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DOORS OPEN DAYS 2025

ABERDEEN CITY
6th & 7th of September

Doors Open Day is Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates places and stories, new and old.

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Above: The Wallace Tower

1. Aberdeen Town House

Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1LP

6th September 10am-4.30pm

Constructed between 1867 and 1872, Aberdeen Town House is a masterpiece of Victorian architecture and the civic heart of Aberdeen. It is home to the amazing civic room and the city's UNESCO-recognised archive, with documents dating back to 1179. Tours of the building will be available.

Facilities:    

2. Society of Advocates

Concert Court, Aberdeen, AB10 1BS

6th September 10am-4pm

Advocates' Hall was built in 1870 to house the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen, a professional body of legal practitioners based in the city. The Category A listed building was designed by James Matthews, and features a legal library with custom built bookshelves, stencilled ceilings, and a stained-glass window produced by Daniel Cottier. A city centre hidden gem! Volunteers will be on hand to provide further information and answer any queries.

Facilities:  

3. Robert Gordon's College

Schoolhill, AB10 1FE

6th September 10am-4pm

An independent school for children aged 3 to 18 years. The School was built between 1732 and 1742 by Robert Gordon as a residential school for poor boys on land previously occupied by a monastery of Black Friars. Join them for a guided tour every hour between 10am and 3pm.

Facilities:  

4. Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Castle Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1WP

6th of September 10.30am-3.30pm

Aberdeen Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court is located in this Category A listed building built between 1868 and 1874. There will be guided tours with an experienced member of court staff, talking about history of the Court building and what happens in the court room, with an opportunity to explore areas of Courts 1 and 6. There will be opportunities to take pictures, try on gowns and sit at Sheriffs bench. Suitable for all ages. Tours are every 20 minutes between 10.15am and 3.30pm.

Facilities:     

5. Kirk of St Nicholas NEW!

Union Street, AB10 1JL

6th of September 10am-4pm

The original church, known as 'The Mither Kirk' dated from 1151, was one of the largest medieval churches in Scotland and one of the most historically important buildings in Aberdeen. With some surviving elements from the late 12th century in the transepts and central crossing, it has been gradually altered through the centuries to become a large, prominent feature in the city landscape. The West Church is thought to be the only remaining Gibbs building in Scotland and its interior is particularly noteworthy as a rare, largely unaltered 18th century survival. This is an opportunity for the public to see inside the Kirk and guides will be on hand to answer any questions.

Facilities:   

6. St Mary's Chapel

(OpenSpace Trust)

Correction Wynd, inside Kirk gate

6th September 10am-3.45pm

St Mary's Chapel is a chantry chapel build around the middle of the 15th century prior to the expansion of the Kirk building above. Restoration work has been taking place over the past 6 years or so and it is now complete. There is now wheelchair access, gypsum plaster has been replaced with lime mortar, the building has been rewired, wood panels restored and new lighting fitted. This is an opportunity to come and see what the OpenSpace Trust has achieved. The Chapel will be open for visitors with wardens available to answer questions. There will also be a loop-type video presentation and a self-guided tour sheet if preferred. Dependent on demand guided tours may be available.

Facilities:    

7. The Belmont Community Cinema

49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JS

6th September 10am-6pm

The cinema will open the doors to the currently closed building providing tours of the Projector Room with demonstrations of their film reel projectors from 11:00-18:00, last tour starting at 17:30. They will also host Three Talks in Screen 1. 10:00 The Belmont Cinema's Architectural Heritage: Windows to the Past, Doors to the Future with CEO Matt Buchanan www.eventbrite.com/e/talk-a-window-into-the-belmonts-past-and-opening-doors-to-its-future-tickets-1460046742109?aff=oddttdtcreator 13:00 Representing the Past in Film through the Architecture of Scotland www.eventbrite.com/e/talk-representing-the-past-in-film-through-the-architecture-of-scotland-registration-1460108125709?aff=oddttdtcreator 16:00 The Belmont Cinema: Memories, Moments, and Creating a Shared Future

www.eventbrite.com/e/talk-memories-moments-and-creating-a-shared-future-registration-1460172397949?aff=oddttdtcreator

All events are free of charge, but donations are welcomed. All proceeds from Doors Open Day will go directly towards the Charity Campaign to Re-open the Belmont.

