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...at this year's University of Aberdeen May Festival.

Experience the joy and inspiration of books, music, film, science, food, history, nature, sport and more in the glorious setting of Old Aberdeen.

Come and try sports and step-dancing, walk with nature, and get down and dirty with hands-on science for all the family.

Make your views heard in lively debates about big issues, including Scotland post UK election, the growing gap between rich and poor, food for our future, and challenges facing our health services.
May Festival Themes

**Word**

Whether it’s fiction or non-fiction that takes your fancy, short stories or novels, poetry or prose; we have it all. Join us to hear from fantastic in-house talent as well as acclaimed authors including Michel Faber and David Mitchell.

**Music**

The musical offering at the May Festival is bursting at the seams with performances from the Edinburgh Quartet, our very own Chapel Choir and Marischal Symphony Orchestra as well as past and present Ogston Prize winners.

**Film**

We are excited to welcome Notting Hill director Roger Michell for an exclusive Director’s Cut event and King’s College Shorts is back by popular demand - come along and be amazed by our future film directors and producers.

**Gaelic/Gàidhlig**

Gaelic speaker or not, you can still enjoy everything this strand has to offer. You can learn some simple Gaelic, explore the Gaelic origin of some whiskies and Gaelic supergroup Dàlmh will perform in the city.

Eadhan ’s nach e neach-labhairt na Gàidhlig a th’ annaibh còrdaidh a h-ùile rud san t-streath seo ribh. Is urrainn dhuibh beagan Gàidhlig shimplidh a dh’ionnsachadh, barrachd eòlas fhagainn air tùs na Gàidhlig aig measgachadh de dh’uisgeachan-beatha, agus cluichidh an sàr chòmhlan-ciùil Dàlmh sa bhaile.
Food and Drink
Celebrating Scotland’s Year of Food and Drink 2015, delivered by EventScotland and VisitScotland, this exciting strand of events will tantalise your tastebuds. Look out for cooking demos and wild food foraging and “Pick your Plate” to win our competition!

Discover
This ever-popular theme invites you to explore and discuss hot topics through an inspiring programme of workshops, debates, talks and displays led by our staff and students.

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Environment
2015 is the International Year of Soils so we have plenty of opportunities to get your hands dirty! Take the chance to meet some mini-beasts or learn about how soil is used in criminal investigations.

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Sport
The sporting events were so popular last year that they are back for 2015! We are proud to host Patrick Miley, coach and father of Commonwealth gold medallist Hannah Miley, as well as football journalist Graham Hunter.

Current Affairs
Join the debate about topical issues including Scotland post UK election, the growing gap between rich and poor, food for our future, and challenges facing our health services.

Science
The science strand is jam-packed in 2015! Our resident experts will tell you how bugs can fight drugs and you will be Wonderstruck by our explosive science shows.
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ASV Aquatics Centre, Regent Walk
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Michel Faber
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
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Collections Close-up: Birds
Reading Room, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library
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Farming for Food
Cruchshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen
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“Breaking Amish” – The Amish and the Maintenance of Cultural Identity
Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre
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The Art of Performance
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
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Aberdeen Sports Village Tour
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Seminar Room, Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, Aberdeen
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Scottish Stepdancing Taster Session
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
4.30pm – 6.00pm
NHS 2020: What will healthcare look like in five years’ time?
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
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Book Binding Workshop & Talk
Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
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King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen
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Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
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Bright Club
Cafe Drummonds, 1 Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1JR

Sunday 31st May
11.00am – 12.00pm
Soil, Soul and Society
Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue
11.00am – 12.00pm
Bad Bugs Fight Drugs
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
12.00pm – 4.00pm
Hail of Mayhem
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
12.00pm – 10.00pm
Pushing Out the Boat
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn
12.30pm – 1.30pm
Lessons from the Top with Gavin Esler
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
12.30pm – 1.30pm
King’s College Shorts
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
1.00pm – 2.00pm
Aberdeen Early Music Collective: Chez Schedel
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen
1.00pm – 4.00pm
Wild Food Forage
Seaton Park, Don Street, Aberdeen
1.30pm – 2.30pm
Dirt, Death and DNA:
Delving Into the use of Soil in Criminal Investigations
Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue
2.00pm – 3.00pm
Equality and the 1%
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
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Kathleen Jamie
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn
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Material City Reloaded: Conclusion
Room M120, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
3.00pm – 4.00pm
Toulmin Celebration and Short Story Prize
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
3.00pm – 4.30pm
Director’s Cut with Roger Michell
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
3.30pm – 4.30pm
The Art of Botanical Illustration: An Insight into where it is today?
Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue
4.00pm – 5.00pm
One Born Every Minute
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
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Xiaoli Guo
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn
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Ogston Music Prize Recital
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That’s the Spirit
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A Celebration of Scottish Urban Myths and Ancient Legends
by Grace Banks and Sheena Blackhall
Word Marquee, King’s, University of Aberdeen
8.15pm – 9.15pm
In Time of Light
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
Friday 29 May
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DISCOVER

Material City Reloaded
Part 1 and 2
Part 1, briefing event
Friday 29th May at 11.00am – 12.30pm
Part 2, conclusion
Sunday 31st May at 2.30pm – 3.30pm
FREE / Booking required
Room 120, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
Bring: A Camera Phone | Limited to 30 participants
Material City returns to explore the sounds and visions of Aberdeen’s urban environment. You will have the opportunity to take photos and record soundscapes, and discuss how they inform our relationship to the city. Experts in music and visual culture from the University will be joined by photographer John Perivolaris, whose work investigates contemporary urban spaces.

Aberdeen (Uni’s) Got Talent: Take 2
12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE / Booking required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
A fast-paced showcase where you – the audience – get to vote for your favourite act from a selection of our aspiring researchers each having just 3 minutes to impress and inspire. The winner will go through to the final of the UK wide 3 Minute Thesis competition. Their fate is in your hands.

Scottish Spleen: Baudelaire Scots
12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE / Booking required
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Readings from a new pamphlet of Baudelaire’s prose-poems, translated into Scots and read by some of the poet-translators, all accomplished poets in their own right. Taking part will be Sheena Blackhall, Tom Hubbard, Derrick McClure. Chaired by editor Duncan Lockerbie, with additional readings by Aine Larkin of some of the original poems.

Scotland’s Future after the General Election
11.30am – 1.00pm | FREE / Booking required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
The Scottish Independence Referendum proved to be the most exciting political event in recent UK history. The 2015 General Election has potential to be a similar defining moment for Britain’s democracy and its constitution. Our three experts will analyse the outcome of the election and participate in a lively debate on the implications for Scotland’s future.

The Future of Sustainable Development in sub-Saharan Africa
2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE / Booking required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
The United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) finish at the end of 2015. So what is the future of sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa? The event will give examples of success and the challenges faced in achieving the MDGs.

DISCOVER CURRENT AFFAIRS

Patrick Crotty
1.30pm – 2.00pm | FREE / Booking required
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 2.00pm – 3.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Patrick Crotty is Professor of Irish and Scottish Literature at Aberdeen, and the editor of the Penguin Book of Irish Poetry, to which he contributed some sixty translations. He is also a fine poet and performer in his own right, and reached the final of the Scottish Poetry Slam in 2013.

