Don’t Miss…

... Producer of *The Graham Norton Show* and University of Aberdeen Alumnus **Graham Stuart**, filling us in on his exciting life in television. (Page 17)

... A journey with **Dr Elly Barnes MBE** to the land of social justice for LGBT+ and all. (Page 11)

... Our wonderful **Celebrate Youth** events such as the Circus Workshop and Hall of Mayhem, where you will find loads of fun activities for all the family! (Page 24)

**Principal’s Welcome**

The May Festival is now in its sixth year, and with a fun packed programme bursting with exciting events, we hope to build on last year’s exceptional audience numbers of 14,000, by welcoming even more visitors to our fantastic King’s College campus in Old Aberdeen.

This year, we’re celebrating Scotland’s Year of Young People with a range of events featuring circus performers and mental health specialists. Our festival team have ensured there is something for all ages and interests – spanning science, music, literature, sport, Gaelic, film and visual culture. And once again, our highly popular Discover theme will give you the opportunity to learn about and discuss some of the University’s most innovative and 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 continues to be 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 particularly Total E&P UK who we are delighted to welcome back as our 2018 Title Sponsor for a second year running.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2018 May Festival.

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

Celebrate Youth
To celebrate Scotland’s Year of Young People, we have an exciting suite of events lined up for all ages. Dr Elly Barnes MBE will share her experience of effectively transforming schools, universities and organizations into LGBT+ friendly places. Masters students from the University of Aberdeen will lead activities and a discussion on the curating of the ‘Growing Up’ exhibition in the King’s Museum. We will also have mindfulness and ‘Relax Kids’ workshops over the weekend suitable for both adults and children, which aim to give you the tools to help you relax. And don’t forget the Hall of Mayhem! An afternoon filled with fun and hands on activities for all of the family. There will also be an intriguing discussion about science with the SHMU Youth Media Team.

Supported by Development Trust Student Experience Fund

Discover
This ever popular and expanding theme will once again showcase the best the University has to offer. Our staff and students have come together and created an engaging and inspiring programme of talks, workshops, tours and displays. This year topics cover everything from decoding hidden messages in our body language to learning about cross cultural differences and communication in China. You can also bind your own mini-notebook and hear the latest in how our health data is used to address the health challenges of our local community, as well as the global population.

WORD
This is the largest and most diverse programme theme, encapsulating music, drama, poetry and prose in Doric, English and Gaelic, and featuring Denise Mina, Shamiso Zvandasara, Helen McClory, Sophie Collins, Hannah Jewell, Morna Young, Duncan Gillies and Donald S. Murray among others. This year’s WORD line-up celebrates The Year of Young People, 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage, and includes events commemorating WWI poetry, LGBT+ film, and North-East writer Nan Shepherd.

WORD is curated by the WORD Centre for Creative Writing

Music
There will be musical performances from our very own King’s College Choir who will be performing Duruflé: Requiem in the enchanting King’s College Chapel. Also in the Chapel there will be an organ recital with Dr Ed Jones of St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast. Kathleen Cronie will be running a music conducting workshop, and don’t miss an exciting performance from the Guarana Street Band and Drum Stars on the King’s Lawn!
**Sport**
Join the Aberdeen Sports Village staff for an exclusive tour around the fantastic facilities on offer. Be sure to try out the assault course as part of the Children’s Programme where there will be a number of activities for all the family to take part in. And hear the latest results of an American walking study for people with arthritis, which has now been introduced into Scotland.

**Environment**
As always you will have the chance to tour our beautiful Cruickshank Botanic Garden, and also to get down and dirty making Stickmen! Hear the latest views on Climate Change, and get an insight into what it was like working as an artist on an oil platform at the fascinating *Age of Oil* exhibition and talk.

**History and Heritage**
There are lots of events on offer to showcase our local history and heritage including tours of our ancient campus and the beautiful King’s College Chapel. We will take a step back in time to reflect on the impact that the Great War had on Aberdeen at the time and the legacy it left behind. Join us for a special event to celebrate Aberdeen’s Invisible Superheroes; the civil engineers who plan and build the infrastructure of our Granite City. Also come and explore Seaton Park’s historical importance with the Hay of Seaton Memorial Committee.

**Vision**
Through dance, music and film the festival will provide a truly amazing experience for the senses across the weekend. There will be several dance performances including *Masculin/Féminin* and also *Hedda*, an interdisciplinary performance using movement, sound and Japanese ink drawings. Our headline event with *Graham Stuart*, Managing Director of So Television will explore his career in television; telling us what it is like to work with some of the biggest celebrities in the world!

**Science**
From planets to fungi there’s so much science to explore at the festival! You can join our exclusive tours of the state-of-the-art Rowett Institute, and then find out how robots are becoming self-aware. You will also be able to chat to some female scientists who will be speaking from soapboxes around campus; covering everything from health and disease to how stars are formed.

**Gaelic**
This year we are celebrating 50 years of Gaelic Books Council with an event featuring *Alison Lang* and *Sandy NicDhòmhaill Jones* who will help us mark this special anniversary! *Duncan Gillies* will also launch his latest collection of Gaelic short fiction, and Aberdeen Fèis will offer a number of fun, interactive events including music, games and crafts for all the family. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to enjoy the Gaelic programme.

Am bliadhna tha sinn a’ comharrachadh 50 bliadhna de Chomhairle nan Leabhraichean le tachartas le Alison Lang agus Sandy NicDhòmhaill Jones a bhios a’ cur taic ris a’ chumhneachan shonraichd air leis a mhuineachadh. Cuiridh Dòmhnall Macillilosa crucneachadh de ficsean goird Gàidhlig air bhog agus bidh Fèis Obar Dheathain a’ tabhainn grunn thachartasan spòrsail, gnìomhail a bhios a’ gabhail a-steach ceol, geamanan agus ealain a tha freagarrach airson a h-uile duine san teaghlach. Chan fheum Gàidhlig a bhith agad airson a dholl an sàs sa phrògram Ghàidhlig.

Sponsored by Comhairle nan Leabhraichean / The Gaelic Books Council
**Friday 25th May**

11.00am – 12.00pm  
Aberdeen (Uni’s) Got Talent!  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.30pm  
Cruckshank Botanic Garden Tour  
Cruckshank Botanic Garden, University of Aberdeen

11.30am – 1.30pm  
100 Years of Women’s Suffrage:  
Women’s Literary Heritage Walk  
Mercat Cross, Castlegate, Aberdeen City Centre

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Singing the Gospel along Scotland’s North-East Coast 1859 – 2009  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Sinkholes of Insecurity: Structural Causes of Weaknesses in Six Arab Countries  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Organ Recital with Dr Ed Jones  
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.30pm  
Climate Change Perspectives  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

12.30pm – 2.30pm  
Collections Close Up: Botanical Books  
Lower Ground Floor Seminar Room, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library

1.00pm – 2.00pm  
Mindfulness Workshop (Adults)  
New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen

1.00pm – 2.00pm  
Growing up, Our Different Journeys Combined for an Exhibition  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 2.30pm  
In Sickness and in Health: A History of Hospitals in Aberdeen  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Shamiso Zvandasara  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 3.00pm  
Cruckshank Botanic Garden Tour  
Cruckshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, University of Aberdeen

2.30pm – 3.30pm  
The Voyages of Zheng He, Then and Now  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 4.30pm  
Scotland 2030: Aberdeen and the North East  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
Testimonies of Transition: Voices from the Scottish Diaspora  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 5.00pm  
Leading! Exploring What We Mean by ‘Leadership’  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 5.10pm  
Book Launch of Another Dose of Verbal Remedies  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Adopting a Multi-disciplinary Approach in Emergency Medicine  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