Facilities: 

8. Central Library

Rosemount Viaduct, AB25 1GW

6th September 9am-5pm

Opened in 1892, Central Library is the headquarters for library services within Aberdeen City. The building is also home to the Lending Library, the Media Centre, the Information Centre and the Central Children's Library. It is one of a group of three civic buildings – the other two being St Mark's Church & His Majesty's Theatre – known as "Education, Salvation and Damnation." More information will be available on the Doors Open Day and Library website.

Facilities:    

9. Aberdeen Trades Union Council

John Londragan House, 22a Adelphi,

Aberdeen, AB11 5BL

6th September 10am-4pm

The Council was formed in 1868 and is still going strong, playing an important role as it continues to support workers in these challenging times. The space is also home to Aberdeen Social Centre which is an activist support and networking hub. The aim of the Centre is to build the capacity of and the connections between grassroots community activism. A range of historical artefacts will be on display, providing a fascinating insight into the history of trade unionism and activism in the city.

Facilities:    

10. Peacock & the Worm – Print Studio & Gallery

21 Castle Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5BQ

6th September 11am-4pm

7th September 11am-3pm

Since 1974, Peacock – a workshop for art has supported thousands of artists in the production of artworks, ranging from prints to video works, photography, performance and site-specific public installations; reconfiguring the relationship between the artist, the artwork and the audience which can be outlined simply as making, learning and showing. Peacock's role in the city of Aberdeen, through its printmaking workshops and the gallery/project space the worm, has been to activate spaces where artists and citizens are, prompted by artworks to congregate around ideas and practices that interrupt everyday routines.

Facilities include a screen printing studio and relief printing studio as well as a laser cutter and vinyl cutter.

Free mini studio tour every hour Saturday from 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 3pm, 3.30pm

Sunday from 12pm, 1pm, 2pm

Booking is preferred but not essential.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/peacock-the-worm-17459321692

Facilities:  

11. Aberdeen Arts Centre

33 King Street, AB24 5AA

7th September 10am-4pm

Aberdeen Arts Centre is an independent arts venue and registered charity in the heart of Aberdeen. For over 60 years, it has played a crucial role in the north east's vibrant arts scene through its programme of performances, Creative Learning Programme for children and adults, and an Artist Development Programme to support local professional creatives. In May 2025, the centre launched the Save Aberdeen Arts Centre campaign – a three-year fundraising drive. Aberdeen Arts Centre – operated

by Castlegate Arts – encompasses a 350-seater auditorium; café bar; flexible spaces for performances, events, exhibitions and meetings; and the Children's Theatre, opened by Catherine Hollingworth in the 1950s as a pioneering youth theatre (the first of its kind in the UK) and now used as a vital resource for professional artist development. You're invited to step beyond the curtain and discover how productions come together from behind the scenes. Guided tours will run on the hour (last tour 3pm) Raid the dressing-up box, get creative at the colouring-in station, and watch screenings of historic film footage that celebrates the centre's (and Aberdeen's) vibrant past. Join creative learning facilitator Leah Christie for a special 45-minute craft and drama taster session for young people aged 8–15. Places are limited, so advance booking via the website is essential: www.aberdeenartscentre.com/whats-on/doors-open-day-at-aberdeen-arts-centre

Facilities:      

12. St Andrews Cathedral Church

28 King Street, AB24 5AX

6th September 10am-4pm

7th September 8am-4pm

One of the finest architectural works of Archibald Simpson, embellished by Sir Ninian Comper 1936-43. The Chancel was added by Architect G E Street in 1880 and the Porch by Architect R S Lorimer in 1891. The sound engineer described it as an 'Acoustic Enigma'. It is the home of a multi cultural multi ethnic dynamic community serving Aberdeen and beyond. Performances will be held on the Saturday at noon – Katherine Williams (soprano) and Ben Marsden (piano). Sung Eucharist on Sunday 1030am-12.15pm. Guided tours will be provided on request.