WORD

Iain Banks Poetry (with Ken Macleod)
11.30am – 12.30pm | £6 / £4
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 12.30pm – 1.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Iain Banks was one of Scotland’s best loved and most prolific novelists who died, untimely, in 2013. Now his publisher has released a book of his poetry (simply entitled Poems) which show another aspect of his extraordinary talent. The poems will be read by Iain’s good friend, novelist Ken Macleod who edited the volume which also includes a few of his own. A very special event.
**NEW WRITING**

**David Wheatley**

FREE / Booking required

**Yeats in Scotland**

FREE / Booking required

**Food for the Future**

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**FOOD AND DRINK**

**MUSIC**

**A New Season in the North: Making and Remaking the Evergreen**

5.00pm - 6.00pm

**Edinburgh Quartet**

The Edinburgh Quartet, one of Britain’s foremost chamber ensembles, currently holds a residency at the University of Aberdeen. This exclusive performance will feature Mendelssohn’s String Quartet No 2 in A minor Op13 and Beethoven’s String Quartet Op 18 No 3.

**The Fiddle at Sea: Exploring the Musical Traditions of Northern Sailors**

4.30pm - 5.30pm

**MUSIC**

**The Fiddle at Sea:**

**Yeats in Scotland**

3.00pm - 4.00pm

**Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen**

Marking 150 years since the birth of writer W.B. Yeats, Professor Calmns Craig, Head of School of Language and Literature, will give an insightful lecture on Yeats in Scotland, including the influence Sir Herbert Grierson, Professor of English at the University of Aberdeen, had on the Irishman’s mature poetry.

**Word**

**NEW WRITING**

**2.30pm - 3.30pm**

FREE / Booking required

**Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen**

Tomorrow’s writers today. New work from the next generation, including the University’s PhD Creative Writing students – readings by Emily Utter, Alexandra Yorke, Donald Givans, Joanna Vadenbring and others. Also features launch of the latest issue of Causeway/Cabhsair, published by the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies – a special Festival edition.

**WORD**

**David Wheatley**

4.00pm - 4.30pm

**FREE / Booking required**

**Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen**

**Book signing: 4.30pm - 5.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn**

David Wheatley is a respected poet and critic who teaches Literature and Creative Writing at Aberdeen. His poetry collections include A Nest on the Waves and Flowering Skullcap, and he edited Samuel Beckett’s Selected Poems. He is a regular contributor to the Guardian, and recently published a comprehensive Reader’s Guide to Essential Criticism of Contemporary British Poetry.
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Last Man Off

6.00pm - 7.00pm | £6 / £4
King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 7.00pm - 8.00pm, James Mackay Hall

In 1998 a working fishing boat with a crew of 38 hit troubled waters in the Southern Ocean and, with their lives at risk, the crew had to abandon ship, relying on life rafts for survival. Join Matt Lewis, now an award-winning novelist and the last man off the ill-fated Sudur Havid, as he recounts his story of survival at sea.

WORD

Marco Fazzini: Conversations with Scottish Poets

6.00pm - 7.00pm | FREE / Booking required
Word Marquee, King's Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 7.00pm - 8.00pm, May Tent, King's Lawn

Marco Fazzini is one of the leading Italian scholars of Scottish literature. For over twenty years he has been interviewing Scottish poets and here we launch his Conversations with Scottish Poets, published by Aberdeen University Press. The book contains a series of portraits of Scottish poets by leading contemporary Italian artists, and these will be on display during the festival. Marco Fazzini will be discussing modern Scottish poetry as seen from an Italian perspective.

WORD MUSIC

Gerda Stevenson: Poetry and Song

7.30pm - 8.30pm | £6 / £4
Word Marquee, King's Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 8.30pm - 9.30pm, May Tent, King's Lawn

Gerda Stevenson has been described as a Scottish Renaissance Woman - a multi-award-winning actor and director, singer, poet and playwright. Here she performs poetry from her collection If This Were Real, and songs from her album Night Touches Day, with musicians Kyrre Sild, Seylan Baxter and Rob Macneacail. The band recently performed at Celtic Connections and were nominated for a Scots Trad Award.

DISCOVER

The Death Zone: Matt Dickinson

8.00pm - 9.00pm | £6 / £4
King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 9.00pm - 10.00pm, May Tent, King's Lawn

Matt Dickinson was only the fifth British climber to scale Everest's North face when he ascended its peak in 1996. His book and films provide an insight into the difficulties and challenges he faced when he went to film a documentary for Channel 4 and National Geographic television.

GAELIC MUSIC

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8.30pm - 10.00pm | £6 / £4
The Lemon Tree, 5 West North Street, Aberdeen AB24 SAT

The Gaelic super group celebrates 15 years since their first album with a Scottish tour that showcases why they are a long-established favourite at folk festivals across Europe. In 2014, the group was nominated for Folk Band of the Year in the Scots Trad Music Awards. Join them as they kick off the Festival with a bang!

8.30f - 10.00f | £6 / £4
Lemon Tree, 5 iar Sràid a Tuath, Obar Dheathain AB24 SAT

Tha an sàr chòmhlan-cùil Gàidhlig a’ comharrachadh 15 bliadhna hphon ch’iadh alainn a’ cuairt Albaich nan a dhearbhas carson a tha iad stèidhichte mar chòmhlan-cùil measail aig Fèisean Tradiseanta Tha na Roinn-Eòrpa. Ann an 2014 bhà iad suas airson Còmhlan-Cùil Tradiseanta na bliadhna ann an Dùnain Ceòl Tradiseanta na h-Alba. Thigibh cómhair riutha fas’a thòiseachais iad an fhèis le brag!
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FOOD AND DRINK

Produce Market
10.00am - 4.00pm | FREE / Drop In
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

To celebrate the Year of Scotland’s Food and Drink, 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. There will be plenty of tasters too and why not enter our “Pick Your Plate” competition?

Supported as part of Year of Food and Drink Scotland 2015, delivered by VisitScotland and EventScotland.

SCIENCE

The Diet Myth: The Real Science Behind What We Eat
10.30am - 11.30am | £3
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 11.30am - 12.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
At a time when an increasing proportion of the world’s population is suffering from obesity and its related health issues, Tim Spector offers an important and fascinating perspective on this global epidemic. He explains that because of the way in which our attitudes to food have changed over the last few decades, we are no longer exposed to the very microbes that have always been an invisible but essential part of our physiology. Tim Spector will offer a compelling account of our physiological relationship with food, and dispel many of the most prevalent myths and pseudo-science surrounding faddish diets.

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Reviving Your Career
What are the options in the midst of job insecurity and organisational change?
10.00am - 11.00am
FREE / Booking required
Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Job insecurity is a fact of life for all of us and planning for job development is an important issue for everyone. Hear more about the options for Continuous Professional Development and discuss the current working trends, such as the need and impacts of multiple part-time jobs, in this interactive event with Dr Julian Randall and Dr Allan Sim.

DISCOVER

Knit Your Own Broons
10.30am - 11.30am | £6 / £4
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 11.30am - 12.30pm, Linklater Rooms

From the authors of Knit your own Britain and Knit your own Scotland comes the humorous guide to knitting your own Broons characters. Costume-maker Jackie Holt and prop-designer Ruth Bailey will host a hands-on workshop where you can begin to create your own characters with their help. This event is perfect for knitters of all abilities.

