

1 Town House

Castle Street. Peddie and Kinnear. 1867-73.

The main staircase and the principal rooms will be open again this year. The spectacular interior is always a Doors Open day highlight. **The Granite City Chorus, a 35-strong barbershop ensemble will perform in the Townhouse at 12:30.**

♿H☺10am-4pm

2 Marischal College 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Broad Street. Archibald Simpson 1837-44. Marshall Mackenzie 1893-1906. Holmes Partnership 2011

This stunning landmark building has now been converted for use as Aberdeen City Council's new corporate headquarters. Doors Open Day offers a 'taster' of the newly completed building's interior, with an opportunity to see the public reception areas, the quad, and, except when there is a wedding in progress, the Grant Room (the former Senate Room).

The Granite City Chorus will perform at Marischal College at 11.30.

♿H 10am-4pm

3 Society of Advocates in Aberdeen

Concert Court. (Off Broad Street between the Town House and the Town House extension) James Matthews. 1869

The Society of Advocates in Aberdeen has been in existence for more than four hundred and fifty years. The Society's present building was sited to take advantage of proximity to the new Peddie and Kinnear Sheriff Court House. Unremarkable from the outside, it is the decoration of the interior that is of interest. Most of the ground floor is now used as an extension to the Sheriff Court. On the first floor there is one of the finest private law libraries in the country with the original decorative scheme by Arthur Clyde. Notice also the stained glass window on the staircase by Cottier & Co.

♿T☺ 10am-4pm

4 The Tolbooth

Castle Street. 17th century.

The Victorian façade conceals a much older building behind. The Tolbooth was built as the Town's prison, court house and toll collection point.

For Doors Open Day this year the re-enactment is set in 1644, during the Civil Wars, when Aberdeen was on the side of the Covenanters. The Marquis of Montrose and his 'wild Irish' troops were fighting for the King and were marching on Aberdeen. Members of the public can join the council debate as Montrose approaches the town: should they stand and fight or surrender? Members of the public will be acting as burgesses at the time, listen to the debates and then be called on to vote on what to do. Re-enactments at 11am,12noon, 2pm and 3pm (no booking required).

♿EH 10am-4pm

5 Mercatgate (Sheriff Court Annexe)

Castle Street. James Burn 1801. Conversion by Oberlanders Architects/David Murray Associates 2005.

Built as a bank and in use as such for nearly 200 years. The ground floor banking hall now serves as the public reception area while the new court rooms for the Sheriff Court and High Court have been formed on the floors above. Tours every 20 minutes.

♿GT 10am-1pm ⌚ Limited Opening Hours

6 Grampian Police Headquarters

Queen Street

The building occupies a site which has a long association with policing in the City, as it is partially located on ground where Victorian Police buildings stood. The current Headquarters building was first occupied in 1972 by the former Aberdeen City Police and on local government reorganisation in 1975 the newly created Grampian Police assumed occupancy.

On Doors Open Day there is the opportunity to see the Force control room, the Chief Constable's office, the CCTV suite and a museum display.

TO VIEW THE BUILDING ON DOORS OPEN DAY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK IN ADVANCE ON 01224 305095. THE BOOKING LINE IS OPEN FROM MONDAY 29 AUGUST UNTIL FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. TOURS AT 10AM, 10.20AM, 10.40AM AND EVERY 20 MINUTES UNTIL THE LAST TOUR AT 3.40PM.

♿GET 10am-4pm

7 Aberdeen Arts Centre

Former North Church. King Street. John Smith 1829-30

The former church was converted to an arts centre by the City Council in 1963. In 1998 the voluntary organisation, Aberdeen Arts Centre Association, formed a limited company, Castlegate Arts Ltd to take over the management of the Centre. Tours of the building including the auditorium and backstage every half hour.

Live Music on the day.

♿MGTER 10am-4pm

8 Peacock Visual Arts

1 Castle Street (Pend off the Castlegate)

A registered educational charity supported by Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish Arts Council, Peacocks has the widest range of visual arts production facilities openly available in Scotland. On Doors Open Day visitors can view the current exhibitions and look around the production workshops including printmaking, digital/video and photography.

♿(ground floor only) ET 10am-4pm

9 St Peter's Church

Justice Street. James Massie 1804.

The church is hidden away off the Castlegate: from an elegant arched gateway incorporated into a tenement a pend leads into the delightful little Chapel Court. The façade onto the court dates from Harry Leith's 1817 extension to the church. The walled garden at the rear of the priest's house will be open if building works permit (no wheelchair access).

♿HETR 10am-4pm

10 Carmelite

Stirling Street. James Souttar 1869 and 1881, William Henderson 1885 The former Imperial Hotel. In the 19th century the guests included foreign royalty and many other titled persons en route to Balmoral.

