

### 1 Town House

Castle Street. Peddie and Kinnear. 1868-74

Access from Union St (steps) or Queen St (level). The ground floor arcade, main staircase and Civic Rooms including the Town & County Hall are open on Doors Open Day.

♿TH 10am-4pm

### 2 Town House Extension

Broad Street. City Architect. 1977

Access from Broad St (steps) or Queen St (level). The principal spaces within the modern extension to the Town House, including the Council Chamber, are open on Doors Open Day.

♿T 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

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 and the stained glass window on the staircase by Cottier & Co.

♿H 10am-4pm

### 4 The Tolbooth Museum

Castle Street. 17th Century

The Victorian façade of the Town House 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, meet the Jailer and the Cook and discover the dark goings on in the 17th Century during the day.

♿(ground floor only)H 10am-4pm

### 5 St Mary's Chapel

Correction Wynd. 1438

St Mary's Chapel is a vaulted crypt under the East Church beautifully built by Aberdeen's Master Mason, Sir Andrew Wrycht in 1438, dedicated by Bishop Elphinstone in 1498 and restored sympathetically by Dr William Kelly in 1898. Within the Chapel there are examples of some of the original 16th & 17th Century woodwork panels. Please note there will be no access to the current archaeology dig area.

♿EH 10am-4pm

### 6 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. 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 MacRobert Hall, the new Wood Foundation Science and Engineering Centre and the Craig Centre for Performing Arts. Tours every hour on the hour the last one at 3.00pm.

♿MGETH 10am-4pm

### 7 Aberdeen Art Gallery

Schoolhill. Alexander Marshall Mackenzie. 1885

A particularly attractive example of late 19th Century architecture built in a combination of grey Kemnay and pink Corennie granites. The magnificent centre court was added in 1903 during the high period of monument and sculpture work in the city's granite trade. The Cowdray Hall and Memorial Court followed in 1923-25. The Gallery is currently undergoing redevelopment and with the cooperation of the contractors this is an opportunity to see behind the scenes of the works in progress. Tours at 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.

**Pre-Booking is necessary in advance for guided tours 01224 337714.**

♿(ground floor only)GH ⌚ **Limited Opening Tours Only**

### 8 Aberdeen Central Library

Rosemount Viaduct. George Watt 1891

The first in the famous group of Aberdeen Buildings, referred to as Education, Salvation and Damnation. The Central Library including Information Centre, Media centre, Children's Library and Adult Lending will all be open. Conducted tours of the building including the Committee Room and rare access to the reserve stock basement storage. 'Treasures from our Collections' exhibition will be on view. Tours at 11am, 2pm, and 3pm.

♿GETRH 10am-4pm

### 9 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. The main sanctuary will be open to view and there will be musical performances throughout the day.

♿(assisted) METRH 10am-4pm

### 10 Freemason's Hall

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)GETRH 10am-4pm

### 11 St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

St Johns Place (off Crown Terrace) Thomas Mackenzie. 1849-51

The north aisle was added in 1898 with the tower being constructed in 1913. Of particular interest inside the church are the great east window, the memorial nave windows, the Sir Ninian Comper reredos and the 16th Century font from Kinkell Church, Inverurie. The Church, Hall and the adjoining Mosque will be open.

♿MTRH 10am-4pm

### 12 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 Celebrating its 70TH anniversary. The principal ground floor room has been adapted and furnished along similar lines to those found in all Orthodox Synagogues. Conducted tours will be organised.

**NB The synagogue is used for worship on Saturday and is not open to the general public. Doors Open Day for this venue only is Sunday 13 September.**

♿GETR 10am-2pm ⌚ **Limited Opening Hours Sunday Only**

### 13 Scottish Episcopal Church of St James the Less

Holburn Junction. Arthur Clyne 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. The ground floor areas of the church will be open to view.

♿(assisted part only)TRH 11am-3pm ⌚ **Limited Opening Hours**

### 14 Community Health & Care Village

50 Frederick Street. Hub North Scotland & NHS Grampian. 2013

The services in the Health and Care Village, an urban community hospital (without beds); have been brought together under one roof from a number of locations across the city to provide a range of diagnostic and treatment services for the people of Aberdeen and Grampian in a central site in the city. The Ground and First Floors will be open. Conducted Tours at 10am, 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm.