WORD

Kenneth White
10.30am - 11.30am | £6 / £4
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 11.30am - 12.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Kenneth White is a distinguished Scottish poet and philosopher with a huge international reputation, especially in France where he has held the Chair of 20th Century Poetry at the Sorbonne. In 1989 he founded the International Institute of Geopoetics. Aberdeen University Press is in the process of publishing his Collected Works, and he reads here from the first volume containing three of his earliest and most influential books, Incandescent Limbo, Letters from Gourgonouel and Travels in the Drifting Dawn.
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**Discover Science**

**Maxwell at Marischal: Five centuries of physics in Aberdeen**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE / Booking required

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Aberdeen has a long and rich history of contributions to physics. At the 2015 May Festival, as part of the celebrations for the International Year of Light, Dr Ben Marsden will explore the work the work of James Clerk Maxwell who proposed the electromagnetic theory of light and demonstrated colour photography for the first time using a tartan ribbon as the subject!

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**Word**

**Write Aberdeen Write Regensburg**

11.30am – 12.30pm | FREE / Booking required

Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

In 1955, Aberdeen was twinned with Regensburg, Germany. To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the twinning, a book of new writing about both cities has been created through citywide writing competitions. At this event, Aberdeen and Regensburg residents will read their prize-winning works for the first time. Hosted by Shane Strachan.

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**Gaelic / Gàidhlig**

**Don’t Make a Further Loan of a Loan**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE / Booking required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Discover how the Gaelic language ignored one of its own proverbs! Ruairígh Maclean looks at interactions and word transfer between Gaelic and other languages, including Scots.

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**Na Toir lasad air an lasad**

11.00am – 12.00pm | AN ASGADH, cláradh rìthannach

Seòmarachd Linklater, Oilthigh Òban Dheadhaigh

Bheir Ruairígh Macleathain sìol air ciar ar a’ Ghàidhlig seachad an seanfhalach aice fhéin! Broidhinnidh a’ air eadar-obrachaidhean agus facslainn-eadar a’ Ghàidhlig agus cànannaíne eile, a’ ghabhail a-steach an Albaich.

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**Food and Drink**

**Farm to Fork**

Cooking demonstration 11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE / Booking required

Crucible Garden Marquee, University of Aberdeen

Join local food producers, Craig Wilson the Kilted Chef, and nutritionists from the Rowett Institute as we create the ultimate delicious and healthy meal from some of Grampian’s finest produce.

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**Sport**

**Spanish Football’s Golden Age: Behind the Headlines**

12.00pm – 1.00pm | £6 / £4

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 1.00pm – 2.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

An audience with Aberdeen football journalist, analyst and commentator Graham Hunter as he reveals all about covering one of the most successful national football sides of all time, his friendships with some of the world’s greatest players and a genuinely unique behind-the-scenes insight into the inner-circle of some of the most dominant teams in the modern game. Aberdeen FC fan Graham returns to his home turf for this special event where he will recall some of the highlights so far of his career in Spain and take questions from the audience.

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**Sport**

**Student V Alumni Sports Day**

12.30pm – 3.00pm

King’s Playing Fields, University of Aberdeen

Join us for an exhilarating afternoon of sport watching our current students take on Alumni of the University at fencing, football, lacrosse, netball, rugby and tennis.

If you fancy having a go yourself, there will be ‘come and try’ activities for all the family to join in.

Alumni can find more information about participating by visiting www.abdn.ac.uk/sportsday

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WORD

Michel Faber
2.00pm – 3.00pm | £6 / £4
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 3.00pm – 4.00pm, Arts Lecture Theatre

A welcome return to Aberdeen for Michel Faber, a stunningly gifted writer born in Holland, raised in Australia and resident in the Highlands. His novels include The Crimson Petal and the White, which was dramatised for TV, and Under the Skin, adapted for film starring Scarlett Johansson. His most recent novel, The Book of Strange New Things, has been hailed as his masterpiece.

DISCOVER

Knit Your Own Broons
1.00pm – 2.00pm | £6 / £4
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 2.00pm – 3.00pm, Linklater Rooms

From the authors of Knit Your own Britain and Knit your own Scotland comes the humorous guide to knitting your own Broons characters. Costume-maker Jackie Holt and prop-designer Ruth Bailey will host a hands-on workshop where you can begin to create your own characters with their help. This event is perfect for knitters of all abilities.

DISCOVER

Collections Close-up: Birds
2.00pm – 3.00pm
FREE / Drop in
Reading Room, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library

A rare chance for bird and book lovers to get up close and personal with four stunning books from the Special Collections. For one hour you can view Audubon’s Birds of America vol. II and Gould’s Birds of Asia and Birds of Australia. Members of staff will be on hand to turn the pages and answer your questions about the books. A unique opportunity not to be missed!

FILM

Utopia: From Aberdeen to Afghanistan
1.00pm – 4.00pm | £3
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Join producer Chris Robb and director Hassan Nazer as they present a special screening of their film Utopia and provide insight from behind the scenes. The film tells the story of Jana, a woman from Afghanistan who travels to the UK for artificial insemination. Complications arise when she discovers the donor has long-standing connections to the military. Although mainly filmed on location in India and Afghanistan, some scenes were captured in Aberdeen on the University’s Foresterhill Campus. Chaired by Professor Alan Marcus.

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**DISCOVER**  
**Breaking, “Breaking Amish” – The Amish and the Maintenance of Cultural Identity**  
2.30pm – 3.30pm  
FREE / Booking required  
Multimedia Room,  
King’s College Conference Centre,  
University of Aberdeen  
What is cultural identity and what can we learn from the Amish, if anything, on maintaining unique cultures in an increasingly global world? A look at myth and identity in the modern world through reflections on the Amish.

**DISCOVER**  
**The Art of Performance**  
2.30pm – 4.00pm  
FREE / Booking required  
Linklater Rooms,  
University of Aberdeen  
What does it mean to perform? Is performance participative? What is the role of performance in Aberdeen? This presentation brings together arts practitioners, academics and students to offer a range of short performances, including sound, theatre and polemic, followed by a round table discussion to consider the nature of performance in Aberdeen and opportunities for innovation and participation.

**SPORT**  
**Making a Splash**  
4.00pm – 5.00pm  
£3  
Patrick Miley, father and coach of Commonwealth gold-medallist Hannah will give an insight into the highs and lows of sport, the secret of being a successful coach and how the Mileys find a balance between their personal and professional relationships. The talk will also include interview clips with Hannah, specially filmed for this event.

**DISCOVER**  
**Scottish Stepdancing Taster Session**  
4.00pm – 5.00pm  
£3  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen  
Make some noise with your feet! Join experienced teacher Pat Ballantyne for a taster session of stepping, the old percussive dance style of Scotland. Join in with exuberant jigs, reels, and strathspeys. No experience necessary, but please wear hard-soled shoes.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**  
**NHS 2020: What will healthcare look like in five years’ time?**  
4.30pm – 6.00pm  
£3  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen  
What should we expect from those who provide our healthcare, and what should they expect from us? How do we maximise medical advances and costly drugs in the context of us living longer and having higher expectations? Join a panel of experts to debate the challenges - and the opportunities - in planning a resilient health service for the future.