Facilities:     

13. Bon Accord Baths

Justice Mill Lane, AB11 6EQ

6th September 10am-5pm

A community-led charity with a large number of volunteers, working towards saving and restoring the Baths for the community to use as a leisure, wellbeing and arts venue. The Baths are a unique listed art-deco building of national significance. Visitors are welcome to freely explore the public facing areas and there will be a showcase of heritage press photographs. Trustees of Bon Accord Heritage will be on hand to answer any questions. Sit in one of the original 1930's spectator seats in the pool hall and enjoy live performances from local musicians. A timetable will be advertised on Bon Accord Baths social media.

Facilities: 

14. Gilcomston Church

Union Street, AB10 1TP

6th September 10am-2pm

7th September 10am-1pm (service at 11am)

The main building was built in the 1860s by Architect William Smith (whose initials are carved on a stone underneath the small front windows) and was opened in 1868. It is built of grey granite and sandstone, with red and black granite stones around the arches and window openings. It was granted Category B Listed Status in 1990. The building originally had accommodation for 1200. It is in the early decorated Gothic style. Stewards will be on hand to answer any questions.

Facilities:     

15. St Margarets School for Girls

17 Albyn Place, AB10 1RU

6th September 10am-12pm

Founded in 1846, St Margaret's School for Girls is the oldest all-through girls' school in Scotland. St Margaret's School offers a supportive and welcoming environment, where they strive to support each girl to achieve their potential in both the curricular and extra-curricular life of the school. The school values of respect, equality, hard work, ambition and community are at the heart of all that they do. Visitors to the school will be taken on a guided tour by prefects or members of staff. There will also be the opportunity to view items from the school's extensive archive.

Facilities:   

16. Freemasons Hall

85 Crown Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6EX

6th and 7th September 10am-4pm

A beautiful purpose built Masonic temple which opened in 1910 that has many interesting architectural features. Many masonic artefacts held within the temple will be shown and visit to learn about the associated history with Aberdeen City.

Facilities:     



17. The Bridge Club Aberdeen

14 Rubislaw Terrace, AB10 1XE

6th September 10am-4pm

Come and find out about one of Aberdeen's oldest clubs. Founded in September 1933, The Bridge Club is celebrating its 90th Anniversary this weekend. Though founded as a Bridge club, the building has been home to Aberdeen Scrabble Club for a number of years, and since 2018 has been the home of Bon Accord Chess Club. You will have the opportunity to watch experienced Bridge players and to try it yourself, with experienced teachers on hand to teach you the basics. Members of Aberdeen Scrabble Club and Bon Accord Chess Club will also be on hand to answer questions. Guided tours will be available on the hour and half hour between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Facilities:  

18. St John the Evangelist, Scottish Episcopal Church

St Johns Place, AB11 6HD

6th September 10am-4pm

A place of continuous worship for almost 175 years, the congregation dates back to 1720. In Scottish Episcopal Church tradition, the building contains a number of historical features including a medieval font, early 20th Century arch mural and magnificent east window as well as many other stained glass windows. The building has undergone significant, sensitive restoration in the early 21st Century. Most recently, new LED lighting of the nave creating an enhanced view of the arch mural. The church has developed a working relationship with the adjoining mosque over the past decade. A biblical themed garden was planted in 2023. There will be self guided tours with stewards in attendance.

Facilities:       

19. Quaker Meeting House

98 Crown Street, AB11 6HJ

6th September 9am-4pm

This Meeting House is one of only two purpose-built Quaker Meeting Houses in Scotland still in use. Officially opened on 10th June 1903, it was designed by the renowned Aberdeen architect Dr William Kelly LLD. Designed specifically for Quaker meetings, the absence of ornateness reflects the simplicity which is one of the Quaker testimonies – how they try to lead their lives. Visitors can walk around the building with someone present to answer any questions.

Facilities:     

20. Aberdeen Synagogue

74 Dee Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6DS

7th September 10am-3pm

Aberdeen Synagogue is located inside a grade B listed building in the conservation area central Aberdeen. It is the most northerly Synagogue in the UK. Visitors will be shown round the Sanctuary and the layout of the building will be explained by members of the community. Visitors will be encouraged to ask questions The Community room will be open for tea/coffee and conversation.