5.00pm – 6.00pm  
Robots Who Know Themselves  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

6.00pm – 7.00pm  
50 Years of The Gaelic Books Council 1968 – 2018  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Dr Elly Barnes MBE: Educate & Celebrate  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

7.00pm – 8.30pm  
The Stoor — drama by Morina Young  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

8.00pm – 11.30pm  
Re-Analogue  
Spin, 10 Littlejohn Street, Aberdeen AB10 1FG

**Saturday 26th May**

10.00am – 11.00am  
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour  
Aberdeen Sports Village – Aquatics Centre Reception, Regent Walk

10.00am – 11.00am  
Aberdeen’s War: The Impact of the Great War on Aberdeen  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 1.00pm  
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour  
Aberdeen Sports Village – Aquatics Centre Reception, Regent Walk

10.00am – 11.00am  
Aberdeen’s War: A Story of Youth  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 11.00am  
Aberdeen’s War: The Impact of the Great War on Aberdeen  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

10.00am – 11.00am  
Aberdeen’s War: The Impact of the Great War on Aberdeen  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

10.30am – 12.30pm  
Book Binding Workshop and Talk  
Glucksman Conservation Centre, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library

11.00am – 12.00pm  
Access All Areas?  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm  
WWI Event: Poetry Book Launch with Martin Malone  
Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen

11.30am – 12.30pm  
Japan’s Support of Britain in WWI: An Overdue Reassessment of Japan’s Naval Contribution  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 12.45pm  
Rowett Institute Tour  
Rowett Institute, Foresterhill

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Access All Areas?  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour  
Aberdeen Sports Village – Aquatics Centre Reception, Regent Walk

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Rowett Institute Tour  
Rowett Institute, Foresterhill

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Access All Areas?  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

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Aberdeen Sports Village Tour  
Aberdeen Sports Village – Aquatics Centre Reception, Regent Walk

12.00pm – 1.00pm  
Rowett Institute Tour  
Rowett Institute, Foresterhill

10.00am – 1.45pm  
Data Debater: Health Data Science in Aberdeen, Past, Present and Future  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.30pm  
ABU Events  
University of Aberdeen

12.00pm – 1.45pm  
Rowett Institute Tour  
Rowett Institute, Foresterhill

1.00pm – 2.00pm  
Access All Areas?  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

1.00pm – 2.00pm  
Data Debater: Health Data Science in Aberdeen, Past, Present and Future  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

1.30pm – 3.00pm  
Cancer: From Chaos to Hope  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 2.30pm  
Guarana Street Band and Drum Stars  
King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 2.45pm  
Rowett Institute Tour  
Rowett Institute, Foresterhill

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Don’t forget to check out the **Mayhem** programme on pages 20 for events in the lead up to the main festival.
2.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Artist’s Talk: Age of Oil**  
The Gallery, Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Conducting – More Than Just Waving Your Arms?**  
Room 107, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 3.30pm  
**New Writing with Causeway/Cabshair**  
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Ethnic Minority Care Workers in our Community**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

2.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Duruflé: Requiem**  
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

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

2.00pm – 4.30pm  
**Finding Your Inner Songwriter: Song-writing Workshop with Kenn Clark**  
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

2.30pm – 4.30pm  
**‘An Evening in Queer Berlin’ with Keava Macmillan and Shane Strachan**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

2.30pm – 4.00pm  
**‘An Evening in Queer Berlin’ with Keava Macmillan and Shane Strachan**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Masculin/Fém inin**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Launch of Tea for the Rent Boy with Helen Lynch**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Aberdeen’s Invisible Superheroes**  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Duncan Gillies/Donnchadh MacGilliosa – Launch of The Colourful Coat/An Còta Dathach**  
Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Dun and 4.00pm  
**Baroque Opera Project: Handel’s Alcina**  
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Doing Science with Metaphors**  
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Aberdeen’s Invisible Superheroes**  
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
**Traditional Music Session**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

3.00pm – 4.00pm  
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Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

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Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

4.00pm – 5.00pm  
**Baroque Opera Project: Handel’s Alcina**  
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

4.00pm – 6.00pm  
**‘An Evening in Queer Berlin’ with Keava Macmillan and Shane Strachan**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

5.00pm – 6.00pm  
**Traditional Music Session**  
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

8.00pm – 10.00pm  
**Baroque Opera Project: Handel’s Alcina**  
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

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**May Festival Tours**

Look out for the great Tours on offer, including favourites such as the historic King’s College Chapel Tour and the wonderful Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour. Or come and explore the state-of-the-art Rowett Institute at Foresterhill. All tours are listed within the Main Programme pages 8–18.
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### DISCOVER

#### Aberdeen (Unis) Got Talent

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  **FREE/Booking Required**

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

It’s back for 2018! This fast-paced showcase where you ‘the audience’ get to vote for your favourite act from a selection of our aspiring researchers, each with just three minutes to impress and inspire. The winner will go through to the finals of the UK-wide Three Minute Thesis competition. Their fate is in your hands!

### ENVIRONMENT/TOURS

#### Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour

11.00am – 12.30pm  |  **FREE/Booking Required**

Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, University of Aberdeen

Join Mark Paterson, Curator of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, for a tour of the UK’s most northerly botanic garden. The 4.5 hectare (11 acres) property has over 2,500 species grown in picturesque settings, including an arboretum, a sunken garden and a stunning herbaceous border.  
*Please note some locations on this tour are not accessible by wheelchair.*

### TOURS/HISTORY & HERITAGE/WORD

#### 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage: Women’s Literary Heritage Walk

11.30am – 1.30pm  |  **FREE/Booking Required**

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 suffragettes and literary women, and hear fascinating stories of their achievements and contributions.

### DISCOVER/MUSIC/HISTORY & HERITAGE

#### Singing the Gospel along Scotland’s North-East Coast 1859-2009

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

Book signing: 1.00pm, Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Following three years of ethnomusicological fieldwork on the sacred singing traditions of evangelical Christians in North-East Scotland and Northern Isles coastal communities, Frances Wilkins documents and analyses current singing practices in her new book Singing the Gospel by placing them historically and contemporaneously within their respective faith communities.

### DISCOVER

#### Sinkholes of Insecurity: Structural Causes of Weaknesses in Six Arab Countries

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

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Hear from leading researchers who will present the main threats to security in the region following the 2011 uprising, and the role of foreign powers including the UK, EU and US. Come and find out about the Arab Transformations EU funded project focusing on the issue of security in the Arab World.

### MUSC

#### Organ Recital with Dr Ed Jones

12.00pm – 1.00pm  |  £10/£5/Booking Required

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Dr Ed Jones, organist of St Anne’s Cathedral Belfast, presents an exciting concert by composers J.S. Bach, Dupré Peeters and Guilmant. This concert is in collaboration with the Scotland’s Churches Trust.

### DISCOVER/ENVIRONMENT

#### Climate Change Perspectives

12.00pm – 1.30pm  |  **FREE/Booking Required**

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Climate change is one of the biggest societal challenges we face. At this event we will discuss the latest research, policy and public perceptions. Dr Daria Shapovalova from the School of Law will discuss the effectiveness of the Global Climate Change Regime and Dr Tavis Potts from the School of Geosciences will present current public perceptions on the oceans and climate change. There will be plenty of time for audience questions too.

