

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.
Disabled toilet H10am-4pm

2 Sheriff Court House

Castle Street. Peddie and Kinnear 1867-73

Enter by main Sheriff Court entrance two doors along from the Town House entrance. The Sheriff Court House was built as an integral part of the Town House. Court rooms, cells and the interior of a Reliance custody van are included in the tours.
Again, this year there will be a mock trial in one of the court rooms.
HTGR 10am-4pm. Tours every 20 minutes

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 Clyne. 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 there is a lively re-enactment of the final meeting between Mary Queen of Scots and Sir John Gordon of Findlater, before his execution in the Castlegate. Sir John and his father, the Earl of Huntly, had rebelled against Mary in 1562. Following the defeat of Huntly at the battle of Corrichie, Sir John now awaits his fate. Re-enactments at 11.00am, midday, 2.00pm and 3.00pm
EH 10am-4pm

5 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. The building has changed little over the years and has internal links to both the District and Sheriff Court facilities.
TO VIEW THE BUILDING ON DOORS OPEN DAY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK IN ADVANCE ON 01224 305062. THE BOOKING LINE IS OPEN FROM MONDAY 30 AUGUST UNTIL FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER.
GHT 10am-4pm

6 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 hourly 10am, 11am and midday.
Programme of live Music between 10am and 1pm
MGTER 10am-4pm

7 St Andrew’s Cathedral

King Street. Archibald Simpson 1816

The church, Archibald Simpson’s first civic commission, was created the cathedral of the United Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney in 1914. The building, considerably altered and enhanced by Sir Ninian Comper during the years 1939-45, contains the national memorial to Samuel Seabury, consecrated first Bishop of America in Long Acre, Aberdeen on 14th November 1784. Interesting roof heraldry depicts the American States and the Jacobite supporters of the Episcopal Church.
There will be a recital by the choir between 12 and 12:30.
HMR 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. Hourly tours.
(ground floor only)GET 10am-4pm

9 St Peter’s Church **DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THIS VENUE WILL NOT BE OPEN ON DOORS OPEN DAY**

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. Included in Doors Open Day is the even more secluded walled garden at the rear of the priest’s house (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 history of the building and the area and short tours of the hotel at 11am, 1:30pm and 3:30 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. St Mary’s Chapel, beneath the East Kirk, is included in Doors Open Day this year.
(but no disabled toilet due to work in progress.) HTR. 10am-4pm

12 Carillon

Enter via St Nicholas Church

The Municipal Carillon of Aberdeen is in the tower of St Nicholas Church and is the largest in the British Isles. There are 48 bells, making up four octaves, and all were cast by Gillet and Johnston of Croydon. The carillon is played every Sunday from 1030am to 1055am.
On Doors Open Day there will be recitals at: 10.15am, 11.30am, 12.45pm, 2pm and 3.15pm.
M 10am-4pm

13 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 part of the new 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

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
 Limited Opening Hours

14 Girlguiding Aberdeen 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Union Terrace Gardens

2010 is the centenary of Girlguiding. Doors Open Day celebrates this with an event in Union Terrace Gardens. There will be displays of guiding from the past, hands-on craft activity and even a modern day camp site. See how guiding has changed and is changing for the future.
(wheelchair access to Gardens via car park of His Majesty’s Theatre) 10am-4pm

15 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

16 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

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 St Mary’s Cathedral

Huntly Street. Alexander Ellis 1860

The church (it was not then a cathedral) was opened with a service of dedication in 1860. At the time a shortage of funds prevented the completion of the tower which was left only 60 feet high, rather lower than the ridge of the church roof. The belfry and spire were finally completed in 1877 to the design of Alexander Ellis’s partner RG Wilson, and at 200 feet the spire is the tallest in the City. Conducted tours of the bell tower and sacristy.
HT 11am-4pm

19 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

20 Inverdee House 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Baxter Street, Torry. Keppie Design 2010

The recently completed waterfront Aberdeen headquarters of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency is a landmark building incorporating many energy saving and sustainable technologies which will be explained during tours of the building on Doors Open Day.
GT. Tours (to coincide with the arrival of the Doors Open Day bus) at quarter past the hour 10.15am-3.15pm

TO VIEW THE BUILDING IT IS NECESSARY TO BE PART OF A TOUR. TOUR PLACES ARE LIMITED AND MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. CALL 01224 266600 BETWEEN 24AUGUST AND 31 AUGUST INCLUSIVE BETWEEN 10AM AND 7PM.

21 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

22 Transition Extreme 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Links Road. Kenny Alexander Architects 2007

Transition Extreme is an Aberdeen based charity that provides a range of sporting and other activities aimed at engaging people not attracted to conventional sports. Come and see something different on Doors Open Day including the skate park, climbing wall ad creative arts zone.
ET 10am-4pm

23 Aberdeen Sports Village 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

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

24 University of Aberdeen Special Libraries and Archives

King’s College

Enter from the Old Senate Room, which is accessible from King’s College Conference Centre car park or from the O’Dell Memorial Garden behind Elphinstone Hall.

Over the last 500 years Aberdeen University has accumulated some of the Country’s most important cultural treasures, which combine great scholarly importance with outstanding beauty and immediate popular appeal. On Doors Open Day visitors will get a behind the scenes tour of the archives and rare book stacks.

HETG Tours at 10am, 11am, 12noon, and 1pm

PLEASE NOTE ACCESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE AS PART OF A GUIDED TOUR.

