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FESTIVAL OF NEW IDEAS

27-28 MAY 2022

PROGRAMME

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WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

FRINGE EVENT

RV Jones Lecture with Julia King 18:00 - 19:30

FRIDAY 27 MAY

Images of Research 11:00 - 16:00

3Minute Thesis 11:00 - 12:00

Future of Aberdeen's Past 14:00 - 15:30

SATURDAY 28 MAY

Exploring Robotics 10:00 & 14:30

Images of Research 11:00 - 16:00

Hemp for the Future 11:00 - 13:00

Showcase: Living and Working
in an AI World 11:30 - 15:00



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SATURDAY 28 MAY

Panel Discussion: AI, Data
and the Metaverse - Helping
Us Work, Rest and Play

12:30 - 14:00

The 39 Steps: A Live Radio Play

14:00 - 15:30

Weaving the Genome

15:30 - 17:00

**A NEW IDEA MUST
NOT BE JUDGED BY ITS
IMMEDIATE RESULTS**

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WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022

FRINGE EVENT



THE **RV JONES**
LECTURE SERIES

**NET ZERO -
CRITICAL BUT NOT ENOUGH**

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 18:00-19:30

King's College Conference Centre,
University of Aberdeen, **FREE** / Booking Required

Julia King, Baroness Brown of Cambridge DBE FREng FRS, will deliver a lecture that will discuss why achieving net zero by mid-century or earlier is critical. If we continue as we are the world could warm by an average of as much as 4 degrees by 2050, with dramatic effects on weather, drought, flooding, food availability, conflict, migration, wildlife – leaving parts of our world uninhabitable.

As part of the RV Jones Distinguished Lecture Series hosted by the School of Engineering, this lecture will look at the urgent need for us to adapt, as well as reduce emissions in order to combat climate change. disciplines across the University of Aberdeen.

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IMAGES OF RESEARCH

FRIDAY 27 & SATURDAY 28 MAY, 11:00-16:00

Elphinstone Hall, King's College, University of Aberdeen

FREE / Drop In, No Booking Required

Can you imagine several years of cutting-edge research shown in a single image?

Come and see how the University of Aberdeen PhD students have tackled this challenge, and vote for your favourite image. The PhD Student with the winning image will receive a cash prize, and their image will be displayed on the University campus for a year.



3 MINUTE THESIS

FRIDAY 27 MAY, 11:00-12:00

King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen,

FREE / Booking Required



Can you imagine years of cutting-edge research presented in just three minutes?

Come and see how the University of Aberdeen PhD students tackle this challenge, and vote for your favourite presenter. The judges' winner will go on to compete at a national level so come along and give them your support.

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FUTURE OF ABERDEEN'S PAST

FRIDAY 27 MAY, 14:00-15:30

Meet At: Mercat Cross, Castle Street, Aberdeen City Centre, AB11 5HP

FREE / Booking Required

Join us on this walking tour to explore the controversies, past and present, concerning Aberdeen's heritage, architecture and future. How can the grand granite buildings of bye-gone eras be sustained into the future?

Join Dr Chris Croly (Public Engagement with Research Manager, University of Aberdeen), Douglas Campbell (Aberdeen City Heritage Trust), and Valentine Quinio (Centre for Cities) to explore the future of the past in the present.

**BE LESS CURIOUS ABOUT
PEOPLE AND MORE
CURIOUS ABOUT IDEAS**

MARIE CURIE

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FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY 28 MAY | 12 – 2PM

**BOUNCY
CASTLE
— & —
CIRCUS
STALLS**



**ALL EVENTS
FREE**



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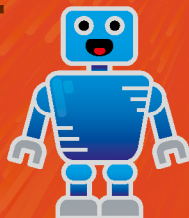
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**COLOURING
IN TENT**



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**DON'T MISS OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY...
ROBOT
LAB TOURS
10:00 & 14:30**



**HEMP
PANCAKE TASTING
FROM 11 - 13:00**

FREE/BOOKING REQUIRED

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EXPLORING ROBOTICS

SATURDAY 28 MAY, 10:00 & 14:30

Fraser Noble Foyer, University of Aberdeen, **FREE** / Booking Required

Artificial technology is uniquely placed to provide solutions to major challenges facing society today, from climate change and the energy transition to healthcare and digital transformation in industry and government. Today, researchers from across the University are creating and designing these technological solutions.