### DISCOVER

#### Collections Close Up: Botanical Books

12.30pm – 2.30pm  |  **FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required**

Lower Ground Floor Seminar Room, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library

Enjoy this unique opportunity to view the magnificently illustrated botanical books from Special Collections. Each of our curators has chosen a favourite botanical book from the University’s collections. They will be on hand to turn the pages for you and to answer questions about the books. This Drop-in event is timed to coincide with the end of the first tour of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden.

*Supported by Friends of Aberdeen University Library.*
Friday 25 May

CELEBRATE YOUTH
Mindfulness Workshop
1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen
Want to improve your wellbeing, increase your awareness and pay more attention to the things that matter to you? Come along to our Mindfulness taster session. Here we’ll introduce you to skills that are scientifically proven to help you focus and stay calm, to build your resilience and improve your fulfilment. This event is suitable for Ages 16+ only.
Facilitated by AberdeenMindful, Mindful Stonehaven and Grampian Mindfulness Network.
Supported by Development Trust Student Experience Fund

GROWING UP, OUR DIFFERENT JOURNEYS COMBINED FOR AN EXHIBITION
1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Masters Students taking the ‘Curating an Exhibition’ course have been working on the summer exhibition about ‘Growing Up’ which is on display at King’s Museum. Shortly before the exhibition opens, they will share their thoughts about the topic and the process of turning these ideas into a public exhibition.
Supported by Development Trust Student Experience Fund

DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE
In Sickness and in Health: A History of Hospitals in Aberdeen
1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Join Fiona Musk, NHS Grampian Archivist, for an illustrated talk on the history of hospitals in Aberdeen using the extensive historic collections held by NHS Grampian and learn about the development of healthcare within the city.

DISCOVER
The Voyages of Zheng He, Then and Now
2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
This lecture from Professor Craig Clunas FBA, University of Oxford, will introduce the series of voyages made by imperial Chinese fleets in the early 15th century, commanded by the famous eunuch admiral Zheng He (1371 – 1433/35). Sailing across the Indian Ocean, as far as the east coast of Africa and into the Persian Gulf, these famed voyages have been variously understood as being about exploration, trade, or just about the prestige of the newly-founded Ming Empire. But what was their real purpose? And what role have they played in modern China’s understanding of its place in the world? This extensively-illustrated lecture will look at the rich visual and material evidence from Chinese art, and try to consider both the historical context and the present significance of Zheng He’s presence in ‘the Western Oceans’.
Hosted by the University of Aberdeen Confucius Institute

WORD
Shamiso Zvandasara
1.30pm – 2.30pm | £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 2.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Zimbabwean Shamiso Zvandasara is a singer, songwriter, poet and novelist, whose recent book, The Tale of Anerudo, a contemporary folktale, follows the struggles of the heroine to overcome the restrictions surrounding her in an engaging mixture of song lyrics and prose narrative. Contending with cerebral palsy from a young age herself, Zvandasara often addresses questions of gender equality, disability, mental health and albinism, and explores cultural practices and constraints on women within an African context.

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Friday 25 May

DISCOVER/WORD
Testimonies of Transition: Voices from the Scottish Diaspora
3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 4.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

At the heart of the Scottish diaspora lie stories of human adventure, achievement and adversity, narratives which are best expressed in the participants’ own words. Join Professor Marjory Harper as she explores the motives and experiences of migrants, settlers and returners by focusing on the personal testimony of a handful of the two million men, women and children who left Scotland in the twentieth century.

DISCOVER/SCIENCE
Robots Who Know Themselves
5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

The robot ‘hosts’ in the television series Westworld start a revolution when they become self-aware. What is self-awareness, and how likely is a computer to acquire it? Recent work in philosophy and artificial intelligence give clues about what artificial self-awareness might look like and whether we should embrace it.

Public lecture for the Leverhulme International Network Project: ‘What’s So Special about First-Person Thought?’

DISCOVER
Scotland 2030: Aberdeen and the North East
3.00pm – 4.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Scotland’s Futures Forum – the Scottish Parliament’s in-house think tank – launched its Scotland 2030 programme in 2017. Billed as an exploration of Scotland’s culture and society, the programme will ask what kind of country do we want Scotland to be in 2030? With an expert panel drawn from politics, business and the arts, this event will consider the challenges and opportunities facing the City and region over the next decade and a half.

DISCOVER
Leading! Exploring What We Mean by ‘Leadership’
4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Last century saw a phenomenal growth in ‘leadership’ literature. But do we really understand this often used word? And will it continue to hold significance in the 21st century as distributed leadership, collaboration and cooperation become interest? This event will explore concepts of and motives and experiences of leadership with Neil McLennan from the School of Education.

WORD
Book Launch of Another Dose of Verbal Remedies
4.30pm – 5.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Location: Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

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

By popular request, a third chapbook of the best creative writing by medical students, selected and edited by Helen Lynch. Contributors will read from their work and talk about the experience and benefits of writing from a medical point of view.

This event is organised by the WORD Centre in partnership with University of Aberdeen School of Medicine and Aberdeen Box Office 01224 641122

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DISCOVER/SCIENCE
50 Years of The Gaelic Books Council 1968 – 2018
6.00pm – 7.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 7.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Celebrate The Gaelic Books Council’s 50th anniversary with an exhibition and readings by award-winning authors Alison Lang and Sandy NicDhòmhnnaill Jones. Poet, singer and harpist Sandy NicDhòmhnnaill Jones is a versatile and intriguing new voice in Gaelic poetry, winning Scotland’s Wigtown Poetry Prize in 2013 and Ireland’s Col. Eoghain Ui Néill Prize in 2014. Sandy has a home in South Uist and strong affiliations with the Hebrides, reflected in her latest collection, Crotal Ruadh/Red Lichen. Alison Lang is a celebrated novelist and short story writer in Gaelic and English, who also writes drama for television, radio and stage. Her books have been shortlisted for Donald Meek and Saltire Society awards. Her latest novel, Am Balach Beag a dh’Eisteadh aig Dorsan (The Little Boy who Listened at Doors), was launched by Luath Press in March 2018.


This event is sponsored by Comann Mhàthair an Leabhraichean | The Gaelic Books Council

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Friday 25 May

**CELEBRATE YOUTH**

Dr Elly Barnes MBE: 
Educat & Celebrate

6.30pm – 7.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Dr Elly Barnes MBE will share her experiences of how to effectively transform your school, college, university or organisation into an LGBT+ friendly place. As a long serving teacher, Elly developed her Educate & Celebrate Award – an accredited Best Practice Programme which hundreds of schools have accessed. Elly will take you on a journey to the land of social justice where we are all treated equally and fairly!

Supported by Development Trust Student Experience Fund

**WORD**

The Stoor – drama by Morna Young

7.00pm – 8.30pm | £6/£4/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

A story of wealth, power and privilege, The Stoor has been developed by North East writer Morna Young through her role as the Dr Gavin Wallace Fellow 2017. Through this Fellowship Morna has explored the theme ‘the Folk, the Language and the Landscape of the North East’.

In partnership with Freshly Squeezed Productions, Aberdeen City Council’s Creative Learning Department and Aberdeen Performing Arts

**WORD**

Re-Analogue

8.00pm – 11.30pm (doors open 7.30pm)

£3 on the door/No Booking Required

Spin, 10 Littlejohn Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1FG

Come along to Spin to celebrate young writing talent with some of the University’s Creative Writing Masters students and members of the Creative Writing Society, among others. Re-Analogue is a loose collective for the North East, a creative emporium of delightful (ir)regular nights hell-bent on injecting a wee bit of incandescence into Aberdonian proceedings; be it through literary performance, live music, artistic exhibition, or some other fantastical avenue.