**DISCOVER**  
**Book Binding Workshop & Talk**  
4.30pm – 6.30pm  
Free/Limited places / Bookings to be made through Special Collections Events.  
Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen  
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MUSIC
Mozart’s Requiem
4.30pm – 5.30pm | £6/£4
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen
The University of Aberdeen Chapel choir accompanied by the Marischal Chamber Orchestra, will perform one of the great choral works, Mozart’s Requiem, and new works by Dr Phillip Cooke, Thomas LaVoy and John Hudson. The concert will feature fantastic soloists from the choir and will be conducted by Professor David Smith and Christopher Gray.

WORD
Wayne Price
6.30pm – 7.00pm
FREE / Booking required
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 7.00pm – 8.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Wayne Price teaches Literature and Creative Writing at Aberdeen. In recent years he has placed in many prestigious competitions for his poetry and short stories. His first story collection was Fumace, followed up this year with a novel, The Mercy Seat. He has also published a poetry pamphlet in the Laureate’s Choice series, selected by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy.

WORD
David Mitchell
5.00pm – 6.00pm | £6 / £4
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Arts Lecture Theatre
David Mitchell is a dazzlingly talented novelist, described in the Independent as ‘one of the most brilliantly inventive writers of this or any other country.’ His many awards include the South Bank Show Literature Prize and he has twice been shortlisted for the Booker (most recently for his latest novel The Bone Clocks). His novel Cloud Atlas was adapted for film (starring Tom Hanks and Halle Berry).

WORD
Alan Spence
7.30pm – 8.00pm | FREE
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing 8.00pm – 9.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Alan Spence is an award-winning poet, playwright and prose writer. He is Professor in Creative Writing at Aberdeen, where he founded the WORD Festival. His most recent novel is Night Boat and his new play No Nothing about Edwin Morgan and Jimmy Reid, is being staged at Oran Mor in Glasgow and The Lemon Tree in Aberdeen.

CURRENT AFFAIRS
Oggy Boytchev: Between Two Worlds
6.30pm – 7.30pm | £3
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 7.30pm – 8.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Working as a journalist and producer for over 30 years has taken Oggy to some of the most dangerous places on earth. Hear about his stint producing BBC journalist John Simpson in war-zones across the globe and gain insight into the highly competitive and nail-biting world of international news-gathering.

DISCOVER
Bright Club
8.30pm – 10.00pm | £6 / £4
Café Drummonds, 1 Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1JR
Bright Club Aberdeen returns with a hilarious mix of interesting comedians and fascinating researchers. Bright Club is where comedy and brains collide to bring you an entertaining night of laughs and new ideas. Compiled by biologist, TV presenter and president of the Ugly Animal Preservation Society, Simon Watt.
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**DISCOVER**

**Art & Energy: How Culture Changes**

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE / Booking required
Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

**Book signing: 11.00am – 12.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn**

Author Barry Lord’s illustrated lecture shows how each energy source brings with it certain values that become fundamental to the cultures we create with them. The Energy Debate is really a conflict of cultures, particularly the heightening contest today between the dominant culture of consumption that oil and gas brought us, and the emergent culture of stewardship that accompanies renewable energy.

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**DISCOVER SCIENCE**

**Bad Bugs Fight Drugs**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE / Booking required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Short talks and discussion on the deadly bugs that can hide in the hospital environment. Take part in a discussion led by expert scientists from around Scotland on how we can prevent the development of drug resistant bacteria. Would you know who the killer is?

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**ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE**

**Science Showcase**

10.00am – 4.00pm
Free / Drop-in / No booking required
Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue

Meet scientists from across Aberdeen, and learn about the wonders and importance of soil. Find out how to get involved in citizen science projects with local community scientists. Visit Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre to learn how wildlife relies on the precious resource of soil, and pick up a trail to explore the gardens.

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**ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE**

**Biodiversity Bonanza**

10.00am – 4.00pm
Free / Drop-in / No booking required
Marquee, Cruickshank Botanic Garden

Visit a range of biodiversity and environment organisations in the Garden Marquee, and learn more about the huge range of plants and animals that depend on our most precious resource, soil! Families will enjoy hands-on activities, trails to explore the garden, meet some mini-beasts face to face and learn how we can all protect our soils.

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**ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE**

**Soil, Soul & Society**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE / Booking required
Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue

**Book Signing: 12.00pm – 1.00pm, Zoology Building**

Bruce Ball shows how soil and society are linked through agriculture, environment and health. He describes how principles of soil care and soil awareness can lead us to living happier and more sustainable lives by integrating with and being enriched by the communities and the environment around us. This event is part of International Year of Soils.

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**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**Lessons from the Top: Gavin Esler**

12.30pm – 1.30pm | £6 / £4
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

**Book Signing: 1.30pm – 2.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn**

Great leaders have always understood the power of stories. Through the stories they tell, the most successful leaders educate, persuade and bring about change, but we rarely have the background knowledge to explore how they do so. In this hugely insightful guide to getting to the top, leading journalist Gavin Esler presents first-hand knowledge of the secrets of those who achieve power based on over thirty years’ experience interviewing world famous figures from Bill Clinton to Angelina Jolie.

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**FILM DISCOVER**

**King’s College Shorts**

12.30pm - 1.30pm
FREE / Booking required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Join us for a selection of innovative short films made by the University of Aberdeen film students. In addition to award winning pieces, we will see experimental films made by students and local artists. It will also include an audience Q&A.

**DISCOVER MUSIC**

**Aberdeen Early Music Collective: Chez Schedel**

1.00pm - 2.00pm | £6 / £4
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Come and enjoy a musical entertainment in the circle of Hartmann Schedel (1440-1514), scholar in Nuremberg! Frauke Jürgensen investigates the performance practice of late medieval music. A mixture of songs and instrumental pieces will be performed and the audience will be invited to learn a dance!

**FOOD AND DRINK**

**Wild Food Forage**

1.00pm - 4.00pm | £6 / £4
Seaton Park, Don Street, Aberdeen. Meet at main car park.

A guided wild food walk looking at the food, drink and medicinal uses of spring plants led by chef and full-time foraging tutor Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods. About 1 mile easy walking over 3 hours, with tasters and a wild cook-in afterwards.

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**ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE**

**Dirt, Death & DNA: The Role of Soil in Forensic Investigations**

1.30pm - 2.30pm | £3
Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue

Are the crime programmes you see on TV based on real evidence? Find out as we discuss how effective soil is in criminal investigations with Professor Lorna Dawson, Head of Soil Forensics at the James Hutton Institute. This event is part of International Year of Soils.

**DISCOVER**

**Equality and the 1%**

2.00pm - 3.00pm
FREE / Booking required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

The gap between rich and poor is growing around the world and this year Oxfam warned that the wealth of the richest 1% will overtake the combined wealth of the remaining 99% in 2016. Come along to join a lively debate featuring wide-ranging views on equality including talks from Dr John Bone and the Grampian Regional Equality Council.

