Café Med

The ever popular discussion series is again under way and so far this year we have tackled the topics of e-cigarettes and bacon! At these events we bring together a researcher and a clinician who give brief presentations about the area and developments and then we move on to audience questions.

We host a very diverse audience including those with an interest in the topic for medical reasons, young people with an interest in joining the healthcare profession, those who just want to hear more and continue learning and healthcare professionals wanting to learn about new areas so the questions tend to be very varied and interesting. Even if you are a little shy it’s very likely the question you want to know the answer to will be raised!

The events are very informal and run in the café starting at 6pm and finishing at around 7.30pm, so you can also have a nice cup of coffee and maybe even some cake while expanding your knowledge.

“What a fascinating topic - so interesting and the speakers were very knowledgeable...I learned something new”

- Café Med Feedback Form

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Upcoming Topics
- 14th March - Huntington’s Disease
- 25th April - A bright grey future?
- 23rd May - Infection in Cystic Fybrosis

Café Med Speakers Professor Zosia Miedzybrodzka and Professor Phyo Myint
What’s On?
Don’t forget to keep an eye on the events page on the website to hear about lots of exciting upcoming events - http://abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre/events/index.php

Papier Mache Man

All of our anatomical models form an important aspect of the University’s wider model collection but Papier Mâché Man’s rarity makes him of particular note. He is a life-sized papier-mâché model of a man dating from 1879 by Frenchman Louis Thomas Jerome Auzoux (1797-1880) which breaks down into 92 individual pieces.

As a medical student Auzoux realised dissections were vital for learning but bodies were not always available. Previous models were made of wax but this was expensive, fragile and could lose it’s shape. Introducing papier-mâché as a modelling material was a radical change as the models were sturdy and inexpensive, especially when made with the secret papier-mâché mixture that Auzoux had developed - the mixture contained cork and clay as well as paper and glue. This popularised the use of articulated models in the 19th century as a means of studying anatomy. However Aberdeen’s Papier Mâché Man is now one of only a few surviving examples in the world.

He has been part of the Anatomy collection since 1882 but this has mostly kept him behind closed doors in the anatomy department where he was treasured and has benefited generations of science and medical students but whilst not giving up this role we are delighted he has now moved to a beautiful display case in our lecture theatre, allowing the public to view him.

New classes

Many of you will know we run free Yoga and Aerobics classes and we are looking for other areas of interest for staff and students. We hope to run a series of taster classes through April - June with the most popular being introduced as new classes in the autumn.

If you know of an fitness instructor who might like to show off their skills please email suttiecentre@abdn.ac.uk

We also hope to start a walking group on Wednesday lunchtime and a book group. Please email to register your interest.
**Locker Keys**

It has come to our attention that some students have independently had spare keys cut for the lockers in Suttie. This is not an issue as long as all of the keys for the locker are returned at the end of the year. As these groups come to the time of AGMs we would like to remind them that new office bearers should complete the registration form before 31/7/16.

**NHS Hotdesk**

We have 4 NHS Grampian computers in room 204 that are available to our NHS colleagues on a drop in basis. These are NHS Grampian intranet enabled and have printing facilities.

**MMI Day**

Each year the University receives in excess of 2000 applications from aspiring medics from all four corners of the globe. After applications are initially screened and assessed, approximately 750 of these candidates are invited to attend one of our ‘MMI Days’.

A MMI is a Multiple Mini Interview. Candidates rotate around a number of interview stations each lasting a specific time period. At each station, a selector explores a topic, asking a set number of questions and assessing the applicants communication skills.

To interview 750 candidates whilst trying to cause minimal disruption is no easy task! We set aside 8 days for holding the MMI’s and on each day we will interview 84 candidates. We rely upon and appreciate greatly all the help and support we receive from our selectors (of which 28 are required each day), who, each in turn will interview 21 candidates either in a morning or afternoon session. Our site co-ordinators are vital to ensuring that our applicants and selectors are well looked after and that everything runs to plan. The Medi-CAL team have developed an iPad app for us to ensure consistency in our question asking and scoring and are on hand at the beginning of each day to ensure that all selectors are confident in using the app, and of course that the iPads work!

Once the interview process is over, we hand the candidates over to our team of Student Ambassadors who provide the candidates with a tour of the Suttie Centre and the facilities on the Foresterhill Campus. Having all been through the MMI process themselves, our Student Ambassadors are invaluable in giving the applicants a true insight into an Aberdeen medical students life.

Once all the interviews are completed, we then have the bittersweet task of deciding who gets made an offer to come and study medicine at Aberdeen. On average, we will make in the region of 350 offers for only 168 places!
Booking Deadlines

The room booking system is of course available 24/7 but it is important to remember we need to process requests.

Where ever possible please ensure we have at least 2 working hours notice.

For weekend bookings these need to be made no later than noon on Thursday for security reasons.

Self directed study bookings should only be requested

Mon - Thurs 8am - 8pm 
Fri 8am - 7pm
Sat - Sun 8am - 6pm

Wasted Space

In the last 3 months alone over 547 hours of usable teaching space have been wasted due to failure to cancel in time

December 178 hours
January 163 hours
February 206 hours

Please help us to ensure space is available for your next teaching or learning session - where ever possible cancel an unrequired space a minimum of 14 days in advance.

Your confirmation email contains a link to cancel or email suttiecentre@abdn.ac.uk

Contact Us

Visit us on the web at www.abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre

Room booking can be found at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre/room-booking/rooms/help

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Prayer

We would like to point out there are a variety of spaces available for prayer or reflective contemplation within NHS Grampian and specifically Foresterhill – details can be found at http://www.nhsgrampian.co.uk/nhsgrampian/gra_display_simple_index.jsp;jsessionid=8A4192FCBDA7C59C211DD74227F27D37?pConten-tID=3033&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&.

Whilst we would encourage individuals to utilise these spaces whenever possible, if there are occasions when you are unable to access formal prayer spaces, you are able to book free space at the Suttie Centre on the day in question via the online system.

Availability can be checked via the calendar http://www.abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre/room-booking/bookings/calendar as can existing bookings made by others (remove the room so the first box is blank and type your religion in the search box) and then a request made via the online form http://abdn.ac.uk/suttie-centre/room-booking/rooms/booking.

Please title any request Prayer followed by the religion to allow this booking to be shared with those of the same faith.

This is the same system that you should use to book all space at Suttie Centre.