Facilities:   

21. St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Carden Place, Aberdeen AB10 1UN

6th September 10am-3pm

A large mid 19th century church, more commonly known as the 'Tartan Kirkie' due to the style of brickwork used when it was built. St Mary's offers a warm invitation to reflect, connect and explore the sanctuary's unique architecture.

Facilities:     

22. Trinity Hall

164 Holburn Street, Trinity Hall, AB10 6DA

6th September 10am-4pm

The iconic brutalist building is a hidden gem in the city centre and the home of The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. Founded in 1587, Trinity Hall is a living archive of Aberdeen's civic and social history. Experience the legacy of the city's tradespeople, whose influence shaped Aberdeen's development over centuries. Discover treasures dating back to the 15th century including ceremonial items and trade memorabilia that reflect Aberdeen's rich craftsmanship legacy. Admire the outstanding stained-glass windows which have recently been refurbished. There are new exhibits in each of the rooms and members will be on hand to answer any questions (last entry 3.30pm).

Facilities:     

23. Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust

Polmuir Avenue, AB11 7WH

6th and 7th September 11am-4pm

Ferryhill is the site of Aberdeen's original railway station, going back over 100 years. The former Ferryhill Depot is the site of the Ransome and Rapier turntable, restored in 2019, still being used to turn visiting steam engines. The Trust also have the restored 1855 original engine shed, which is a functioning workshop. This shed holds several waggons under restoration. Their latest completed project is the former office building, containing a small museum and adjacent water tower. FRHT are a Volunteer run Charity. Tours will be given based on demand and commence by the office portacabin.

Facilities:   

Disabled parking available
enter from Polmuir Road 

24. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Central Fire Station

2 Mounthooly Way, AB24 3ER

6th September 10am-3pm (Quiet Hour 10am-11am)

A chance to visit the fire station, see behind the scenes and look at the equipment and appliances. There will also be different partner agencies bringing some of their vehicles along. Guided tours of the station will commence every hour.

Facilities:     

25. Aberdeen Mosque and Islamic Centre (AMIC)

Frederick Street, AB24 5HY

6th September 11am-4pm

AMIC is a place for Muslims to worship and perform daily prayers, in a congregation, weekly Friday prayers and Eid celebrations. AMIC not only focuses on Islamic activities like prayers and education but also actively promotes harmony among different communities, conducts social, cultural, and community projects, and engages in local social concerns to benefit the wider community. Activities include Imam Q&A session, Quran listening, try hijab stall, Arabic calligraphy and refreshments. Guided tours commence at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm. Meet at the mosque reception. Refreshments available.

Facilities:     

26. Aberdeen Family History Society

158 King Street, AB24 5BD

6th September 10am-4pm

Founded in 1978, the society exists to assist and promote the study of genealogy and family history in the North East of Scotland. Records held cover the whole of Scotland, a considerable amount of data on the rest of the UK as well as many places around the world.

Facilities:    

27. Masjid Alhikmah and Community Centre

41 Nelson Street, AB24 5ER

6th September 11am-5pm

The Masjid Alhikmah and Community Centre building was designed by British architect Shahed Saleem. The building is an assemblage of references to local Aberdeen granite architecture and Scottish history and tartan patterns, and traditions of Islamic art and architecture. Masjid Alhikmah is a place of worship – A welcoming hub for the community. An inclusive place where people can come together to pray, learn, meet, and reflect. Welcoming everyone and spreading the word and showcasing the beauty of the mosque and community. Tours will be available on an ad hoc basis. If you wish to pre book, please contact: info@masjidalhikmah.org.uk

Facilities:     

28. Aberdeen Saints Croquet Club

Westburn Park Pavilion, Westburn Road

6th and 7th September 1030am-3pm

Participants will be shown the basics of playing croquet. This will be held on the croquet lawn – no booking required, just turn up! (Note, this will be weather permitting)

Facilities:  

29. Gordon & Watson NEW!

30 Rosebank Place, AB11 6XP

7th September 11am-4pm

Step behind the scenes of Aberdeen's oldest funeral directors which was founded over 100 years ago. Join the 'Dispel the Myths' tour of the funeral home including their newly refurbished mortuary. Learn all about a day in a life of a Funeral Director and how they support and look after families. Tours will be held every half an hour (Last tour 3pm). Please email rosebank@gordonandwatson.co.uk with the times and numbers of your group.

