
Opening Times: 9.30am – 6.00pm (Monday – Saturday)

From 9.30am Friday 26th May
Visit May Festival Box Office (University Campus)
Opening Times: Friday 26th & Saturday 27th May 9.30am – 7.00pm, Sunday 28th May 9.30am – 3.00pm

**Important information**

Festival concession rates are available for most events (students, over 60s, under 16s, registered unemployed and disabled visitors). Some events are FREE but you must book tickets in advance to guarantee your place at the event. Please note, any wheelchair users booking tickets should let the booking administrator know to ensure suitable seats are reserved.

All May Festival tickets are non-refundable, unless the event is cancelled.

Latecomers will not be admitted after the event starts.
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the Festival.
Audio recorders and cameras may not be used in performance venues. Please ensure mobile phones are on silent during performances.

Some May Festival events will be filmed, recorded or photographed for online viewing and archive purposes. If you do not wish to be filmed, please alert a member of Festival staff before the event starts.

All details are correct at the time of going to print. The May Festival reserves the right to change events due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be posted on the May Festival website www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival and sign-posted on the day at the May Festival Box Office.
1 Festival Box Office
King’s College Conference Centre, James Mackay Hall Multimedia Room Toilets

2 Elphinstone Hall
Linklater Rooms Toilets

3 Festival Marquee
Culture Together Tipi Inflatables May Tent

4 Arts Lecture Theatre Toilets

5 King’s College Chapel

6 King’s Dig Site

7 KCG11

8 Zoology Building
Zoology Museum Toilets

9 Cruickshank Botanic Garden

10 MacRobert Building Toilets

11 The Sir Duncan Rice Library Toilets

12 Regent Lecture Theatre Toilets

13 Food Truck
Food Stalls/BBQ

14 Aberdeen Sports Village
Toilets

15 Rowett Institute is located on the Foresterhill campus, just off Ashgrove Road. Post code AB25 2ZD

16 King’s Museum/Old Town House

Please Note: On Saturday 27 May & Sunday 28 May, parking restrictions are lifted and visitors are free to park on the University campus.
Why not support one of the City’s most vibrant and exciting Festivals by becoming a Friend of the May Festival? The scheme has been developed to enable individuals to support the ongoing growth and sustainability of the May Festival. The Friends scheme helps us to programme and deliver a culturally rich programme offering something for everyone.

**A single membership is £40 and a double membership is £60.**

May Festival Friends will receive the following benefits:

- Concession rate on all priced tickets, 2 tickets per membership
- Exclusive Friends event
- Exclusive Friends only badge that will allow priority entrance into busy Festival venues and a Friends Canvas Festival bag
- Reserved seating for Friends of May Festival (University venues only)
- Invitation to the launch event including light refreshments
- 2 drinks vouchers redeemable at the Festival (University venues only)
- Exclusive Waterstone's Goodie Bag, containing advanced reading copies of forthcoming works, and a one-use 10% discount voucher*
- Advanced copy of the May Festival 2017 Programme and priority booking period ahead of the general public

**Got a friend who may be interested? Why not purchase a membership as a gift?**

*Please note that the Waterstones voucher is valid from May Festival 2017 – 30 April 2018 in the Waterstone's Union Bridge branch, Trinity Centre, Aberdeen.

I would like to become a May Festival Friend:

I would like a Single Membership £40   Double Membership £60

I enclose a cheque for £40 / £60

Please make payable to University of Aberdeen May Festival and post to: May Festival Friends Scheme, Festival and Events Office, Room 108, University Office, Regent Walk, University of Aberdeen AB24 3FX.

To pay by credit or debit card, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival/friends](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival/friends)

Name:  
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Email Address:  

Alternatively, if you want to discuss the May Festival Friends scheme, contact the Festival Office on 01224 273233 or email festival@abdn.ac.uk