Saturday 26 May

**WORD**

Re-tuning the Harp of the North: Editing Walter Scott’s Poetry

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/Booking Required

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 11.00am, May Tent, King’s Lawn

Walter Scott’s poetry has had little critical attention in recent years but it was the foundation upon which his fame was built. Staff from the University of Aberdeen are now preparing a new edition of his poetry to be published in 10 volumes. The first volume to appear, Marmion, will be published this summer. Ainsley McIntosh and Alison Lumsdon will discuss the challenges they have faced in editing Scott and the rewards to be found in reading his poetry.

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Aberdeen’s War: The Impact of the Great War on Aberdeen

10.00am – 11.00am | £3/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

2018 marks the centenary of the armistice of the Great War in 1918. The First World War was one of the defining events of the 20th century and its impact was felt keenly here in Aberdeen. Join Chris Croly to examine some of the ways the war impacted on Aberdeen.

**SPORT/TOUR**

Aberdeen Sports Village Tour

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/Booking Required

Meeting Point: Aberdeen Sports Village – Aquatics Centre Reception, Regent Walk

Join us for a tour of our premier sport and exercise facility, where we host an array of world class sporting facilities both indoor and outdoor that will easily cater for the needs of everyone from recreational exerciser to elite athlete.

**DISCOVER/SCIENCE**

Global Women’s Health

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/Booking Required

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Women make up half the population of the world and are key to supporting partners, children, families and communities. However in many countries, the health problems that women face may be a very low priority. With researchers from the Universities of Aberdeen and Cape Town, we will be looking at the different challenges that women face around the world. We will take you through the day of two women; one in Grampian and one in South Africa, to understand different challenges but also approaches to transforming the lives of women for the better.

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**FOOD & DRINK**
Produce Market
10.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

A firm May Festival favourite, tickle your taste buds at our annual produce market which will be busy with a variety of stallholders showcasing and selling their products including Ola Oils, Udny Provender and Salad Worx to name but a few.

**SCIENCE/Celebrate Youth**
Scientists on the Spot
10.30am – 11.30am | FREE/Booking Required
New King’s 14, University of Aberdeen

Come along and watch scientists face tough questions from our challenging presenters. The SHMU Youth Media Team will pose the questions and showcase their latest short film about what science means to them. Audience participation will be encouraged too!

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**
Book Binding Workshop and Talk
10.30am – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Glucksman Conservation Centre, Special Collections Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library

Please note: to book tickets for this event email the Special Collections Centre at scc.events@abdn.ac.uk

Come to the Special Collections Centre for a morning of bookbinding. Learn practical skills from our Book Conservator and make your own mini-notebook in the Glucksman Conservation Centre. Then discover the beautiful rare bindings in the Special Collections with expert guidance from our Rare Books Cataloguer. (Please note: This event is usually over-booked with a waiting list. If you cannot attend, please let us know so that we can allocate your place to someone else.)

Supported by the Wellcome Trust and Children In Need Curiosity fund to create change for young people in the UK.

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**
Rowett Institute Tour
12.00pm – 12.45pm | FREE/Booking Required
Meeting Point: Rowett Institute, Reception Area, Foresterhill

Rowett staff will be on hand to show you around this state-of-the-art building, and you will hear about some of the cutting edge research currently underway at the facility. There will also be an opportunity to taste some samples from the latest Rowett Institute recipe book.

**WORD**

**WWI Event: Poetry Book Launch with Martin Malone**
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen

Book signing: 12.00pm, Blackwells Bookshop

Book Launch for Mr Willet’s Summartime, Martin Malone’s latest collection of poetry, inspired by WWI themes. Martin Malone edits The Interpreter’s House literary journal and has published two previous poetry collections: The Waiting Hillside (Templar, 2011) and Cur (Shoestring, 2015). An Honorary Fellow of the WORD Centre for Creative Writing at the University of Aberdeen, he was recently awarded a PhD from Sheffield University for his work on First World War Poetry.

**CELEBRATE YOUTH/DISCOVER**
Exploring Childhood
11.00am – 3.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Ground Floor Events Space, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Come and explore childhood! A hands-on experience to find out about how people have grown up in different times and places in a fun-filled family adventure. Organised by students working with the University’s Museums and Special Collections, Join us for arts, crafts and other activities.

Supported by the Development Trust Student Experience Fund and the Friends of Aberdeen University Library.

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**
Japan’s Support of Britain in WWI: An Overdue Reassessment of Japan’s Naval Contribution
11.30am – 12.30pm | £3/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Histories of the Great War have tended to either ignore Japan’s role or dismiss it as too little, too late, with Japan merely acting in its own interests. Join Professor Ian Gow OBE as he explores the reality of Japan’s role in the war, which included dispatch of Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) ships to protect British troops and supply ships under attack from German submarines in the Mediterranean, and reflect on reasons for why Japan’s role has been dismissed or neglected.

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**DISCOVER**

**Dancing with Chinese Dragons: Chinese Intercultural Communication**
12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

In our connected world people have more opportunities than ever to visit, conduct business with and study in other countries. Communication is more than just language, there are also cultural differences. Value systems, as the core of a culture, have a deep impact upon verbal and non-verbal communication. This lecture from Professor Wei Xiong, Wuhan University, will compare examples of cross cultural communication as well as making useful suggestions for further communication.

Hosted by the University of Aberdeen Confucius Institute

**SCIENCE**

**Soap Box Science**
12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required

King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Soapbox Science is coming to Aberdeen for the first time! This novel platform will see female scientists from around the local area stand on their soapboxes for an hour, to explain some science, complete with props, and lots of audience interaction.

**WORD**

**Sophie Collins & Helen McClory**
12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

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

Join award-winning writer Helen McClory, whose new novel *Flesh of the Peach*, set in New Mexico, New York and Cornwall, charts a young woman’s ‘journey into and out of grief and rage via sex and violence’. Also Sophie Collins: an exciting contemporary poet whose work appeared in *If I’m Scared We Can’t Win*, Penguin’s *Introducing Modern Poets* series in 2017. Her solo collection, *Who is Mary Sue?*, is out this year.

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**DISCOVER/SCIENCE**

**Data Debater: Health Data Science in Aberdeen, Past, Present and Future**
1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

At this debate, we will look at health data science in Aberdeen, past, present and future, considering the benefits and challenges. The Aberdeen Centre for Health Data Science is a partnership between the University of Aberdeen, NHS Grampian and NHS Research & Development North Node. Its aim is to bring together people and expertise from existing Centre’s of Excellence for Health and Data Science, with clinical colleagues to establish a vibrant, multidisciplinary research environment to address the health challenges of our local community, and population health nationally and across the globe.

**SCIENCE/WORD**

**Cancer: From Chaos to Hope**
1.30pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

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

When we are ill, we seek healing through modern medical science. But the experience may also prompt us to ask deep questions about meaning and significance. In this candid talk, *The Revd. Dr. Gillian Straine* will explore her story of a cancer diagnosis at the age of 21, and how she moved from the chaos of a serious illness into the hope and order that emerged in treatment and in remission. Drawing on her work as a physiicist, and a Christian theologian, she will consider the role of human experience at the heart of health and healing, and offer tools and encouragement for people to make sense of their own stories of cancer and illness in order that healing may be found.