Talks on the archaeology of the Green and short tours of the hotel at 10.30am, 12:30 and 2:30 followed by complimentary tea or coffee.

♿TREHG 10am-4pm

11 Kirk of St Nicholas

Union Street. 12th century onwards.

Known as the "Mither Kirk" it was founded around 1150 and was one of the largest medieval Burgh Kirks in Scotland. The late 12th century transept, known as Collison's Aisle, still survives and since 1990 has contained a chapel, created in thanksgiving for 25 years of the oil industry and as a memorial to those who have lost their lives.

For many years St Nicholas has consisted of two churches:

West St Nicholas is the work of James Gibbs, an Aberdonian and the architect of such buildings as St Martin in the Fields, London. West St Nicholas was built between 1752-5, after his death, and retains its original interior. **East St Nicholas** was built by Archibald Simpson in 1835-7. It was gutted by fire and rebuilt in 1875-7 by William Smith who also built the current central tower and spire. The East Kirk is currently closed following an archaeological excavation, the first phase of the remodelling of the interior. Display material will illustrate the proposals. St Mary's Chapel, beneath the East Kirk, is included in Doors Open Day. At the time of printing it is not known if there will be access to the Carillon this year. If the Carillon is open, information will be posted in St Nicholas on Doors Open Day.

♿(but no disabled toilet due to work in progress) HTR 10am-4pm

12 Robert Gordon's College

Schoolhill. William Adam 1732

The Auld Hoose,the oldest part of the college founded in 1729 by Robert Gordon (1668-1732) a prosperous merchant of Aberdeen and Danzig. Over the door is a statue of Robert Gordon by John Cheere of London. Although there have been many internal alterations, the central stone staircase remains as does the first floor Governors' room with its fine panelled walls. Also included in Doors Open Day is the Otakicorridor, the junior school and the MacRobert Hall, on the west side of the quad. Tours every hour on the hour.

There will be performances by the school pipe band in the quad between 1.30 and 3pm

♿HGEM 10am-4pm

13 Salvation Army Citadel

Castlegate. James Souttar 1893-96.

The Citadel returns to the Doors Open Day programme for the first time after its refurbishment and internal remodelling. Tours of the interior.

♿GTRH 10am-2pm ⌚ Limited Opening Hours

Key to Entries

♿ Wheelchair Access

♿ No Wheelchair Access

M Musical Entertainment

G Guided tours

E Exhibition

T Toilets

R Refreshments Available

H Historical/Other information

☺ Children's leaflet

⌚ Limited Opening Hours

14 Central Library

Rosemount Viaduct. George Watt 1891

The first in the famous group of Aberdeen Buildings, Education, Salvation and Damnation, Doors Open Day provides an opportunity to view behind the scenes at the Central Library.

There is a small display on the history of the building and guided tours at 11am, 2pm and 3pm.

♿TGE 10am-4pm

15 Crown Terrace Baptist Church

Crown Terrace. James Souttar 1870

The church has a small Italian gothic tower and a very large window with 16th century type Scots tracery under which a new more convenient entrance has been formed.

♿TR 10am-4pm

16 Masonic Temple

85 Crown Street. Jenkins & Marr, 1910.

One of the finest, if not actually the finest, purpose-built building devoted entirely to Freemasonry within the Scottish Constitution. A series of magnificent, richly ornamented interior spaces ensures this building remains a Doors Open Day favourite. Conducted tours will be organised as well as opportunities to wander freely in the company of members in attendance.

♿(ground floor only) HTRG 10am-4pm

17 The Church of St John the Evangelist

St John's Place (off Crown Terrace). Thomas Mackenzie 1849-51.

The church has been recently extensively restored. Of particular interest inside are the great east window, the Comper reredos and the 16th century font.

♿(no disabled toilet) THER☺ 10am-4pm

18 Quaker Meeting House

98 Crown Street. William Kelly 1903

The Meeting House is the only building in Scotland built as a Quaker Meeting House and still used for this purpose today. It features the plain simplicity of a typical Quaker Meeting House with an elders' bench. It houses full-scale photos of two of the panels of the 1970's Quaker Tapestry relating to Quaker history in the North East of Scotland.

♿HTER 10am-4pm

19 St James

Holburn Junction. Arthur Clyde 1887

Externally the stump of a tower was the result of the loss of a legacy when the congregation chose to move from the Church of England to the Scottish Episcopal Church. Fine stained glass inside. Music from the choir and organ between 12.00 and 1.00pm

♿HEMT☺ 10am-4pm

20 Synagogue OPEN SUNDAY ONLY

74 Dee Street. Before 1822.

In 1945 this Georgian terraced house was acquired by the Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation for use as a synagogue and it remains as such to this day. The principal ground floor room has been adapted and furnished along similar lines to those found in all Orthodox synagogues.