**WORD**

**Kathleen Jamie**

2.00pm - 3.00pm
FREE / Booking required
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 3.00pm - 4.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Kathleen Jamie is one of Scotland’s finest – an award-winning poet, essayist and travel writer. She is Professor in Creative Writing at the University of Stirling. Her most recent awards are the Costa Poetry Prize for her latest collection The Overhaul, and the Orion Book Award for her prose work Sightlines.
**WORD MUSIC**

**Toulmin Celebration and Short Story Prize**
3.00pm - 4.00pm | FREE / Booking required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

The culmination of the annual short story competition run by the University’s Elphinstone Institute, commemorating the work of David Toulmin, one of the finest exponents of written Doric. The winner will be announced and the winning story read by Sheena Blackhall. The event will be chaired by Paul Dukes, and will feature a recorded broadcast interview with Toulmin himself.

**DISCOVER**

**One Born Every Minute**
4.00pm - 5.00pm
FREE / Booking required

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Maternity and Neonatal Databank has been recording all pregnancy related events in Aberdeen since 1950 to this day. This interactive event is a guided tour of its history, operation, governance and use in medical research.

**FILM**

**Director’s Cut with Roger Michell**
3.00pm - 4.30pm | £6 / £4

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Find out what it’s like to direct Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. Roger Michell discusses making films such as Notting Hill in this Director’s Cut event with audience Q&A, hosted by Professor Alan Marcus.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**The Art of Botanical Illustration - an Insight into its Development and Where it is Today**
3.30pm - 4.30pm | FREE / Booking required

Zoology Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue

Join artist and tutor Janne Richardson for an insight into the world of botanical illustration, its development and where it is today. Janne will describe the process involved of creating a finished botanical painting.

**MUSIC**

**Ogston Music Prize Recital**
4.00pm - 5.00pm | £6 / £4

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

The Ogston Music Prize is an annual event in Aberdeen celebrating the most talented young musicians at the University of Aberdeen. This recital will feature the yet-to-be-decided 2015 winner and a selection of past recipients. Come and witness some of the brightest and best music students in the country.
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WORD
Wioletta Grzegorzewska
5.30pm - 6.30pm | £6 / £4
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 6.30pm - 7.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Continuing the festival’s policy of bringing the best of contemporary Polish writing to Aberdeen, we introduce award-winning poet Wioletta Grzegorzewska. Her work is being showcased this year at the British Library, and two of her poetry collections have been translated into English: Smena’s Memory, and Finite Formelae and Theories of Chance.
The event is funded by The W. Bednarski Trust

WORD MUSIC
A Celebration of Scottish Urban Myths and Ancient Legends by Grace Banks and Sheena Blackhall
7.00pm - 8.00pm | £6 / £4
Word Marquee, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 8.00pm – 9.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Scottish Urban Myths and Ancient Legends is a book full of dark, murky tales from the cities, and stories of old from around the land. Come and join Sheena Blackhall and Grace Banks for an evening of entertainment mixing stories with reminiscence and song. As with all traditional ceilidhs, the two storytellers would be delighted for you to come and contribute in some way. Bring instruments, voices or tales if you want to join in. (Or just come and enjoy!)

MUSIC
In Time of Light
8.15pm - 9.15pm
FREE / Booking required
Elphinston Hall, University of Aberdeen
In Time of Light – music, discussion and a Q & A hosted by PJ Moore (The Blue Nile) and featuring extracts from an ‘electronic oratorio’ in celebration of the 150th anniversary of James Clerk Maxwell’s A dynamical theory of the electromagnetic field.

FOOD AND DRINK
Gaelic
BIADH IS DEÓ GÃIDHLIG
That’s The Spirit!
5.30pm - 6.30pm | £6 / £4
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Whisky expert Guy Finlayson from Deeside Drinks Emporium will tantalise your tastebuds with five fantastic whiskies. Whilst you sip Scotland’s favourite spirit, Murdo Campbell will tell tales of his time working at the Talisker distillery and teach you some Gaelic words and phrases from the world of whisky. This event is in celebration of Scotland’s Year of Food and Drink and World Whisky Month. Over 18s only.

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Sin An Spiorad!
5.30f-6.30f | £6 / £4
Seòmarachan Linklater, Olltigh Obar Dheathain

Bidh an éilise ùisge-beatha Guy Finlayson bho Deeside Drinks Emporium an lathair gus ur gucagan-blais a bhrosnachadh le còig sàr ùisgeachan-beatha. Fad’s a bhios sibh a’ blasadh deòch-làidir as fheàrr na h-Alba, bruichinnidh Murchadh Calmbeul mun ùine a chuir e seachad ag obrasadh aig an taigh-stail Sealaigeir is bidh e a’ teagasc faclan is abairtean Gàidhlig bhon t-saoghal dh’ùisge-beatha. Comharrachaidh an tachartas seo Bhliadhna Biadh is Deòch na h-Alba agus Mios an Ùisge-Beatha. Aoisean 18+ a-mhàin.

Mar pháirt de Bhliadhna Biadh is Deòch na h-Alba 2015, bha taic gu cur don tachartas seo le VisitScotland agus EventScotland.

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Main Programme

Drop-in events

On the Road to Better Bones

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May | 10.00am – 4.00pm
Located nearby Elphinstone Hall

Come aboard our new mobile bone health truck GO-MOBILE, bringing the latest scanning techniques for osteoporosis to doorsteps across the North of Scotland. You’ll hear from experts, get hands-on with our medical buskers and find out about SHARE – Scotland’s new initiative to encourage members of the public to become involved in health care research.

Supported by University of Aberdeen, NHS Grampian and The Grampian Osteoporosis Trust.

Traditional Crafts

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May | 10.00am – 4.00pm
Located nearby Elphinstone Hall

Throughout the weekend there will be a selection of craftspeople on campus showing off their skills and letting you have a go too. There will be totem poles and musical instruments on display on Saturday and Sunday on the King’s Lawn, and you can try your hand at lace-making and creative crafts with straw on Sunday in Elphinstone Hall (12pm – 4pm). Find out all about boat-building and wood-turning from our experts in Elphinstone Hall on Sunday 12pm – 4pm.

Supported by the Elphinstone Institute

Health Science Stalls

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May | 10.00am – 4.00pm

James Mackay Hall, King’s College Centre

Meet our scientists and find out about their cutting edge research into health and medical science at their stalls in James Mackay Hall throughout the festival. Learn more about Aberdeen’s neonatal databank, the latest in spinal repair technology and exactly how smoking at home affects the air quality.
**Tours**

**King’s College Chapel Tours with Jane Geddes**
Friday 29 May at 10.30am – 11.30am | Sunday 31 May at 10.30am – 11.30am | FREE / Booking required

King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen | Meeting Point: Chapel Entrance, High Street

Standing at the centre of King's College Campus, the Chapel serves as a constant reminder of the University's foundations in 1495. Its architecture recalls the University's history, including the Chapel's Crown Tower, one of only two crown towers in Scotland. Join Jane Geddes as she explores the past of one of Aberdeen's historical treasures. The revised edition of King's College Chapel, edited by Jane Geddes and containing several new discoveries, will be available for purchase after the tour. Signed by author if requested.

**Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour**
Friday 29 May, 11.00am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.00pm | 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 northern 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.

**Old Aberdeen Walking Tour**
Saturday 30 May, 10.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE / Booking required

Old Town House, High Street, Old Aberdeen

Join David Robertson on a walking tour of Old Aberdeen, highlighting the abundance of architectural and cultural riches hidden away in this unique medieval corner of the City.