Facilities:     

30. St Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church

Gallowgate, AB25 1EA

6th September 10am-4pm

This historic church will be open for visitors to explore and spend some time in quiet reflection. From intricate stained glass to beautiful carved oak and statues, St. Margaret's is an architectural gem in the heart of the east end of the city. The church gardens – an 'oasis in the city centre' – will also be open for visitors. Guide books will be provided at the main entrance for visitors to follow on the suggested route and church members will be on hand with a warm welcome and to answer any questions.

Facilities:   

31. ONE BioHub NEW!

Foresterhill Rd, Aberdeen AB25 2XE

6th September 9am-4pm

ONE BioHub offers tailored infrastructure for start-ups, spinouts, and scaling life sciences companies to research, develop, and commercialise world-leading science that addresses global health and wellness challenges. It is the place where life sciences founders grow their businesses, develop new therapies, treatments, technologies, and solutions, transform healthcare delivery, and improve patient outcomes.

Visitors are invited to explore the ground floor atrium and mezzanine meeting rooms at ONE BioHub, an environment where breakthrough science comes to life. Video displays will showcase the dynamic life sciences ecosystem of the north east, offering a closer look at the pioneering companies based at ONE BioHub, the innovations they're driving, and the meaningful impact they're making in the region.

Facilities:     

32. The Rowett Institute

Ashgrove Road West, AB25 2ZD

6th September 10am-4pm

Founded more than a century ago, the Rowett Institute carries out pioneering nutrition-based scientific research in its own striking, purpose-built laboratories on Aberdeen's Foresterhill Health Campus. Incorporated into the modern, sustainable building can be found stained glass windows and other historic gems brought from the institute's original site in Bucksburn – which is now the home of the TECA exhibition centre. A number of our research teams will be on hand to demonstrate and answer questions about their latest research into areas such as how we grow and eat healthier and more sustainable diets. There will be regular guided tours of parts of the building not usually open to the public.

Facilities:    

33. Institute of Medical Sciences

Ashgrove Road West, AB25 2ZD

6th September 10am-4pm

The Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) at the University of Aberdeen is the largest site of biomedical research in Aberdeen. Its scientists and research staff study neuroscience, microbiology, immunology, cell and developmental biology, pharmacology, bone and muscle and more. In use are state of the art instruments, including cutting edge medical imaging to study the structures and organs of the body as well as innovative microscopy.

There will be bioscience demonstrations, games, activities and exhibits for all the family and every age.

Guided tours of some labs will be at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm – these will be for 14 years or older and require to be prebooked: p.j.mccaffery@abdn.ac.uk

Facilities:     



34: National Hyperbaric Centre – NHS Grampian NEW!

123 Ashgrove Road West, AB16 5FA

6th September 10am-2pm

National Hyperbaric Centre has one of only two NHS Hyperbaric chambers in Scotland. The Hyperbaric Chamber is online 24/7, 365 days for anyone in Scotland who encounters a decompression illness from diving. They also use our chamber for a select group of medical illnesses. In partnership with JFD, doors will be open for people to have a look around and go into a hyperbaric chamber. Small group tours will run every 20-30 minutes.

Facilities:     

35: JFD: National Hyperbaric Centre NEW!

123 Ashgrove Road West, AB16 5FA

6th September 11am-2pm

JFD is the world leading underwater capability provider, serving the commercial and defence markets with innovative diving, submarine and hyperbaric rescue, technical solutions and services. See the chambers used to simulate extreme underwater conditions and support diver health. Guided tours will be available, booking is required:

lwilkie@jfdglobal.com

Facilities:     



36. St Machar's Cathedral

The Chanonry, AB24 1RQ

6th September 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-4pm

Situated in historic Old Aberdeen, this impressive 15th century granite structure is witness to 1400 years of faith. With its medieval twin towers, and world-famous heraldic ceiling dating from 1520, the Cathedral is Aberdeen's oldest public building and one of the treasures of Scotland. Visitors can hear about the history of the Cathedral and restoration work, view original records from the 14th century in the Charter Room, take part in children's activities, try ringing the Cathedral bells, and enjoy live music! Refreshments will be available.