♿MEGTR 10am-4pm

### 15 Aberdeen RNLI Lifeboats

Waterloo Quay/York Place

Doors Open Day provides an opportunity to visit the inshore lifeboat and shed, the larger all-weather lifeboat and crew room. Tours every 20 minutes.

♿(not to boat)GETRH 10am-4pm

### 16 Beach Ballroom

Beach Boulevard/Esplanade. Thomas Roberts and Hume 1926

Built to a competition winning design and with a steel sprung dance floor that is still one of Scotland's finest, this is a place of nostalgia for generations of Aberdonians.

♿GETRH 10am-4pm

### 17 Aberdeen Sports Village

Linkfield 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, including a full size indoor football pitch! One of the 2010 Royal Institute of British Architect's Award Winning buildings.

♿TR 10am-4pm

### 18 Aquatics Centre

Regent Walk (Also accessible from Aberdeen Sports Village: Linkfield Road) Faulkner Browns. 2014

World class Aquatics Centre, complementing the existing Sports Village; includes a 50m Olympic standard pool and a 25m pool with diving boards up to 10m, a sauna, steam room, exercise studio and café. The design allows for flexibility in use and programming, from competitions, a base for local performance swimming and is primarily a community facility to which everyone will have access to.

♿TR 10am-4pm

### 19 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. **Visitors are reminded that the fire station remains operational on Doors Open Day.**

Children must be accompanied by adults. Tours at regular intervals.

♿GETR 10am-4pm

### 20 PDSA

26-30 Fraser Place. (Entrance from car park)

An insight in to the Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals where the main hospital will be open. Conducted tours will be organised including the clinical areas. Tours every 30 minutes

♿(assisted) GTRH 10am-4pm

### 21 Aberdeen Asset Management

10 Queen's Terrace. Mackenzie and McMillan 1877-79

The well preserved principal rooms of a grand 19th Century typical Aberdeen residential terrace villa. Conducted tours of the building including and an opportunity to view the corporate art collection will be on view. Tours every 30minutes. **Access by booking before 10 September by officeservices@aberdeenasset.com**

♿GET 10am-4pm

### 22 Institute of Medical Sciences

University of Aberdeen. Foresterhill Health Campus, Ashgrove Road (Entrance from Car Park off Ashgrove Road)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. On Doors Open Day the Atrium and ground floor and level 2 labs are open and there are guided tours at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

♿GETR 10am-4pm

### 23 The Suttie Centre for Teaching & Learning in Healthcare

Foresterhill Hospital. Bennets Associates 2009 (The building is located from entering the hospital complex from Ashgrove House entrance)

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 Campus. Along with most of the building the Anatomy Museum with its collection of 'human material' art and models will be on view and there will be various demonstrations throughout the building showing different aspects of modern teaching anatomy.

♿ETRH 10am-4pm

### 24 Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society

Medical School, Foresterhill Hospital. (Stepped Entrance from

Foresterhill 'through' Road car park)

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 Professor Matthew Hay who brought clinical services, teaching and research together on the Foresterhill site. This led to the modern hospital and medical school complex at Foresterhill. On Doors Open Day the foyer, Council Chamber and Hall can be seen along with exhibition of material associated with the development of medicine in Aberdeen.

♿(by arrangement) ETRH 10am-4pm

### 25 Aberdeen Dental School

Cornhill Road, Foresterhill Campus. Mackie Ramsay Taylor Architects 2010

The purpose built modern dental teaching facility open on the day will include clinical areas supporting student learning in dentistry, student clinics, clinical skills suite and laboratories. There will be conducted tours every 30 minutes between 10.00am-3.30pm guided by students.

♿GETR 10am-4pm

### 26 St Mary's Episcopal Church

Carden Place. Alexander Ellis & FG Lee. 1862-65

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 altar piece by Philip Westlake, a mural by Allan Newton Sutherland and an 18th Century Samuel Green organ. The chancel and nave will be open.

♿(assisted)T(♿ no disabled toilet) RH 10am-4pm

### 27 Harlaw Academy

Albyn Place. Archibald Simpson. 1837-39

Defined by earlier terraced buildings, it was originally built as Mrs Emslie's Institution, a home for orphan girls; most familiar to Aberdonians as the High School for Girls, now Harlaw Academy. Take a tour of the main building and selected teaching areas and an exhibition of former pupils memorabilia. Tours at regular intervals from 10.00am to 3.30pm.

♿GETRH 10am-4pm

### 28 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 second building and 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 and boasts a dramatic interior and many historic artifacts.