**Aberdeen Sports Village Tours**
Saturday 30 May, 1,00pm – 1.45pm, 2.00pm – 2.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm
FREE / Booking required

ASV Aquatics Centre, Regent Walk
Meeting Point: Aquatics Centre, Reception Area

Take the opportunity to visit Aberdeen Sports Village – world class sport and exercise facility open to everyone in the community. Accompanied by an expert guide you will be shown round the Sports Centre with its wealth of indoor and outdoor facilities and the recently opened Aquatics Centre boasting an Olympic standard 50 metre pool and a 25 metre diving pool. Meet at Aquatics Centre reception, Regent Walk.

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Exhibitions

King’s Chapel Series
16 March – 11 September | 9.00am – 5.00pm
MacRobert Building Foyer, University of Aberdeen
The works are immediate sojourns around and into the immediacy of psychological preoccupations with King’s Chapel space and beyond. There are searching aspects to the images... spontaneous, animated and expressive; figuative giving way to abstract inventions and symbolic signs are part of the course of the work coming to fruition.

Crafting Kingdoms: The Rise of the Northern Picts
Until 31 May
Tuesday – Saturday 11.30am – 4.30pm, Sunday 31 May 11.30am – 4.30pm
King’s Museum, Old Town House, High Street
This exhibition explores the origins of the Pictish kingdoms of Northern Scotland drawing on recent fieldwork from the University of Aberdeen’s Archaeology Department. Displays will include a recently unearthed Pictish silver hoard and new finds from excavations at Rhynie as well as a beautiful silver chain and an intricately carved stone. Loans of Pictish silver and other artefacts from Aberdeenshire Museums, National Museums Scotland and the British Museum are on display along with metalwork by the Scottish Sculpture Workshop, and artefacts by Rhynie Woman artists’ collective.

Home Truths: Workers and Families on the Move in the Oil Community
28 May – 27 June
Festival opening hours: Friday & Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday, 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Events Area, Ground Floor, The Sir Duncan Rice Library
This exhibition uses our Special Collections and photographs by Geneviève Guétemme and John Perivolakis to explore the human side of Aberdeen’s epic of oil exploitation. Who are the people who keep it going? What are their stories? Focusing on expats, we ask what it means to change ‘homes’ frequently.
Supported by The Friends of the Library and The Special Collections Centre

Sport at Aberdeen
The story so far
29 – 31 May | 10.00am – 4.00pm
Elphinstone Hall Foyer, University of Aberdeen
An exhibition celebrating the 125th anniversary of the formation of the original University of Aberdeen Athletics Association. View a collection of images and artefacts, past and present, which showcase our sporting greats, teams, facilities and the important part sport has played in the life of the University and its students. The exhibition will also include wall of sporting memories from our alumni community.

The Far North: Frozen Stars, Shifting Ice & the Silence Beyond
Festival opening hours: Friday & Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday, 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Gallery, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, Bedford Road, AB24 3AA
This exhibition explores the idea of the ‘Far North’ through contemporary art and music, historical artefacts and written words. Visitors will follow in the footsteps of 19th century Arctic explorers and their encounters with the region’s people, natural wonders, flora and fauna. Featuring art by Reinhard Behrens and Pat Law, the exhibition also includes fascinating Inuit artefacts, scientific instruments, and books and archives from the University’s Special Collections.

Museum Faces: Student responses to the museum collections by the Aberdeen University Art Society
1 May – 25 September
Festival opening hours: 10.00am – 8.00pm
James Mackay Hall, King’s College Conference Centre
This exhibition displays the results of a project with the Art Society, in which students have studied and drawn items from the University’s collections that are not normally on display. They have focused on objects that depict a wide variety of faces, from many different parts of the world. Some of these objects will be displayed alongside their works.

WB Yeats 150 and Aberdeen
29 – 31 May | 9.00am – 5.00pm
MacRobert Building Foyer, University of Aberdeen
2015 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of WB Yeats, and the Irish Government has developed this beautiful exhibition on the life and works of the great poet using material from the National Library of Ireland. It is displayed here in Aberdeen by courtesy of the Irish Consulate General in Scotland to mark the special links between Yeats and the Granite City.
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!

A Play, a Pie & a Pint: No Nothing by Alan Spence

Tuesday 28 April - Saturday 2 May, Tuesday - Friday 6pm, Thursday & Saturday 1pm
£11 / booking required  Lemon Tree, 5 West North Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AT

A new play by award-winning dramatist Alan Spence. Two iconic Glasgow figures - poet Edwin Morgan and trade union leader Jimmy Reid - died within days of each other in 2010. They are astonished to wake up in a strange afterlife-antechamber where they engage in a flying about life, the Universe and everything - from Glasgow to Infinity and beyond (with meditations on post-referendum Scotland).

Aberdeen Performing Arts presents Culture Café with A.L. Kennedy

Wednesday 6 May  1.00pm  Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1GS  £8 / Booking required

A.L. Kennedy is one of the brightest talents on the current literary scene, a writer of dazzling prose, a stylist of real distinction who has won a host of literary awards, including the prestigious Costa Book of the Year Award. Her novels include So I am glad, Day and Everything You Need. Her latest short story collection is All the Rage. She is Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Warwick. She has also moonlighted as a stand-up comic, and is a wonderfully witty and engaging performer of her own work.

Cafe Philosophique 4th Annual Philosophy Public Lecture Philosophy, Mountaineering and Risk

Saturday 9 May  6.00pm Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1JS

Free, Booking required  Tickets available from the Belmont Filmhouse 01224 343 500

Discover, discuss and question the big ideas in contemporary philosophy in a relaxed informal environment. We’ll consider on issues arising directly from the film Touching the Void concerning the ethics of decision-making in risk-situations. The talk will be followed by a screening of the film.

Night at the Museum: An Ancient Egyptian Adventure

Saturday 16 May  5.00pm - 9.00pm  King’s Museum and Zoology Museum, University of Aberdeen

FREE (No Booking Required)

A fun filled event which offers family activities, the museum will come alive at night. There will be scary scorpions, hissing snakes, and marvellous meerkats for people to hold if they are brave enough! There will be a professional storyteller, telling enthralling tales from ancient Egypt, hear about gruesome practises, how to mummify someone, and have your face painted like a pharaoh’s. Check the museum website for details www.abdn.ac.uk/museums

Paul Muldoon and Justin Quinn

Monday 18 May  7.00pm  Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen  Free / No Booking Required

Paul Muldoon is the author of a dozen collections of poetry; most recently One Thousand Things Worth Knowing. He has taught at Princeton University since 1987 and his books have become modern classics. His awards include the Pulitzer Prize, an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award the T. S. Eliot Prize, the Irish Times Poetry Prize and the European Prize for Poetry. He has been described by The Times Literary Supplement as "the most significant English-language poet born since the second World War."

Justin Quinn is the author of six collections of poetry, including Waves and Trees, Close Quarters and Early House. With David Wheatley he edited the poetry journal Metre, and he is the author of four critical studies, including The Cambridge Introduction to Modern Irish Poetry. He has also published a novel, Mount Merrion.