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**MUSIC/CELEBRATE YOUTH**

Guarana Street Band & Drum Stars

2.00pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required

King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

The Guarana street drumming group is the wackiest bunch of street-drumming maniacs you are likely to encounter just about anywhere. Founded in 2003, they have been seen (and heard) regularly at festivals, galas, and community events in and around Aberdeen and throughout Scotland and England. In this performance the youth band (Drum Stars) will join forces with the adult band (Guarana) to give a performance that you will not want to miss!

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**WORD**

New Writing with Causeway/Cabshair

2.00pm – 3.30pm | 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 Ashleigh Angus, Adam Kealley, Lily Greenall, Helen Steadman, Joanna Vadenbring, Mark Riley, Tom Byam Shaw, Kate Hodges and Jan Simpson. Also features literary magazine Causeway/Cabhsair, which publishes new writing by Irish and Scottish writers in all the languages of both countries and seeks to highlight the work of both new and established writers.

This event is supported by University of Aberdeen Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies

**DISCOVER**

Ethnic Minority Care Workers in Our Community

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Many elderly people in our communities are cared for by minority workers. Come and join the discussion about how to help bridge cultures within our communities with representatives from the ‘Minority Ethnic Carers of Older People Project’.

**VISION/DISCOVER**

Artist’s Talk: Age of Oil

2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Booking Required

The Gallery, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Find out what it was like working as an artist on an oil platform. Sue Jane Taylor has worked in some of the most remote and difficult conditions whilst documenting Scotland’s offshore industry. This talk is part of the exhibition ‘Age of Oil’ developed in association with National Museums Scotland.

Supported by Friends of Aberdeen University Library

**MUSIC**

Duruflé: Requiem

3.00pm – 4.00pm | £10/£5/Booking Required

King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

The Choir of King’s College Aberdeen presents the iconic masterpiece, Requiem by Maurice Duruflé, for choir, soloists and organ. We are thrilled to be joined by organist Dr Ed Jones who is an alumnus of the University of Aberdeen and currently the organist at St Anne’s Cathedral in Belfast.

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Decoding the Hidden Messages in Communication
3.00pm — 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
In everyday life, we often need to express ourselves indirectly to avoid losing face (“Your work does have room for improvement.”). This talk will demonstrate how body language such as gestures, facial expressions, and eye contact can facilitate the decoding of the indirect message in a conversation.

Hedda
3.00pm — 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
In this interdisciplinary performance, Dancer/Choreographer Imogene Newland, Visual Artist Kate Steenhuaver, and Sound Artist Suk-Jun Kim create a dialogue between movement, sound and Japanese ink drawings unfolding live on a screen through a projector. The dialogue focusses on the malfunctioning of the human body and mind in different stages of life.

100 Years of Women’s Suffrage; Women Everyone Should Know About, with Hannah Jewell
3.30pm — 4.30pm | £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
A pop culture host and editor at The Washington Post, Hannah Jewell came to prominence as a senior writer at BuzzFeed UK, known for writing about gender with wit and humor and her satire of British and American politics. Born in the UK, she grew up in California and studied Middle East politics and International Relations at Berkeley and Cambridge. Now, she combines her background in history and politics with her love of the internet to write about remarkable women of the past with an accessible, hilarious, and sometimes sweary style.

India and Ireland: Connected Imperial Pasts
4.00pm — 5.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Ireland and India were both British colonies, this talk will explore the ways that they were interconnected, from Gerald Angier, the Irish founding father of Bombay in the 17th century to the 2017 election of Leo Varadkar, the son of an Indian born doctor, as the Prime Minister, or Taoiseach, of Ireland. Explore these fascinating connections and learn about this lesser known aspect of Britain’s imperial past. A drinks reception will follow in James MacKay Hall.

Tackling Killer Fungi
4.30pm — 5.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Lethal fungal infections and antimicrobial resistance are becoming a global health threat. Join Dr Fiona Rudkin to discuss how researchers at the University of Aberdeen are tackling these issues through the creation of a spinout company focused on generating a new class of antifungal drugs which are effective against resistant infections.

Nan Shepherd: Into the Mountain
4.30pm — 5.30pm | £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 5.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Join biographer Charlotte Peacock in conversation with Alison Lumsden to explore the life and writing of Nan Shepherd, recently featured on the Scottish five pound note and a brilliant novelist, poet and nature writer, as well as also one of the first women to graduate from the University of Aberdeen. Charlotte Peacock’s Into the Mountain: A Biography of Nan Shepherd, which The Scotsman described as ‘an admirable work’ and ‘a necessary book’, was published in November 2017.

Extreme Rainfall and Floods in Arid Regions
5.30pm — 6.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
This talk explores whether rare but extreme flooding in arid sub-Saharan countries helps to replenish the scarce water resources or whether it is a blessing in disguise by concurrently resulting in contamination of these resources. Hear about the problems and opportunities for mitigating the impacts of floods and droughts in these environments.

Denise Mina: The Long Drop
6.00pm — 7.00pm | £6/£4/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 7.00pm, Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
The Long Drop is Denise Mina’s first foray into true crime. It is the story of Peter Manuel, a serial killer operating in 1950s Glasgow. True crime stories always have two versions: the official verdict and the story people tell each other. Sometimes the difference is staggering. One not to miss!
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**WORD**

**Sheena Blackhall**

10.00am – 11.00am | £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 11.00am, May Tent, King's Lawn

Sheena Blackhall is a writer, illustrator, traditional ballad singer and storyteller, who became Makar for Aberdeen and the North-East in 2009. An Honorary Fellow of the WORD Centre for Creative Writing, she has published four Scots novellas, twelve short story collections, over eighty poetry collections, and her Doric translations range from *The Gruffalo* to *Jane Eyre*.

**Donald S. Murray**

12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 1.00pm, May Tent, King's Lawn

Donald S. Murray has written much about islands and the seabirds that fly around them, and about weaving, fishing and other trades and traditions associated with island life. His latest work, *The Dark Stuff: Stories from the Peatlands* examines the ways in which moorland landscapes have shaped cultures and communities throughout the world and continue to inform our perceptions as sources both of fear and comfort.

**MUSIC**

**Polish Scottish Songs**

11.00am – 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 University of Aberdeen Elphinstone Institute, will be performing songs to celebrate the musical cultures of both countries.

**VISION/MUSIC**

**The Highland Frames**

12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
King's Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Look out for our six minute pop-up combination of high opera costume drama and madcap slapstick humor, involving one singer and a clarinetist; as well as an all Scottish plot incorporating Kelpie folklore, contemporary sporting heroes such as Sir Chris Hoy and Hannah Miley – and the audience!

**DISCOVER/SCIENCE**

**Mysterious Microbes**

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

Join us on a journey of exploring the microscopic world that holds the secrets to some of the greatest discoveries. A snapshot of fascinating stories about microbes, from the natural environment to bacterial warfare.

**DISCOVER**

**Chapel Service – Chaos and Order: Faith, Science and the Arts**

11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required
King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

The Revd. Dr Gillian Straine is a published scientist and ordained Anglican priest. She comes to preach this morning on the issues of science, faith and the arts. We often suppose them to be antagonistic and in opposition. Come and hear how much we have to learn!

**CELEBRATE YOUTH**

**Hall of Mayhem**

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

Lots of fun, interactive and hands-on stalls for all the family! Hunt for mini beasts, learn about DNA with lego and find out about some of the awesome wildlife in Aberdeenshire, plus much more. One for all the family to enjoy, all ages welcome.