Facilities:       

37. Kings College Chapel

College Bounds, AB24 3FX

6th September 10am-2pm

The University was founded in 1495 and the chapel is its oldest surviving building and the oldest building in Aberdeen City. Inside includes the finest surviving pre-reformation choir stalls in Scotland and a host of other treasures. Dr Louise Page will be giving tours at 10.30am and 12 noon and will be available to answer questions as per demand. Self-guided tour using the web-based app are also available.

Facilities:       

38. Confucius Institute of the University of Aberdeen

17 High Street, AB24 3EE

6th September 10am-4pm

The Institute provides Chinese language teaching and cultural events to the North-East Scotland community. It acts as a linguistic and cultural bridge and serves as the first port of call for information on China. The building has had many uses in its long history, including as a museum and a bank, and its courtyard garden is one of Old Aberdeen's best-kept secrets. Visit for craft, music, dance and more.

Facilities:       

39. Cruickshank Botanical Gardens

St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

6th September 10am-4pm

There have been gardens and parkland on the site since at least the late 17th century. The Botanic Garden, founded with a bequest from Miss Anne Cruickshank, is an educational resource and a beautiful and secluded amenity for University of Aberdeen staff and students and the general public. Visit and enjoy at your leisure!

Facilities: 

40. Zoology Museum University of Aberdeen

Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ

6th September 10am-4pm

The Zoology Building at the University of Aberdeen, opened in 1970 and is a Brutalist-style structure. It houses the School of Biological Sciences and the University's Zoology Museum. The Museum has displays that are worldwide in scope, from protozoa to the great whales, including taxidermy, skeletons, fluid-preserved specimens and models. Visit and see the amazing displays of creatures. There will be activity sheets and an Archaeology-themed Lego Trail for visitors to enjoy. Fun for all the family!

Facilities:       

41. The Wallace Tower (Benholms Lodgings) NEW!

Tillydrone Road, AB24 2TP

6th & 7th September 11am-3pm

The tower itself is a Category B listed historic monument and one of the oldest buildings in Aberdeen. Closed and derelict for nearly 25 years, its redevelopment is not complete, but this will be the first opportunity to see inside for over a generation. Tillydrone Community Development Trust are a community focused charity who have worked for over 10 years on plans to redevelop the building known locally as the Wallace Tower and have brought this into community ownership via a Community Asset transfer. The Trust also has plans for the upper floors and are actively fundraising to achieve their aim of getting the whole building restored and into community use. The upper floors will be unfinished, however it will be accessible. Please note it will be uneven footing.

Facilities:     

42. Sir Duncan Rice Library

Bedford Road, AB24 3AA

6th September 9am-4pm

The Sir Duncan Rice Library was opened by HM The Queen in September 2012. Designed by Danish architects Schmidt Hammer Lassen. It is the University's main library with 7 floors for use by students, staff and others. The University Collections Research Room is located on the lower ground floor providing access to rare books, manuscripts and archives. Activities on Doors Open Day include: Stone Balls: A Very Local Scottish Archaeology Mystery (Ground Floor) Fear & Fascination: Gothic Script and Ancient Egyptian Scarab Seals make-and-take activity (Ground Floor & Lower Ground Floor).

Do you think you've found something of historic interest? Why not bring along your object. A member of the Treasure Trove team will be on hand to assess any finds that you may have and provide advice on what you need to do. For the full list, please visit the Doors Open Day Website or the SDRL website. Booking required for the Treasure Trove:

<https://outlook.office.com/book/AberdeenFindsDay06092025@nms.ac.uk/?ismsaljsauthenabed=true>

Facilities:       



43. Aberdeen Community Energy

What3words – [///work.quen.ch/output](https://work.quen.ch/output)
7th September 11am-1pm

Visit this multi-award winning Community Hydro scheme. Meet the volunteer Directors who will conduct the tours and tell you all about the scheme. See first-hand the Archimedes Screw, the widest in the UK when it was installed in 2016. Have a look around the turbine house, and find out how electricity is generated. Take a walk along the edge of the lade in an area that is steeped in industrial history, where mills have been operating for centuries and which now harnesses the power of the river to produce clean, green renewable energy.