THE SYNAGOGUE IS BEING USED FOR WORSHIP ON SATURDAY AND IS NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. DOORS OPEN DAY FOR THIS VENUE ALONE IS SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER.

♿T 10am-3.30pm ⌚ On Sunday.

21 Trinity Hall

Holburn street. Mackie Ramsay and Taylor 1964.

This is the third Trinity Hall to be occupied by the Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. The original was created from the former Trinitarian Friary (hence the name) when this was acquired in 1631.The first purpose-built Trinity Hall dates from 1847 and the building, on Union Street, now incorporates one of the entrances to the Trinity Shopping Centre. The current building re-uses the traceried windows of its predecessor but otherwise the architecture is very much of its period. The interior is very dramatic and contains many furnishings and artefacts that have been used in all three Halls.

♿GHT 10am-4pm

22 Aberdeen RNLI Lifeboats

Waterloo Quay.

The lifeboat station is entered from the eastern end of Waterloo Quay at the corner with York Place. Doors Open Day provides an opportunity to visit the inshore lifeboat and shed, the larger all-weather lifeboat and crew room.

♿EHGTR 10am-4pm

23 T.S. Scylla

Pocra Quay

The headquarters of the Aberdeen Sea Cadets since 1954, this group of Nissen huts dates from about 1932 when it was built and used by the Army. During World War II it was used for storing barrage balloons. The inter-connected huts provide a surprisingly spacious interior where ship models and all manner of nautical artefacts may be viewed.

♿GHETR 10am-4pm

24 Aberdeen Sports Village

Linksfield Road. Reiach and Hall. 2009

The North East's state of the art indoor sports centre with a huge range of facilities all under one roof. Have you ever seen a full size indoor football pitch? One of the 2010 Royal Institute of British Architect's Award Winners.

♿RT 10am-4pm

25 Old Town House

High Street, Old Aberdeen. George Jaffrey 1788. Converted Aberdeen City Council Architects 2005. Remodelled and put to a variety of uses over the years, this historic building has been completely renovated and now acts as a "gateway to the University of Aberdeen" for prospective students. The old police cells on the ground floor remain.

♿(ground floor only) EHT 10am-4pm

26 King's Museum 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

17 High Street, Old Aberdeen City Council c1800. Converted 2011 The University of Aberdeen's new museum that opened earlier this year. The museum hosts temporary exhibitions drawn from the University collections.

♿EHT 10am-4pm

27 St Machar's Cathedral

The Chanonry. From 1370. There has been a church on this site beside the Don since the sixth century, when, as legend has it, St Machar was commanded to find a spot where the river curved in the shape of a shepherd's crook. Inside there is a notable heraldic oak ceiling with the coats of arms of European monarchs and Scottish nobles and bishops. The Charter Room and bell tower, not normally open to the public are open on Doors Open Day.

There will be bell ringing demonstrations with the opportunity for members of the public to have a go.

♿(except bell tower and charter room) HERGTM 10am-4pm

28 Central Fire Station

Mouthooly Way. Grampian Regional Council Architects. 1997 There will be tours of the building, a display of modern and historic vehicles and other displays and demonstrations (including the spectacular chip pan fire demonstration). Visitors are reminded that the fire station remains operational on Doors Open Day. Children must be accompanied by adults.

♿TGE 10am-4pm

29 Institute of Medical Sciences

University of Aberdeen, Ashgrove Road West. David Murray Associates 1996.

The University of Aberdeen's Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) accommodates over 400 scientists and research staff working on cutting edge molecular and cell biology research. The building was the winning design in a competition. The central atrium, the dramatically located conference room and a selection of laboratories can be viewed during two guided tours.

Music will be provided in the atrium by University music students.

♿(except level 7) GEHTMR. Tours at 11.30am and 1.30pm PLEASE NOTE ACCESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE AS PART OF A GUIDED TOUR.

CHILDREN'S LEAFLETS

In some of the venues there will be special Doors Open Day Leaflets that provide an opportunity for children ages 6-14 to record and sketch the building they are visiting.

Completed sheets handed in at all the venues will be collected and exhibited online and at the Aberdeen Arts Centre.



30 Museum of Education: the Victorian Classroom

Skene Square School Annexe, Skene Square. Enter from Rosemount Place or Skene Square.

The Victorian classroom is housed in the building to the rear of Skene Square School. The current buildings show evidence of school design at the end of that century including, for example, separate entrances for boys and girls. Within the Museum of Education a room has been reconstructed and equipped in the style of a classroom in Aberdeen as it would have been in Victorian times. This style existed in certain schools well into the 20th century.

♿E 10am-2pm ⌚ Limited Opening Hours

31 The Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare

Foresterhill Hospital. Bennetts Associates. 2009 The building is located immediately south of the car park in front of the entrance to the Institute of Medical Sciences.