Supported by the Development Trust Student Experience Fund

**DISCOVER/SCIENCE/SPORT**

**Walk With Ease: From the US to the UK**

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Come and learn how *Walk With Ease*, an American walking programme for people with arthritis, was introduced here in Scotland. Results from the study will be shared along with ways you can get more active here in Aberdeen. Join us for a walk after the talk, and learn first-hand why *Walk With Ease* is so popular!
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**DISCOVER/SCIENCE/SPORT**

Walk With Ease: From the US to the UK Walking Tour

1.30pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required
Meeting Point: Foyer of Regent Building, University of Aberdeen
Join us for a walk and learn first-hand why Walk With Ease is so popular! The walk will start at Regent Walk, just outside the Regent Building, and will take in some of the beautiful Old Aberdeen university campus. It will be 30 minutes long and is suitable for all ages and capabilities.

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Hay of Seaton Memorial Talk

1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Dr Beth Lord will deliver an illustrated talk on ‘Spinoza’ with a focus on the ideas that derive from the Jewish tradition of thought.

**WORD/DISCOVER**

Launch of Tea for the Rent Boy with Helen Lynch

1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 2.30pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn
Helen Lynch teaches at the University of Aberdeen and is Co-Director of the WORD Centre for Creative Writing. She also plays in the all-female North-East ceilidh band, Danse McCabre. The Elephant and the Polish Question, an interlinked sequence of stories set against the backdrop of the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, was published in 2009. Join her to celebrate the launch of Tea for the Rent Boy, her second collection, which continues to explore the impact of time and place on the psyches of individuals, from seventeenth-century North America to the First World War, with a cast that includes Polish office-cleaners, Scottish farm workers, Yorkshire agoraphobics, French nuns and Brazilian nannies.

**DISCOVER/TOURS/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

King’s College Campus Tour

1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Meeting Point: King’s Museum – Old Town House, University of Aberdeen
Discover all about the history and architecture of our beautiful King’s College campus. Join Professor Jane Geddes to learn about her latest research and uncover some hidden corners of Old Aberdeen.

**DISCOVER/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

The Kinellar Experience

1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
New King’s 14, University of Aberdeen
Young Travellers and friends from Kinellar Primary have come together to learn, play, and share songs and stories. Now they would like to share them with you!

**VISION**

A Life in Television

1.30pm – 1.00pm | £3/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Join Graham Stuart, University of Aberdeen alumnus and Managing Director of So Television, one of the UK’s most successful television production companies, for this special in-conversation style event. Hear about his television life from Aberdeen Student Television to Scotsport, and all the way to the Bafta and Emmy award winning The Graham Norton Show.

**MUSIC**

Baroque Opera Project: Handel’s Alcina

2.00pm – 4.00pm | £12 advance booking/£15 on the door
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
Dreams and illusions enwrap the magical island of the sorceress Alcina, where the warrior Ruggiero struggles to escape her perilous enchantments! Will the brave princess Bradamante rescue him with the magic ring? Join the Early Music Ensembles for their fourth staged baroque opera project, performed with historical instruments.

**DISCOVER/TOURS/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Hay of Seaton Tour: University of Aberdeen and Seaton Park

2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Meeting point: Cloisters at the front of Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
Join Anne-Michelle Slater and Chris Croly from the University of Aberdeen to tour areas of the University and Seaton Park that are associated with Malcom Vivian Hay, the last Laird of Seaton Estate and one of the most intriguing men in Aberdeen’s recent history. He was a historian, a cryptographer and mathematician. And he led the way in arguing that, during the Second World War, the Nazis were systematically attempting to exterminate the Jews. He went on to argue for the creation of a Jewish State.

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**WORD/MUSIC**

**Find Your Inner Songwriter:**
Song-writing Workshop with Kenn Clark

2.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Multimedia Room, University of Aberdeen

Kenn has written and played music of various styles, from rock and pop to folk, with some blues and country thrown in. The workshop will be less about formal learning, and more of a forum for exchanging and encouraging ideas, exploring writing styles, arrangements and structure, and trying to unlock the inner songwriter in you. (Bring an instrument along if you want, but it is not necessary).

*This event is sponsored by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association*

**WORD/GAELIC**

**Duncan Gillies/Donnchadh MacGilliosa – Launch of The Colourful Coat/An Còta Dathach**

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Blackwells Bookshop, 99 High Street, Old Aberdeen

Book signing: 4.00pm, Blackwells Bookshop

Celebrating 50 years of the Gaelic Books Council join Ness author Duncan Gillies for the launch of his latest collection of Gaelic short fiction, An Còta Dathach agus Sgeulachdan Eile/The Colourful Coat and Other Stories. Noted for his fine language and intimate knowledge of character, Gillies’ stories are full of amusing and empathic life, as the feelings, difficulties and philosophies of animals and humans alike, whether at home, on the road or on the moor, are thought-provokingly explored.

*Le bhithe a’ comharrachd le ùdh laidh de Chomhairle nan Leòdhrasachd, nach tig sibh an cuidceil Dhan-choillidh Mhicilleola à Nìs’s e a’ cur far comhair a chuid sgríobhadhacheach na ùire, An Còta Dathach agus Sgeulachdan Eile, Aithreichte ’son a ghrinneas sgrìobhadhach agus a chuid eòlais air gach charachr, tha MacGilliosa a’ toirt dhùinn sgrìobhadhachta thainneach a tha an dà chuid eirmseach agus dhuineachd ’s e a’ croinndh ann do dhòireadh, air gach freastal a bhios ri buadhadh air mac-an-duine agus air ainmhridh, co-dhiù tha sin air an rathad mhòr, fo chabair an taighde no air farsaingeachd na mòintich.*

*This event is hosted in partnership with Grampian Pride*

**WORD/VISION**

**‘An Evening in Queer Berlin’ with Keava MacMillan and Shane Strachan**

3.00pm – 4.30pm | £3/Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

‘An Evening in Queer Berlin’ is a unique combination of a talk, reading, screening, and exhibition which introduces audiences to the fascinating history of queer Berlin in the Weimar era. Keava McMillan and Shane Strachan present an overview of the thriving LGBTQ culture of 1920s Berlin, guiding the audience though the nightlife, social clubs, and activist organisations which gave the city a reputation as a haven for gay and transgender people. This vibrant world is brought to life through a series of readings and a small exhibition. The talk sets the scene for a screening of the silent film *Different from the Others*. Starring Conrad Veidt, this 1919 film features a gay protagonist and openly agitates for LGBT rights.

*This event is sponsored by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association*

**SCIENCE/HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Aberdeen’s Invisible Superheroes**

4.00pm – 5.00pm | £3/Booking Required
King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Ever wondered about the people behind the transport, water, flooding and energy infrastructure on which our quality of life depends? Join civil engineers John Flett and Kevin Burnett, who will share the story of Aberdeen’s infrastructure from our historic harbour and the iconic Marischal College to the AWPR. This Café 200 talk is part of a series taking place across the UK to mark the Institution of Civil Engineer’s 200th anniversary.

**MUSIC**

**Traditional Music Session**

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Drop-in/No Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

An informal traditional music session hosted by the Elphinstone Institute and Scottish Culture and Traditions (SC&T). Anyone is welcome to join SC&T tutors, participants, and other local musicians for a few tunes and find out about the upcoming North Atlantic Fiddle Convention and other exciting events and projects that are coming up.

**MUSIC**

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Artwork by Sue Jane Taylor  
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FREE/ Drop-in/ No Booking Required  
The Gallery, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, Bedford Road, University of Aberdeen  
Sue Jane Taylor has worked in some of the most remote and challenging industrial environments in Scotland, yet through her work she brings personal, often poignant moments of recollection to describe a unique period in human history – the Age of Oil. In 2017, the National Museums Scotland exhibition Age of Oil showcased the work that visual artist Sue Jane Taylor had created in response to the decommissioning of structures in the North Sea. We are delighted to be able to open an adaptation of the exhibition here in Aberdeen, a place so closely connected with the artist’s subject.