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. Model of the new University Library (now under construction)on display.
(ground floor only) EHT 10am-4pm

26 Zoology Museum & Natural History Centre

Zoology Building. Corner of St Machar Drive / Tillydrone Ave. Mackie Ramsay and Taylor 1969

The Zoology Museum is the only zoological museum in the region and boasts one of the largest collections in Scotland, covering animals of the world, including whales.
(not all levels)TG 12 noon-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.
On Doors Open Day again this year the bell tower will be open and bell ringers will be giving demonstrations. There will be the opportunity for members of the public to have a go. There will also be a programme of live music.
(except bell tower and charter room) HERGTM 10am-4pm

28 Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives

Old Aberdeen House, Dunbar Street, Old Aberdeen. J Ogg Allan 1898

The former school now provides accommodation for Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire archives going back to 1617. There will be material on display and archivists on hand to answer questions.
(ground floor only) ET 10am-4pm

29 Central Fire Station

Mounthooly 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.
TGE10am-4.00 pm

30 Clan Cancer Support Centre

Caroline Place. William Smith 1875-7. Conversion by Allan Cumming Architects 1996

The former Rosemount Church was converted to accommodate a range of activities for this NE charity. A new purpose-built support centre is now under construction so this could be the last Doors Open Day to see the building in this particular use.
♿GEHTR. 10am-4pm

31 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

32 St Mary's Episcopal Church

Carden Place. Alexander Ellis & FG Lee 1862-1865

Known locally as the Tartan Kirkie because of the polychromatic granite and sandstone masonry and the geometric patterns formed by the roofing slates. The simple lofty interior is equally striking and contains an alterpiece by Philip Westlake, a mural by Allan Newton Sutherland and an 18th century Samuel Green chamber organ.
♿HET 10am-4pm

33 Mile-End School 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Mid Stocket Road/Raeden Park Road. Aedas Architects 2010

School buildings from a range of periods have featured in Aberdeen Doors Open Day over the years. Here is one of the very newest, built as part of the City Council's 3Rs project. Tours every half hour from 12 noon to 2pm

The school choir will sing at 1pm, 1.30pm and 2pm

♿GTR 12noon-2.30pm

34 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.

♿TR 10am-2pm

35 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.

36 Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society

Foresterhill Hospital. Access is from the road that runs through the hospital site from Foresterhill Road to Cornhill Road. Steps lead up to the entrance from the car park to the west of the building that bridges over this road

The Society was founded in 1789, originally as the Aberdeen Medical Society. In its early years it members continuously pressed for a proper University Medical School. It was here in 1920 that Professor Matthew Hay set out his scheme for the co-ordination of Aberdeen Hospitals and clinical University Departments on a common site. This led to the modern hospital and medical school complex at Foresterhill. On Doors Open Day the foyer, Council Chamber and lecture hall can be seen along with much material associated with the development of medicine in Aberdeen.

♿GTRHE 10am-4pm

37 National Hyperbaric Centre

123 Ashgrove Road West. GRM Kennedy and Partners 1987

Perhaps best known for the treatment of decompression sickness, "the bends", this unique facility provides a range of services to the subsea industry.

♿HETRG Tours at 10am, 11am and 12noon

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CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

If you are aged 6-14 and have a camera, why not take a picture of the outside door of one of the properties in Doors Open Day and submit one digital picture only to dod@aberdeenh heritage.org.uk with your age, your class and your school.

Pictures submitted should be as a pdf file in a portrait format on a high or fine resolution setting on the camera. By entering the competition you allow us to make use of your picture for Doors Open Day publicity and promotion free of charge. For fuller details of the competition please go to the Aberdeen City Heritage Trust website at www.aberdeenh heritage.org.uk

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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 Civic Society and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. This year, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust, 37 venues will be taking part 5 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.



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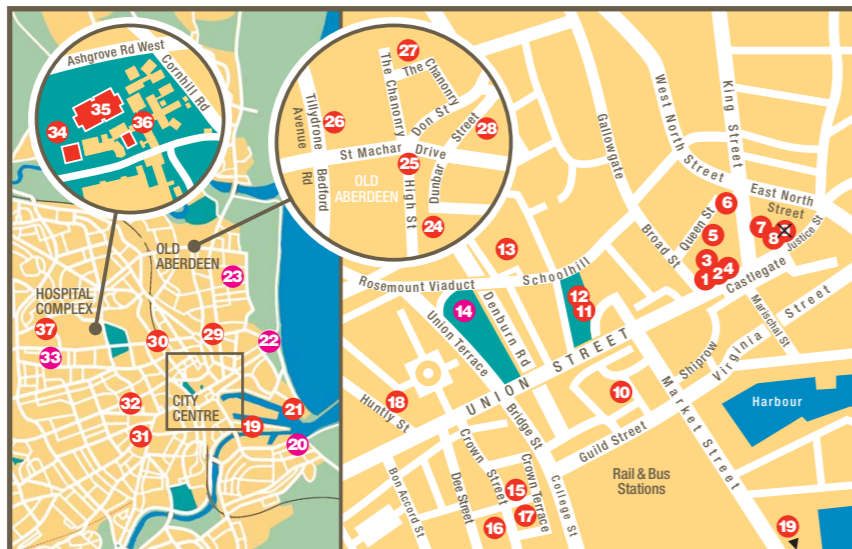
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FREE DOORS OPEN DAY BUS

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 Inverdee House in Torry > RNLI lifeboats > TS Scylla > Transition Extreme > Aberdeen Sports Village > Central Fire Station.

SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

September is also Scottish Archaeology Month 2010. For information about events in Aberdeen, visit www.scottisharchaeologymonth.com www.aagm.co.uk or phone the City Council on 01224 523658.



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