This striking, timber-clad building is designed to maximise natural daylight and ventilation, to reduce solar gain and provide a state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility at the heart of the Foresterhill health campus.

♿TE 10am-1pm ⌚ Limited Opening Hours

32 International School of Aberdeen 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Pitfodels House, North Deeside Road, Cults. Holiday

Fraser Munro 2010

The former International School featured in Doors Open Day on several occasions. This year, for the first time, the new school can be visited. The school is built within the grounds of Pitfodels House and incorporates the listed building.

♿GTRE 10.00am-4.00pm

33 Beannachar

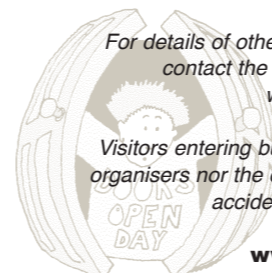
South Deeside Road (1 mile west of Bridge of Dee). John Smith 1840. Originally called Banchory House it is in exactly the same style as Smith's earlier extensions to Balmoral Castle and which earned him the nickname "Tudor Johnny". The house has associations with Prince Albert and in the late 19th century it was the home of Sir David Stewart, a Lord Provost of Aberdeen. Today Beannachar is a Camphill community for young people with special needs based on the principles of the social philosopher Rudolf Steiner.

♿GETR 10am-4pm. Tours every hour on the hour.

Doors Open Days, with Scottish Archaeology Month, form Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days, a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union. Over 20 million people now go to European Heritage Days. Each year events offer the opportunity to explore monuments and sites, many of which are not normally accessible to the public.

In Aberdeen the event is organised by the Aberdeen Doors Open Day Committee comprising representatives from Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust, Aberdeen Civic Society and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. This year, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust, 33 venues will be taking part; 3 of them for the first time.

Where there are special events taking place at venues e.g. musical recitals or historical re-enactments, these are highlighted in the leaflet.



For details of other Doors Open Days across Scotland please contact the Scottish Civic Trust 0141 221 1466 or www.doorsopendays.org.uk

Visitors entering buildings do so at their own risk as neither the organisers nor the owners of the building are responsible for any accidents or damage which may occur.

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

www.aberdeenheritage.org.uk



FREE GUIDED WALKS

On Doors Open Day this year there are guided walks on the theme of Aberdeen's Prehistoric and Medieval Origins. The walks start in Rosemount and finish in the Castlegate and last about two and a half hours and are not suitable for those with mobility problems.

WALKS AT 10.30AM, 2.00PM AND 6.00PM. PLACES ARE LIMITED AND IT IS NECESSARY TO BOOK DURING THE WEEK BEFORE DOORS OPEN DAY. BOOKING CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 9th OF SEPTEMBER. BOOK ON info@hiddenaberdern.co.uk OR PHONE 07764 765818.



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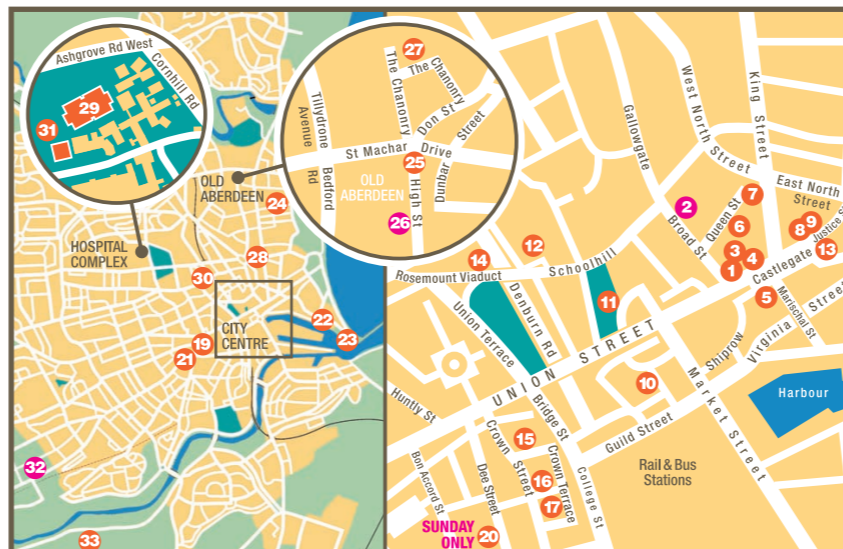


FREE DOORS OPEN DAY BUS

This year the bus will leave from Broad Street, outside Marischal College every hour, on the hour from 10am to 3pm. The bus will follow a circular route taking in The Masonic Temple (and other venues nearby) > RNLI lifeboats > TS Scylla > Aberdeen Sports Village > Old Aberdeen venues > Central Fire Station.

SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

September is also Scottish Archaeology Month 2011. For information about events in Aberdeen, visit www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk www.aagm.co.uk or phone the City Council on 01224 337706.



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