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Culture Café with James Kelman

Saturday 23 May | 1.00pm | Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1G5 | £8 / booking required

James Kelman is the most influential Scottish writer of his generation. He’s a Booker Prize winner (for How Late It Was, How Late), an internationally renowned novelist and short story writer, dramatist, essayist and polemicist who has drawn comparisons with Beckett and Kafka. Outspoken and politically engaged, he brings an uncompromising integrity to everything he does. But the work is grounded in a profound humanity, shot through with a dark (and recognisably Glaswegian) sense of humour. Hearing him read his own work is an unforgettable experience.

Culture Café Laureate’s event featuring Carol Anne Duffy, Liz Lochhead and Gillian Clarke with music by John Sampson

Saturday 23 May | 7.30pm | Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1G5 | £10 / booking required

Carol Ann Duffy, the UK’s Poet Laureate, has single-handedly brought poetry to a mass audience with work that is sublimely beautiful, deeply moving, outrageously funny, and above all, accessible. She reaches all ages and has read to audiences of school pupils numbering thousands. She has redefined the Laureateship for the 21st Century, and in performance she is mesmerising.

Liz Lochhead is Scotland’s Makar, or Poet Laureate (a post in which she succeeded the great Edwin Morgan). She is a much loved poet and dramatist (her play Mary Queen of Scots got her head chopped off is a modern classic). Her work is hugely popular with all ages and she recently published a representative selection, A Choosing: The Selected Poems.

Gillian Clarke is the National Poet of Wales and her many awards include the Queen’s Gold Medal for Poetry. She is also a successful playwright. With Carol Ann Duffy she has read to thousands of school pupils and she is part of the GCSE Poetry Live team. Her latest poetry collection is Ice. Like her fellow Laureates she is a powerfully impressive reader of her own work.

Café Med: Digital follow-up for people with skin cancer

Monday 25 May | 6.00pm, Suttie Centre Café | FREE (No Booking Required)

University of Aberdeen, Foresterhill Health Campus
Professor Judith Mastrofi (Chair in Computing Science, University of Aberdeen) and Dr Peter Murchie (Clinical Consultant)

Skin cancer patients require regular check-ups to spot potential recurrences. We’ll explore new technology that could help these checks to be carried out at home using a mobile device. Join us for an informal discussion bringing together the public with leading figures in medicine and biosciences.

PechaKucha Aberdeen

Tuesday 26 May | 7.00pm
Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1J5
FREE (No Booking Required)

An evening of inspired thoughts captured in 6 minutes and 40 seconds. PechaKucha nights are fast paced evenings of words and pictures bringing together art, design, research and fresh ideas. PechaKucha nights now run in over 500 cities across the world. They gather people together in a relaxed, simple and enjoyable format to meet, network and share their ideas and work in public.

www.engagingaberdeen.co.uk

Café Scientifique: Let There Be Light!

Wednesday 27 May | 7.00pm | Waterstones, Union Bridge Branch, Aberdeen AB11 6BG | FREE (No Booking Required)

Dr John Reid, School of Natural and Computing Sciences, University of Aberdeen

To celebrate the International Year of Light, we’ll explore the fascinating story of understanding light, including Aberdeen’s role - how our ancestors were wrong and we think we are right! No booking is required and places are allocated on the first-come basis.

Skeptics in the Pub

Thursday 28 May | 7.30pm | Cè, Bar 35, 31 – 35 Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB25 1NQ
FREE (No Booking Required) Over 18s only Please note this event is downstairs in the bar area

What would you need to know to survive in the aftermath of the end of the world? Join Dr Lewis Dartnell for a discussion about his latest book, The Knowledge, a grand thought experiment on the behind-the-scenes fundamentals of how our world works, and what drove the progression of civilisation over the centuries.

Dr Lewis Dartnell is a research fellow at the University of Leicester, working in the field of astrobiology and the search for life beyond Earth. http://aberdeen.skepticsinthepub.org/

Energetica Summer Festival

Sunday 24 May – Sunday 30 August

Discover the stunning natural and cultural environment of the Energetica corridor with a huge variety of activities over the summer months. Now in its third year, the Energetica Festival showcases the wide range of activities on offer to residents and visitors alike including guided walks, wildlife spotting, photography lessons and events focused on food, science and entrepreneurship. There’s something for everyone with activities at venues from Bridge of Don to Peterhead. Find out more at www.energetica.uk.com.
Children’s Festival Programme

Come and join the Mayhem

The Marathon Oil Children’s Programme offers something for everyone. With events from music to storytelling and sport to dance, there is a mix for toddlers to teenagers. We have teamed up with the Reading Bus, TechFest and the Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre to offer fun, creative and interactive events for children of all ages! The Festival Face Painter will also be available to paint some beautiful, creative designs through the weekend - come and join the Mayhem! **ALL events are FREE, book now to avoid disappointment.**

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.
BOOKBUG TIME!
10.00am - 10.30am | Under 5s
Divinity Library, University of Aberdeen
Free / Booking Required
Bookbug sessions are free, fun and friendly events for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their families to enjoy together.

WOJTEK: THE POLISH BEAR HERO
10.30am - 11.30am | Ages 7+
Children’s Marquee, King’s Playing Fields, University of Aberdeen
Free / Booking Required
Listen to stories about the famous bear that grew up among Polish soldiers during WWII, fought at Monte Cassino and lived out his life in Edinburgh Zoo. His story stands in a long line of historic Polish-Scottish connections serving as a tool of integration for new waves of Polish migrants to Scotland.

A PLAY IN A DAY
11.30am - 4.30pm (breaks included)
New King’s 6, University of Aberdeen
Ages 9 – 13 | Free / Booking Required
Today is going to be a BIG day! Challenge yourself to create a Play in a Day. Join The Reading Bus team on a DRAMATIC adventure. Our play will be shared with parents at the end of the day, with costumes and props too!

MEET THE PICTS (AND THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS!)
12.00pm – 4.00pm | All ages
King’s Museum, Old Town House, University of Aberdeen
Free / Drop in / No booking required
To accompany the exhibition Crafting Kingdoms: the rise of the northern Picts, there is an opportunity to meet some of the archaeologists involved in recent excavations and to handle real Pictish objects that were found.

GAECLIC SHOW AND TELL
12.30pm – 1.30pm | Divinity Library, University of Aberdeen
Ruaridh and Kerrie Maclean will look ways we can introduce simple Gaelic into family life. Why not bring something from home and learn Gaelic words for various items. Props welcome!

SEAL AGUS INNIS ANN AN GÀIDHLIG
12.30f–1.30f | Leabharlann Diadhachais, Oilthigh Obar Dheathain
Bheir Ruaridh agus Kerrie Macilleathan síul air cliamar as urrain dhùinn beagan Gàidhlig simplidh a thoir a-steach ann am beatha teaghlach. Carson nach toir sibh leibh rudeigin bhon taigh gus faclann Gàidhlig ionnsachadh airson difhair rudan. Fàilte air propachan!

FAMILY SPORTS DAY
12.30pm – 3.00pm | All ages
King’s Playing Fields, University of Aberdeen
Free / Drop in / No booking required
Come along and give some new sports a go with staff from Aberdeen Sports Village. You can try your hand at running, jumping and throwing and watch our current students take on University Alumni at fencing, football, lacrosse, netball, rugby and tennis.