Tours every 20-40 minutes.

♿(chairlift) GETH 10am-4pm

### 29 Albury Outdoor Sports Centre

Albury Road, Ferryhill

Albury Outdoor Sports Centre is a working partnership with residents in the community and Sport Aberdeen and is run by volunteers providing facilities for bowling, croquet, tennis and putting. View the facilities or even take part in some of the sports available.

♿(assisted) TR 10am-5pm

### 30 Duthie Park Eco-Friendly Biomass Heating Units

Duthie Park, Ferryhill. (Accessed through the gates next to former sports pavilion in Duthie Park)

The Duthie Park Workshop and Green Biomass facility will be open for people to explore this self-sufficient unit, which is fed from felled trees collected from Council owned venues across the City. Tours of the facility will take place at 11.00, 12noon, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm and include visiting the wood processing facilities. The second, larger biomass Unit, behind the Winter Gardens accessed through the Victorian corridor of the Winter garden will also be open throughout the day.

♿GTH 11am-4pm ⌚ **Limited Opening Hours**

### 31 Marine Laboratory

375 Victoria Road, Torry

Fisheries research has a long history in Aberdeen. The Fishery Board for Scotland established a marine laboratory at the Bay of Nigg in 1898 moving to its present site in 1923 with staff providing scientific research. During Doors Open Day there will be an opportunity to learn more about the work of the laboratory and historic material on display. Tours at regular intervals from 10.00am to 3.00pm **NB: Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**

♿GETH 10am-4pm

### 32 Old Torry Community Centre

2 Abbey Place, Torry

An opportunity to visit the building and to see all activities undertaken since 2011 supporting local groups and organizing events for folk in Torry.

♿TRH 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**

**New** **1ST DOORS OPEN DAY**





**33 Aberdeen Crematorium**

Skene Road, Hazelhead. City Architect. 1968  
An opportunity to visit the building and to see all aspects of the working of the Crematorium including the two Chapels, Rest Room and behind the scenes Cremating Area. There will be conducted tours hourly between 10am-3pm. **Restricted access as part of a conducted tour only. Places are limited on the day.**  
♿MGETRH 10am-4pm

**34 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

North Anderson Drive, Summerhill. 1967  
The current Chapel was dedicated in 1967 the first purpose built Chapel for the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Aberdeen. An opportunity to find out about the history and work of the Church.  
Conducted tours every 30minutes from 10.00am to 3.30pm.  
♿MGETRH 10am-4pm

**35 Cruickshank Botanic Gardens**

St Machar Drive. (Entrance from The Chanonry) 1898  
There have been gardens and parkland on the site since at least since 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. There are conducted tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm.  
♿(part limited) GH 10am-4pm

**36 Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre**

Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue. Mackie Ramsay and Taylor. 1969  
Aberdeen Biodiversity Centre, based in the Zoology building; promotes and supports the teaching of environmental and science topics, local biodiversity and cutting edge research by the University of Aberdeen. The Biodiversity Centre and classroom will be open.  
♿(assisted)ET 10am-4pm

**37 Zoology Museum**

Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue. 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 including animals of the world, from protozoa to whales. The ground floor Exhibition Gallery and top floor meeting room.  
♿(limited access GF only)ET 10am-4pm

**38 King's Museum**

Old Town House, High Street, Old Aberdeen. George Jaffrey. 1788  
A quintessential Georgian building, remodelled and put to various uses over the years; including Town House, Masonic Lodge and Information Centre, it now houses The University of Aberdeen's Museum. The ground floor exhibition, which hosts exhibitions drawn from the University collections; and top floor meeting room will be open.  
♿(ground floor only)ETH 10am-4pm



**39 The Sir Duncan Rice Library**

Bedford Road. (Entrance from University Square) Schmidt Hammer Lassen. 2011  
There is access to all floors of the Main Library and also tours of the Special Collections Centre of the University of Aberdeen's historic and rare books and manuscripts collections archives dating back to the 3rd Century BC and the state of the art Glucksman Conservation Centre. Tours at 10.30am and 12noon. **Places are limited. Booking is necessary in advance for guided tours by e-mail to e.kotze@abdn.ac.uk**  
WGET 10am-4pm

**40 King's College Chapel**

High Street. (Entrance from the Quad to side of Chapel) c1500  
King's College was founded in 1495 and the Chapel is the oldest surviving building. Inside are the finest surviving pre-Reformation choir stalls and screen in Scotland. There are conducted tours between 10am-11am and 12noon-12.45pm. **Restricted access as part of a conducted tour only.** Entrance from the Quad at side of Chapel.  
♿GTH Ⓜ Limited Opening Tours Only