**Wellbeing, Equity and Education**  
Opening hours: 25 April – 28 September: Mon – Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm  
FREE/ Drop-in/ No Booking Required  
MacRobert Building ArtSpace, University of Aberdeen  
An exhibition by author and academic Jennifer Spratt and printmaker Roderick Scott. Jennifer Spratt’s research examines discourses of wellbeing in relation to the aims of schooling. In response to this work, Roderick Scott has made a series of linocut prints using kite flying to represent wellbeing.

**The Scottish Warrior**  
Opening hours: Open now – 26 May: Tues – Fri: 1.00pm – 4.30pm, Sat 26 May: 1.00pm – 4.30pm  
FREE/ Drop-in/ No Booking Required  
King’s Museum, High Street, University of Aberdeen  
This student-curated exhibition in King’s Museum invites visitors to challenge their perceptions of the ‘Scottish Warrior’. The exhibition will explore how Scottish warriors have been interpreted through history and seek to discover how the popular idea of the warrior was created. Spanning from prehistory to the World Wars the exhibition will draw upon the University of Aberdeen’s Museum collections alongside loans from the Gordon Highlanders Museum.

**Moving Minds**  
Opening hours: 25 May – 27 May: 11.00am – 5.00pm  
FREE/ Drop-in/ No Booking Required  
James MacKay Hall, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen  
What is life like for Scottish Travellers today? This exhibition explores their lives on the road and the social issues that they face.

**Visit our Information Stalls:**  
To hear the latest from the RSPB and mental health charity SAMH. Learn more about the latest developments in pregnancy healthcare and the current work undertaken in health data science. And much more!  
FREE/ Drop-in/ No Booking Required,  
The May Tent, King’s Lawn  
Fri 25 – Sun 27: 10am – 4pm
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!

PechaKucha: The Next Big Thing
Tuesday 22 May, 6.00pm – 7.30pm | FREE/Booking Required
Belmont Filmhouse, Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1JS
An evening of inspired thoughts captured in 6 minutes and 40 seconds. At this PechaKucha event you will hear from up and coming researchers presenting the innovative and fascinating topics they are exploring at the University of Aberdeen. The night brings together science, art, research and fresh ideas. PechaKucha runs in over 500 cities across the world, gathering people together in a relaxed, simple and enjoyable format to share their work, meet and network. (Tickets can be booked via Belmont Filmhouse at www.belmontfilmhouse.com or by phone on 01224 343500)

Café Scientifique
Intergenerational Communication: Aging and Social Attention
Wednesday 23 May, 7.00pm – 8.45pm | FREE/No Booking Required
Waterstones, Aberdeen
The way that we process information about other people changes as we age. Is this linked to cognitive and motivational changes? Can intergenerational contact, such as introducing nurseries to care homes, influence social communication? Join Professor Louise Phillips from the University of Aberdeen’s Psychology department for an interactive discussion.

NAFCo at the Blue Lamp
Celebrating North-East Traditional Music
Friday 25 May, 9.00pm – Late | £5 – Booking Required, 16+ only
The Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, Aberdeen AB25 1BU
An informal concert featuring performances of Scottish traditional music by local groups from Aberdeen and the North-East of Scotland. Join us for a taste of what is to come in this summer’s North Atlantic Fiddle Convention. (Tickets available through www.northatlanticfiddle.com or by calling the Elphinstone Institute on 01224 272996)

Grampian Pride
Saturday 26 May, 10.30am onwards
Various venues throughout the city
The Grampian Pride parade will commence from Albyn Place at 10.30am, proceed along Union Street and finish at Castlegate. Everyone is welcome to join and help us celebrate LGBT+ equality. (For more details about the programme of events visit www.grampianpride.org)

Café Med
Happy Hearts
Monday 28 May, 6.00pm – 7.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required
Suttie Centre Café, Foresterhill
We all know exercise is good for us but how does it help our hearts? We will explore current research into exercise based interventions to improve heart health, including its relationship with diabetes. Join Dr Dana Dawson (Reader in Cardiovascular Medicine) and Dr Sam Philip (Consultant Physician in Diabetes and Endocrinology, NHS Grampian) for this fascinating discussion.

Team Reasoning with Professor David Papineau from King’s College London
Thursday 14 June, Lecture: 6pm – 7.15pm, Film: 7.25pm – 9.30pm, FREE/Booking Required
Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen AB10 1JS
Margaret Thatcher said “There is no such thing as society, only individuals”. Most economists and biologist agree, and as a result find much cooperative human behaviour puzzling. But in truth humans often operate as teams, not individuals, and succeed precisely because of this. Sporting success is the most obvious example, but the moral is a general one. (Tickets can be booked via Belmont Filmhouse at www.belmontfilmhouse.com or by phone on 01224 343900)
**Children’s Festival Programme**  
Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 2018

**Come and join the Mayhem**

The children and family programme offers a range of fun, interactive and creative events for children of all ages. This year’s programme is particularly special as we **Celebrate Youth** as part of Scotland’s Year of Young People. Events include conquering obstacle courses, participating in circus performances and helping children and parents to relax and manage stress. ALL events are **FREE** but some events require booking.

**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.
Saturday 26 May

Book your tickets now [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)
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**Scientists on the spot!**

10.30am – 11.30am | New King's 14, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 10+

Come along and watch scientists face tough questions from our challenging presenters. The SHMU Youth Media Team will pose the questions and showcase their latest short film about what science means to them. Audience participation will be encouraged too.

This event is funded by the Wellcome Trust and Children In Need Curiosity fund to create change for young people in the UK.

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**Stories and Songs: Traditional Traveller Encampment**

11.00am – 11.30am | Caravan & Bow Tent, King's Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

Stories and songs as they were meant to be heard – for adults and children – with Jess Smith, Essie Stewart, and Jimmy Williamson around our traditional Traveller encampment.

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**‘Relax Kids’-for Parents and Children**

11.00am – 12.00pm | Drama Studio, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 3 – 7

A seven step programme of activities taking children from a high energy to a low energy. Sessions support children’s mental and emotional wellbeing and give them the tools to manage stress and be more resilient, calm and confident. ‘Relax Kids’ helps children learn valuable mindfulness and relaxation tools, develop good mental health, improve self-esteem, manage anger, anxiety and stress and to feel happier.

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**Exploring Childhood**

11.00am – 1.00pm | Ground Floor Events Space, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
FREE/No Booking Required/ Drop-in | All Ages

Come and explore childhood! A hands-on experience to find out how people have grown up in different times and places in a fun-filled family adventure. Organised by students working with the University’s Museums and Special Collections. Join us for arts, crafts and other activities.

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**Festival Face Painter**

12.00pm – 4.00pm | May Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
£3.50 per child | No Booking Required/Drop-in

Come and visit Ulianka for some creative fun face art!

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**Circus Workshop**

12.00pm – 4.00pm | King's Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-in | All Ages

Come along and learn the art of entertaining at this circus workshop! Scotty’s Circus is a drop-in workshop where you can learn lots of different circus skills including plate spinning, diablos, fun wheels, skipping and stilts. It is great interactive fun for all the family.