ULTIMATE FORCE
12.00pm – 1.00pm | Ages 7+
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Free / Booking Required
An explosive look at forces and pressure. Stare in slack-jawed wonder as Mr Wright detonates a desk-top thermobaric bomb with only minor damage to himself. This is just one of Mr Wright’s spleen-clenching pressure and forces demonstrations that are guaranteed to both entertain and act as a tonic to the enquiring mind.

FINE FEATHERS FAMILY FUN
1.00pm – 4.00pm | Ages 3+
The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Free / Drop in / No booking required
Explore the stunning books of birds held by the Special Collections Centre and let your imagination take flight in this fun-filled craft and discovery session. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Large groups please contact us beforehand.
Saturday 30 May

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

The Ugly Animal Roadshow

2.00pm – 3.00pm | Ages 5+
Children’s Marquee,
King’s Playing Fields, University of Aberdeen

Free / Booking Required

Why should the panda get all the praise? The Ugly Animal Preservation Society is dedicated to raising the profile of the world’s most aesthetically challenged endangered species. Join biologist and presenter Simon Watt for a performance that celebrates and explores the incredible biology of the animal kingdom’s most monstrous. The show features videos, demonstrations and lots and lots of audience participation.

Cruickshank Campfire Party

3.30pm – 5.00pm
Cruickshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen
Meeting point: Zoology Foyer, Zoology Building

Free / Booking Required

It’s been a favourite since 2013! Join us once again in the Garden for some toasting of treats and fun round the campfire. We are teaming up with North East of Scotland Outdoor Learning Group to offer hands-on activities including creating your very own 5 minute fire and various crafts including making stickman to take home with you. One for all the family to enjoy!

Due to the nature of the terrain, wheelchair users or people with walking difficulties will require assistance to access this area. Please inform the Festival Team in advance by telephoning 01224 273233 or email festival@abdn.ac.uk. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Sunday 31 May

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10.00am – 10.30am
Under 5s
Divinity Library, University of Aberdeen

Free / Booking Required

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Science Showcase

10.00am – 4.00pm | All ages
Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen

Free / Drop in / No booking required

Meet scientists from across Aberdeen, and learn about the wonders and importance of soil. Find out how to get involved in citizen science projects with local community scientists. Visit Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre to learn how wildlife relies on the precious resource of soil, and pick up a trail to explore the gardens.

Biodiversity Bonanza

10.00am – 4.00pm | All ages
Marquee, Cruickshank Botanic Garden

Free / Drop in / No booking required

Visit a range of biodiversity and environment organisations in the Garden Marquee, and learn more about the huge range of plants and animals that depend on our most precious resource, soil! Families will enjoy hands-on activities, trails to explore the garden, meet some mini-beasts face to face and learn how we can all protect our soils!

Hall of Mayhem

12.00pm – 4.00pm | All ages
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

Free / Drop in / No booking required

Learn, create and take away some May Festival memorabilia including your very own K’Nex car. See what our scientists are up to and try to catch a fish or two! Soft play available for the wee ones too.
Sunday 31 May

Meet the Picts (and the archaeologists!)
12.00 pm – 4.00 pm | All ages
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Dancing in the Dirt
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm
Ages 4+
Cruckshank Botanic Garden
Meet in Zoology Foyer at 12.45 prompt!
Free / Booking Required
Dig down and you will find that soil is a dynamic and important resource that sustains all life on land. Join dance guru Laura Murray to explore the movement in the soil beneath our feet and the plants and animals that are sustained by it. This event has been developed in collaboration with Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre.

Rap & Street Poetry Workshops
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Children’s Marquee, Playing Fields, University of Aberdeen
Ages 10+
Free / Booking Required
Join local hip-hop recording artist, songwriter and producer Millennium Child a.k.a M.C. to compose your own rap and make music. You can learn from the best in this interactive workshop.

The Reading Bus
www.readingbus.co.uk
The Reading Bus will be on campus throughout the May Festival weekend. Hop on board from 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Sunday 31 May, meet our puppets, browse through the books and hear a tale or two. Drop in session, no booking required.

Watch out for the Festival’s life size animal puppets walking around campus. You may be lucky enough to get a MAY FESTIVAL STICKER from them!

Festival Face Painter
Come and visit our Festival Face Painters during the Festival from 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
Saturday 30th May
Café Marquee, King’s Lawn
Sunday 31st May
Elphinstone Hall

PLEASE NOTE: FOR TICKETED EVENTS, ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE A TICKET
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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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Enjoyed May Festival? Continue your journey of discovery with University of Aberdeen FREE online courses
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Booking Tickets
Tickets for the May Festival will be available from 9.30am Monday 13 April, until 4pm on Thursday 28th May at Aberdeen Box Office.

From Friday 29th May, tickets will be available to purchase at the May Festival Box Office in King's College Conference Centre on the University Campus.

Book Online www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

Book by telephone:
Call Aberdeen Box Office +44(0)1224 641122

Book in person:
Until Thursday 28th May
Visit Aberdeen Box Office, Aberdeen Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1QS
Office Opening Times 9.30am – 6.00pm
(Monday – Saturday)

From Friday 29th May
Visit May Festival Box Office
(University Campus):
Friday 29th & Saturday 30th May, 9.30am – 8.00pm
Sunday 31st May 9.30am – 7.00pm

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.

Eating and Drinking
May Tent, King's Lawn
University of Aberdeen
9.30am – 8.00pm
(Friday – Sunday)

The Sir Duncan Rice Library Cafe
University of Aberdeen
11.00am – 4.00pm
(Friday – Sunday)

Food Truck
Operating around campus,
University of Aberdeen
11.00am – 3.00pm
(Friday – Sunday)

The 136 Café, located outside Elphinstone Hall
11.00am – 3.00pm
(Friday – Sunday)

Waterstones
May Festival Bookshop
Waterstones will be situated in the May Tent on King’s Lawn. The Bookshop opening times will be 9.30am until late (Friday – Sunday).
1. Festival Box Office
   King's College Conference Centre, James Mackay Hall
   Multimedia Room
   Toilets

2. Elphinstone Hall
   Linklater Rooms
   Toilets

3. Word Marquee
   May Tent
   Café/Bookshop

4. Arts Lecture Theatre

5. King's College Chapel

6. Old Senate Room

7. New King's

8. Confucius Institute

9. Zoology Building
   Toilets

10. Cruickshank Botanic Garden

11. Old Town House/
    King's Museum

12. MacRobert Building
    Toilets

13. Divinity Library

14. The Sir Duncan Rice Library
    Toilets

15. The Reading Bus

16. Regent Lecture Theatre
    Toilets

17. Food Truck

18. Aberdeen Sports Village
    Toilets

19. Taylor Made

20. Children's Marquee
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- Exclusive Waterstone’s Goodie Bag, containing advanced reading copies of forthcoming works, and a one-use 10% discount voucher*
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- Got a friend who may be interested? Why not purchase a membership as a gift?
- Advanced copy of the May Festival 2016 Programme and priority booking period ahead of the general public

*Please note that the Waterstones voucher is valid from May Festival 2015 – 30 April 2016 in the Waterstone’s Union Bridge branch, Trinity Centre, Aberdeen.

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To pay by credit or debit card, visit www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival/friends

Name: _________________________________
Address: _________________________________
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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.