Join one of these interesting tours as our researchers showcase some of the innovative projects making use of artificial intelligence to benefit society with hands on activities and demonstrations



HEMP FOR THE FUTURE

SATURDAY 28 MAY, 11:00-13:00

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen, **FREE**/ Drop in, Booking Required

How can we take climate action through the food we produce and consume?

Join Dr Madalina Neacsu from the Rowett Institute and her collaborators, including Scottish farmers, as they explore the nutritional and environmental benefits of hemp and its properties as a carbon-neutral, zero-waste crop. Learn more about the many uses of hemp and taste delicious hemp pancakes prepared by Karen Taylor, Rowett dietician.

Booking is required to ensure we can cater for everyone, but feel free to drop in any time between 11:00 – 13:00 to sample a delicious Hemp pancake and find out more about this amazing multi-use crop.

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**SHOWCASE: LIVING AND WORKING IN AN AI WORLD****SATURDAY 28 MAY, 11:30-15:00**

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: AI, DATA AND THE METAVERSE - HELPING US WORK, REST AND PLAY****SATURDAY 28 MAY, 12:30-14:00**

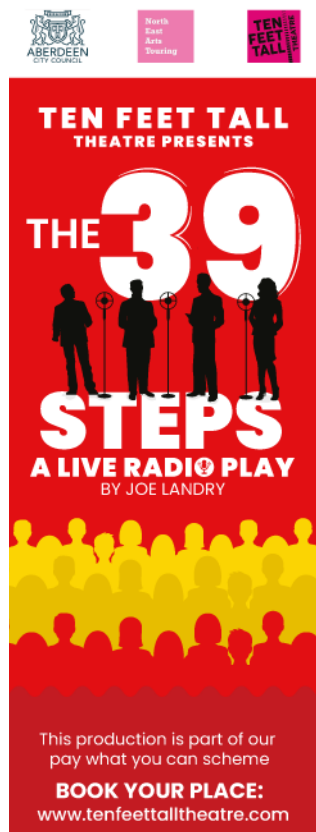
King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

FREE / Booking Required

The influence of data and Artificial Intelligence will play an ever more present role in our lives, but where could society be in 50 years time as a result of these technologies and how do we ensure societies become fairer, more sustainable and just as a result?

Join our panel of speakers from the University of Aberdeen and other external organisations as they debate the possible impact of AI and data on people's personal lives, work and leisure time.

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THE 39 STEPS: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry

SATURDAY 28 MAY, 14:00-15:30

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Pay What You Can / Booking Required

Set in a 1940s radio studio, four actors bring to life this classic tale of murder, love and espionage. This fun production will see multiple memorable characters created and the story of Jon Buchan's great novel told in under an hour as we step inside the broadcasting studio and the making of a live drama during the golden age of radio.

Ten Feet Tall is an Aberdeen production company that are dedicated to creating unique experiences and making their community tours accessible for all. This production is part of their 'Pay What You Feel' initiative, so whilst advance booking is essential, bring cash on the day and pay after the performance.

Following the performance, there will be a Q&A discussion with members of Ten Feet Tall Theatre and Professor Eleonora Belfiore (she/her) Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Social Inclusion and Cultural Diversity at the University of Aberdeen. They will talk about cultural inclusion and using this production as part of a new direction to engage harder to reach audiences and participants.

There will also be an opportunity to hear about the creative process of producing an idea from page to stage. Tea and coffee will be available.

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WEAVING THE GENOME

SATURDAY 28 MAY, 15:30-17:00

Room 224, Seminar Room, Sir Duncan Rice Library,
University of Aberdeen, **FREE** / Booking Required

Join Dr Lynne Hocking – scientist and handweaver – to learn how she weaves genetics into fabric and have a go at visualising genetic data for yourself. Frame looms, yarn and genetic data will be provided (or bring your own). You'll be supported to experiment with weaving patterns inspired by genetics and will take your finished work home. No prior experience required.

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NEW IDEAS NEVER RETURNS
TO THE SAME SIZE**

ALBERT EINSTEIN

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