Guided tours will be held from 11am to 1pm and will last around 20 minutes (the tour is outside – sturdy footwear is advisable)

Facilities:  

44. The Gordon Highlanders Museum

St Luke's, Viewfield Road, AB15 7XH
6th September 10am-12pm

The Gordon Highlanders Museum is multi-award winning 5-star Visit Scotland Museum and Visitor Attraction in the west end of Aberdeen, recently voted The Best Visitor Attraction in Aberdeen and the North East at The Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards. King Charles is The Gordon Highlanders Museum Patron and has a great knowledge and interest in The Regiment and The Museum. There is a mini-figure hunt to help introduce history to young children. Within the grounds there is full size WWI replica trench giving visitors the opportunity to wander through and explore what it might have been like for the soldiers serving in the trenches of World War I. The Museum has an extremely popular Garden Cafe, gift shop, excellent conference and events space as well as a beautiful south facing walled

Victorian Garden. An audio tour is offered in nine different languages with guides available to answer questions.

Facilities:      



45. Thai Buddharam Temple and Cultural Temple NEW!

East Lodge, Queens Road, Woodend, AB15 6YX

6th and 7th of September 10am-5pm

The Thai Temple is based within a listed building known as East Lodge, which was originally part of the hospital complex. The gatehouse likely served as an entrance to the hospital grounds and potentially housed some administrative or support functions related to the hospital. Step into serenity at the Thai Buddhist Temple which will open to the public to promote Buddhism's original teachings and celebrate traditional Thai ceremonies. Chanting and meditation sessions are available.

Facilities:      

46. Due to unforeseen circumstances this venue is now cancelled

47. Old Torry Community Centre

2 Abbey Place, AB11 9QH
6th September 10am-3pm

The Old Torry Community Centre was first opened in 1935 as one of the three Fisherman's Missions in Torry. Since 2011, the Centre has been run by volunteers and trustees as a family-focussed inter-generational community centre with a range of activities spread across a full week. The Centre will be open to all visitors to enjoy the hall and the collection of photos of Torry across the ages and artefacts that will be on display, whilst also enjoying home-made soup, a roll and a cuppie.

Facilities:      

48. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

North Anderson Drive, AB15 6DD
6th September 10am-4pm

The church building was designed in Salt Lake City and must have looked very American when it was first built. It has unfortunately lost its original copper roof but its elegant needlepointed spire is a familiar landmark on North Anderson Drive. Visitors can enjoy guided tours around the building and an insight to family history.

Facilities:      

49. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Bridge of Don Chapel) NEW!

Bridge of Don, Fairview Street, Danestone, AB22 8ZP
6th September 10am-4pm

This is the second church building in Aberdeen which was built around 35 years ago as the the congregation was growing. It is smaller than the building on North Anderson Drive, but just like the North Anderson Drive building it also has an elegant needle point spire.

Facilities:      

50. International School Aberdeen

Pitfodels House, North Deeside Road, Cults, AB15 9PN
6th September 10am-1pm

Established in 1972, ISA is Scotland's first international school. With an international approach and firm roots in Aberdeen, half of their 500+ student population is local. They welcome you to visit their impressive campus. Tours of the campus will be running on the hour starting at 10:00am with the last tour being at 12 noon.

Facilities:      

51. Compass Project by Camphill Wellbeing Trust NEW!

Craigton Road, Cults, AB15 9QD
6th September 10am-4pm

The Compass Project is a ground-breaking initiative by local charity Camphill Wellbeing Trust, which aims to sustainably transform a former school campus on the edge of Aberdeen City into a centre providing practical solutions for healthy, sustainable lifestyles. Join them for the official public opening of the North Point building, following an extensive, sustainable retrofit. Enjoy taster sessions of some of the activities available within the multi-use facility, including racket sports, soft play etc. There will also be regular tours of the sustainable growing areas at the site (including the organic garden and orchard) with demonstration stations showcasing no-dig organic gardening, composting/wormery, rainwater harvesting, solar power generation, beekeeping, and dry-stone walling.