**41 Elphinstone Hall**

Regent Walk/High Street. A. Marshall Mackenzie and Son 1927  
The Baronial Elphinstone Hall is next to Kings College Chapel, and benefits from a high volume of natural light, which accentuates the hammer-beam roof and oak-panelled walls.  
♿ETH 10am-4pm

**42 Old Aberdeen House (Aberdeen City/Aberdeenshire Archives)**

Dunbar Street, Old Aberdeen. J. Ogg Allan 1898  
The former school now provides accommodation for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives. Archive storage areas and the public search-room will be open to view. There will be historical material on display and Archivists on hand to answer questions.  
♿(ground floor only) ETH 10am-4pm

**Children's Photographic Competition**  
Our photographer has taken photographs related to four buildings in Old Aberdeen. Only part of the buildings are revealed in the images!

Children up to the age of S3 are invited to take part by identifying what the images show. A specially designed answer sheet has been devised for recording the answers which are available online and at the venues around Old Aberdeen and the University.

Completed entries to be submitted: 1 Hand in completed entry to King's Museum, High Street, Old Aberdeen on the day or before 19th September, or 2 E-mail your answers to c.croly@abdn.ac.uk

All publishable pictures will be posted on the Doors Open Day (Aberdeen) Facebook page. For further information and competition rules and details of prizes, visit the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/aberdeendoorsopenday](http://www.facebook.com/aberdeendoorsopenday)

Doors Open Days take place throughout Scotland and, 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 of representatives from the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Civic Society and The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland. This year, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust, Aberdeen Inspired, Vibrant Aberdeen, Aberdeen City Council and the Society of Advocates 42 venues will be taking part, 6 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 visit the Scottish Civic Trust [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

Please take care when moving around buildings. 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.

The organisers of Aberdeen Doors Open Day have endeavoured to ensure that the Information contained in this leaflet is accurate. Last minute alterations to the programme may be unavoidable.

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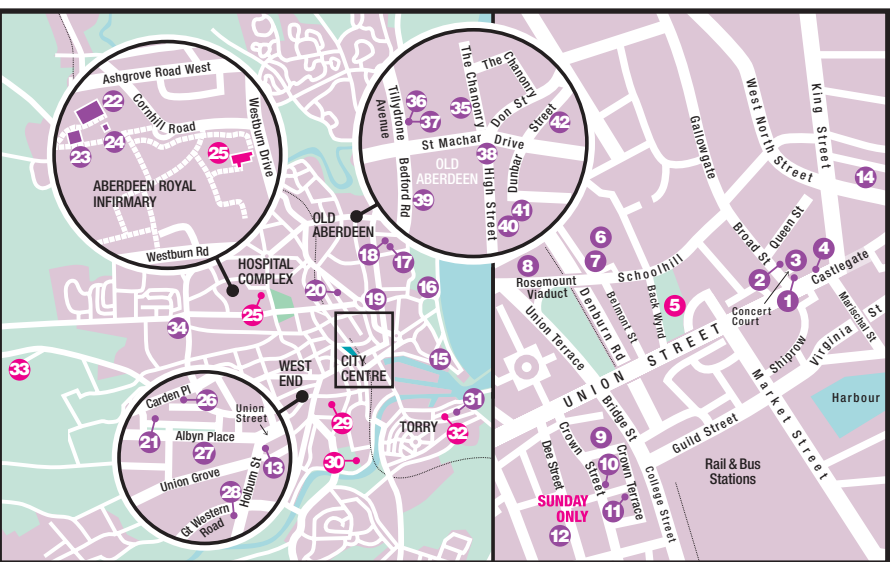
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**FREE DOORS OPEN DAY BUS**

A number of key industry and public sector organisations have joined forces to demonstrate the EU's largest integrated hydrogen project, which will see 10 hydrogen fuel cell buses operate in Aberdeen. This year the Doors Open Day free bus will be one of the hydrogen buses and will leave from Broad Street, outside Marischal College at regular intervals from 10am to 3pm.  
The bus will follow a circular route, to and from Broad Street via Union Street > Torry > Duthie Park > Holburn Street > Albyn Place > West End > Foresterhill Hospital > Old Aberdeen > King Street



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