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**Aberdeen Sports Village Obstacle Course**

12.00pm – 4.00pm | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 2 – 8

A day of fitness and fun! Come and join the team from the Aberdeen Sports Village and see if you have what it takes to conquer their obstacle course, as well as a range of other sporting activities on offer.

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**Stick Man, Oh Stick Man!**

12.30pm – 1.30pm | Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 2 – 8

Come and explore the wonderful Cruickshank Botanic Garden with Mandy Tulloch of Mud Pies and find the perfect stick to turn into your very own Stick Man, Stick Lady Love or Stick Children Three, with the help of some blu-tac and googly eyes.

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**Storytime with ‘Tilly & the Tooth Fairy’ and Friends**

1.00pm – 2.00pm | New King’s 1, University of Aberdeen | FREE/Booking Required | Ages 3 – 8
Book signing: 2.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Join local storyteller Brian G Chambers and Steve Wilko for an interactive storytelling session based on a number of Brian’s bestselling picture books including ‘Tilly & the Tooth Fairy’, Benny the Blackbird and Sally the Seagull’ and ‘Philip the Flying Pig’.

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**‘Relax Kids’-for Parents and Children**

1.00pm – 2.00pm | Drama Studio, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 8 – 12

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Saturday 26 May

Guarana Street Band and Drum Stars

2.00pm – 2.30pm | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

The Guarana street drumming group is the wackiest bunch of street-drumming maniacs you are likely to encounter just about anywhere. Founded in 2003, they have been seen (and heard) regularly at festivals, galas, and community events in and around Aberdeen and throughout Scotland and England. In this performance the youth band (Drum Stars) will join forces with the adult band (Guarana) to give a performance that you will not want to miss.

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Conducting – More Than Just Waving Your Arms?

2.00pm – 3.00pm | Room 107, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 2 – 8

Have you ever looked at an orchestra and wondered what a conductor actually does? Come along and have a go at conducting and discover how a maestro is made! No musical experience necessary.

Stories and Songs: Traditional Traveller Encampment

2.30pm – 3.00pm | Caravan & Bow Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

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Sunday 27 May

Ceòl agus Spòrs (Music and fun)

10.00am – 11.00am | Old Senate Room, 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.

‘Relax Kids’ – for Parents and Children

11.00am – 12.00pm | Drama Studio, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 1 – 7

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Fèis Bheag (Wee Fèis)

12.00pm – 1.00pm | Old Senate Room, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 5 – 7

Come along and try out some fun activities you could do at a Fèis Bheag. You will sing some Gaelic 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.

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Sunday 27 May

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Aberdeen Sports Village Obstacle Course
12.00pm – 4.00pm | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
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Festival Face Painter
12.00pm – 4.00pm | Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
£1.50 per child | No Booking Required/Drop-in

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

Lots of fun interactive, hands on stalls for all the family! Hunt for mini beasts, learn about DNA and find out about some of the awesome wildlife in Aberdeenshire, plus much more. Soft play for the wee ones too! One for all the family to enjoy, all ages welcome.

‘Relax Kids’ - for Parents and Children
1.00pm – 2.00pm | Drama Studio, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 8 – 12

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Badger the Mystical Mutt
1.00pm – 2.00pm | New King’s 1, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Age 5–9

Book signing: 2.00pm, May Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Come and meet the star of this chart-topping illustrated children’s book series! Badger the Mystical Mutt – a loveable, toast eating dog with a heart of gold, dodgy magic skills and a peculiar time-travelling machine – is a dependable friend ready to entertain and enchant you. With high fives, high paws and live magic, you can be sure that Badger will enjoy showing off and wagging his tail at the University of Aberdeen May Festival.

Stories and Songs: Traditional Traveller Encampment
2.00pm – 2.30pm | Caravan & Bow Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

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Fèis Mhòr (Big Fèis)
2.00pm – 4.00pm | Old Senate Room, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | Ages 8 – 18

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 do some drama. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event and you can learn some new Gaelic words.

Nach tig sìth ’s nach feuch síth cuid den ã’spòrs a bhios ri fhaoighinn aig an Fhèis. Iannsachd sìth danna ceum, sin agaibh danna tradasaenta agus a tha duachal do dh’Alba. Iannsachd sìth óran Gàidhlig agus cusideachd ni sìth beagan drama. Chan fhéum Gàidhlig a bhith agad airdson a bhith an lèub an spòrs seo agus có aig a tha fios nach iannsachd sìth fàcal Gàidhlig no dha fhad a’ tha sìth ann. (More information/Tuilleadh fiosrachaidh: http://www.aberdeenfeis.com)

Stories and Songs: Traditional Traveller Encampment
3.00pm – 3.30pm | Caravan & Bow Tent, King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

Stories and songs as they were meant to be heard — for adults and children — with Jess Smith, Essie Stewart, and Jimmy Williamson around our traditional Traveller encampment.

Cactus - Feedback - Drips
4.00pm – 5.00pm | Butchart Hall, University of Aberdeen
FREE/Booking Required | All Ages

An illustrated family event featuring three pieces of new music, each with a twist: Paul Rudys Grandchild of Tree for amplified cactus and electronics, Steve Reich’s Pendulum Music for four swinging microphones and Peter Ablingers Weiss/Weissilich 31e, Membrane, Regen for 8 amplified glass tubes and water drips.
Aberdeen’s campaign to beat cancer

Did you know that cutting-edge research to beat cancer is taking place right here in Aberdeen? Or that you can help us win the fight?

Medical research holds the key to beating cancer. Huge advances have been made in recent years and, here at the University of Aberdeen, our researchers are at the leading edge. Cancer can and will be beaten.

We’re now raising £4.5 million to accelerate our research, seeking new ways to diagnose and treat cancer and — crucially — finding out how to prevent it. Working closely with NHS Grampian our research will benefit cancer patients across the North of Scotland, building even greater expertise and enhancing access to trials of the newest drugs and therapies.

To find out how you can help us beat cancer, please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/giving/cancer or contact Lynne Black, 01224 272087, lynne.black@abdn.ac.uk
**Booking Tickets**

Tickets for the May Festival will be available online and by phone from 10.00am Wednesday 18th April until 11.00am on Thursday 24th May.

From 9.30am Friday 25th 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 11.00am, Thursday 24th May at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

**Book by Telephone:**
Until 11.00am, Thursday 24th May, call Aberdeen Box Office +44(0)1224 641122

**Book in Person:**
Until 12.30pm Thursday 24th 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 25th May
Visit May Festival Box Office (University Campus)
Opening Times: Friday 25th & Saturday 26th May
9.30am – 7.00pm, Sunday 27th May 9.30am – 5.00pm

**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.

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**Eating and Drinking**

**May Tent, King’s Lawn**
Friday 10.30am – 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 7.30pm
Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm

**Taylor Made Café**
Friday and Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Artisan Food Truck,**
Outside Elphinstone Hall
Friday 11.30am – 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 7.00pm
Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm

**Oriental Food Stall and Barbeque Shack,**
Outside Elphinstone Hall
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
11.30am – 4.00pm

**The Sir Duncan Rice Library Café**
Friday and Saturday 11.00am – 3.30pm

**Kilau Coffee,**
High Street, Old Aberdeen
Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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**May Festival Bookshop**

Waterstones will be situated in the May Tent on King’s Lawn. Bookshop opening times:
Friday 25th – 10.30am – 8.00pm
Saturday 26th – 10.00am – 8.00pm
Sunday 27th – 10.00am – 5.00pm

Waterstones
Please Note: On Saturday 26 May & Sunday 27 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 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
- Two 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 2018 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 2018 – 30 April 2019 in Waterstone’s, 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)

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