Facilities:      

52. SRUC Scotland's Rural College Craibstone Campus **NEW!**

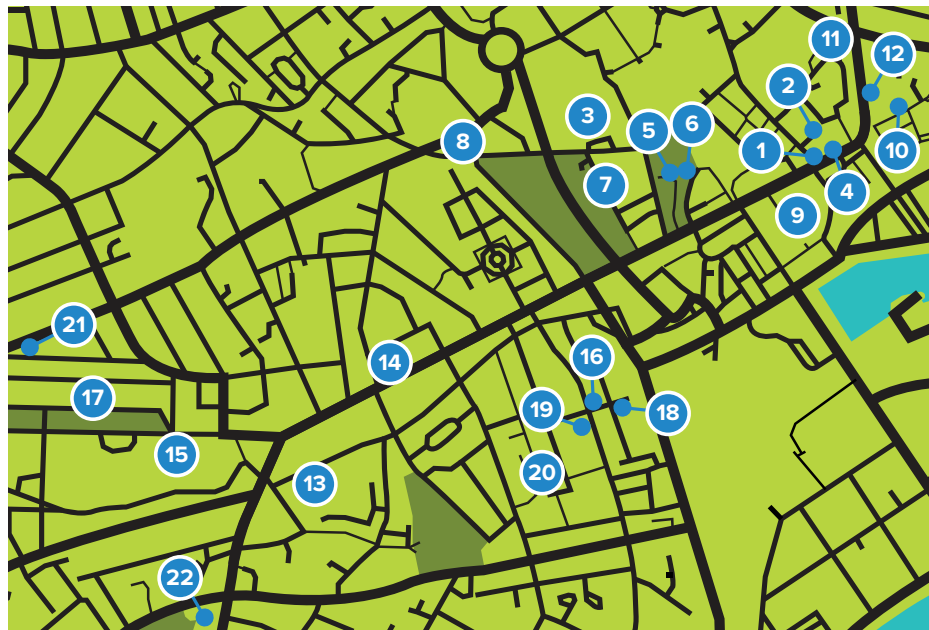
Ferguson Building, Craibstone Estate, AB21 9YA. 6th September 10am-4pm
SRUC was established in 2012 through the merger of the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) with Barony, Elmwood and Oatridge Colleges. With a vision to be Scotland's enterprise university at the heart of our sustainable natural economy, SRUC Craibstone is home to SRUC's recently launched veterinary medicine programme along with a wide range of other courses covering agriculture, wildlife and conservation management, animal care, veterinary nursing and rural business management. Visit the Ferguson Building which houses the main teaching classrooms, along with the library and other student facilities. There will be a display of information about the current work of SRUC, along with the chance to learn about the history of both Craibstone and the institution.

Facilities:   

Old Aberdeen inset



Central Aberdeen inset



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Paul Hastings from Set In Stone Aberdeen will be hosting a **walking** shuttle bus between Doors Open Day sites in the West End, offering insights into aspects of local & social history. Paul will be setting off from Gilcomston Church at 10:30am on Saturday, heading to Trinity Hall and covering the route back and forth throughout the day. If you're keen to join then please wait at the site you've just

visited and Paul can pick you up on his way past – he won't be far away!

For further information contact www.setinstoneaberdeen.com
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Wheelchair
Accessible
Building



Wheelchair
Accessible
Toilet



Refreshment
Available



Limited Access



Toilet Available



Events for
Children



Not An
Accessible
Building



Hearing Loop



Parking
Available

Please check with venues directly for further information and if booking is required.

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From hidden libraries, enchanting churches, green spaces and more, explore Aberdeen City and rediscover its beauty!

Doors Open Days is celebrated each September as part of European Heritage Days in Scotland. The festival is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust and is supported by Historic Environment Scotland.

To explore the full national programme and plan visits to venues all over Scotland, you can visit our website:

[DOORSOPENDAYS.ORG.UK](https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)



**St Margaret of Scotland
Episcopal Church**

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Many entries also feature in local guides. Search online for 'Free Aberdeen Walking Trails' to find out more!

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