

### 25 The Sir Duncan Rice Library

Bedford Road. Schmidt Hammer Lassen 2011  
Entrance from University Square. The competition-winning building is a stunning landmark for Old Aberdeen. The interior is even more dramatic. There is access to the ground and upper floors and also bookable tours of the closed access stores and Glucksman Conservation Centre.  
♿GERT 10am-4pm Tours at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm  
Tours (max 15 people per tour) last around 50 minutes. Book on librarytours@abdn.ac.uk  
There is also a free Family Fun Arts and Crafts drop in session, from 12-2pm in the Events Area of the library on Doors Open Day.

### 26 Cruickshank Botanic Garden

Main Entrance on St Machar Drive. 1898  
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 staff and students and the general public. This year there are guided tours of the garden (tours take one hour) at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm.  
♿GT 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 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. On Doors Open Day the atrium and ground floor labs are open and there are guided tours.  
♿(except level 7) GEHTR 10am-4pm Tours at 10.30am, 1.00pm & 2.30pm.

### 29 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 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.  
♿TRHE 10am-4pm

### 30 Maggie's Aberdeen 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Snøhetta 2013  
The building is to the east of the helipad and is clearly seen from Westburn Road. There are Maggie's Centre's around Britain providing emotional, practical and social support to people diagnosed with cancer and to their families and friends. Each building is different but each is commissioned from an internationally renowned architect. Doors Open Day provides a unique opportunity to view Maggie's Aberdeen in advance of its official opening.  
♿T 10am-4pm

### 31 Bucksburn Police Office 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Inverurie Road Bucksburn  
Parking available at the south side of the building, enter at main entrance facing dual carriageway. On Doors Open Day there will be tours of the Stand-by Control Room, Cell Block, Service Centre and Public Office.  
♿(no disabled toilet) TGE Tours at 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am, 1pm, 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm. **TO BOOK TOURS PHONE THE POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER 101.**

### 32 RGU Riverside East 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Garthdee Campus, Garthdee Road. BDP 2012  
At the eastern end of the site, this is the latest phase of the development of the RGU riverside campus. It accommodates the School of Engineering, the School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences and the School of Computing and Digital Media as well as the Georgia Scott Sutherland Library.  
♿GTR 10am-4pm Guided tours at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm

### Children's Photographic Competition

School age children up to Secondary 3 are encouraged to take and submit one digital photograph of the outside of a property (taken from a public area) participating in Doors Open Day (Aberdeen) 2013, during Doors Open Day. The best picture submitted to aberdeendoorsopenday@outlook.com may be used in publicity for Doors Open Day 2014.  
**All publishable pictures will be posted on the Doors Open Day (Aberdeen) Facebook page. For competition rules and details of prizes, visit the Doors Open Day Facebook page.**



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 representatives from Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Civic Society, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. This year, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust and Vibrant Aberdeen, 32 venues will be taking part 7 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

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 Doors Open Day have endeavoured to ensure that the information contained in the leaflet is accurate. Last minute alterations to the programme may be unavoidable

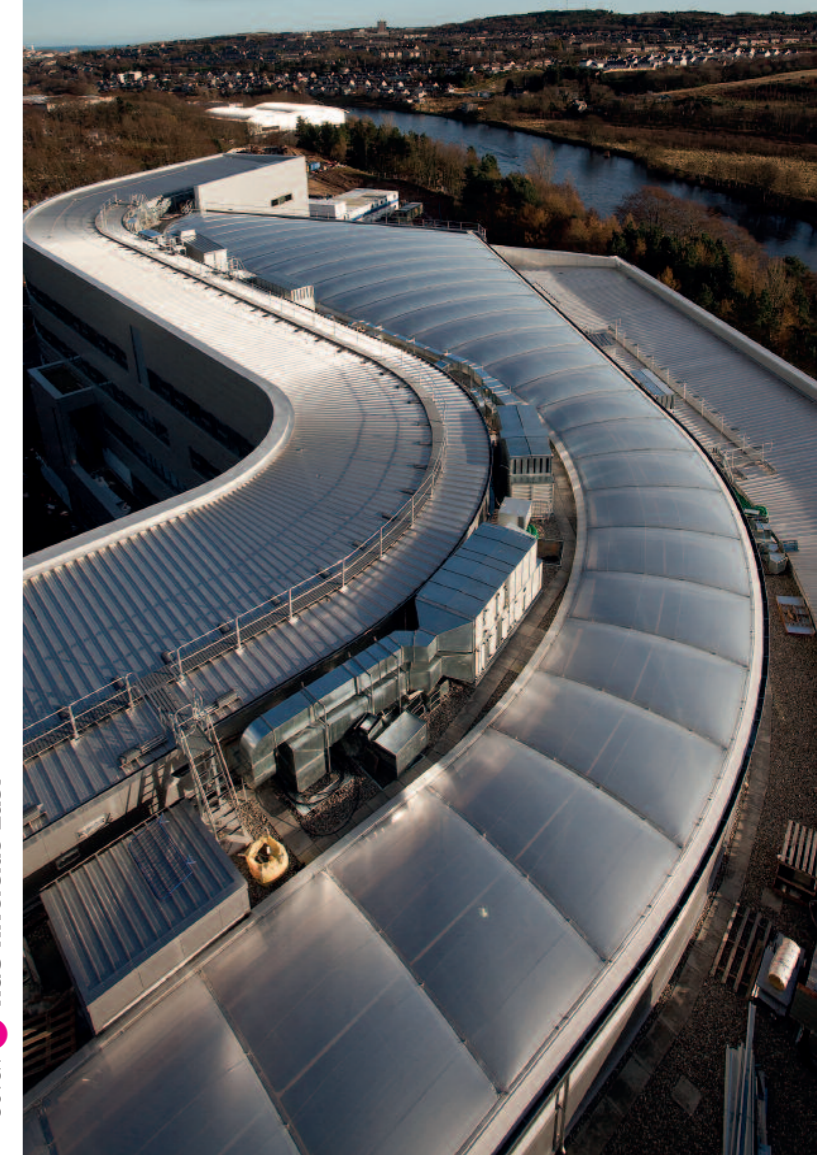
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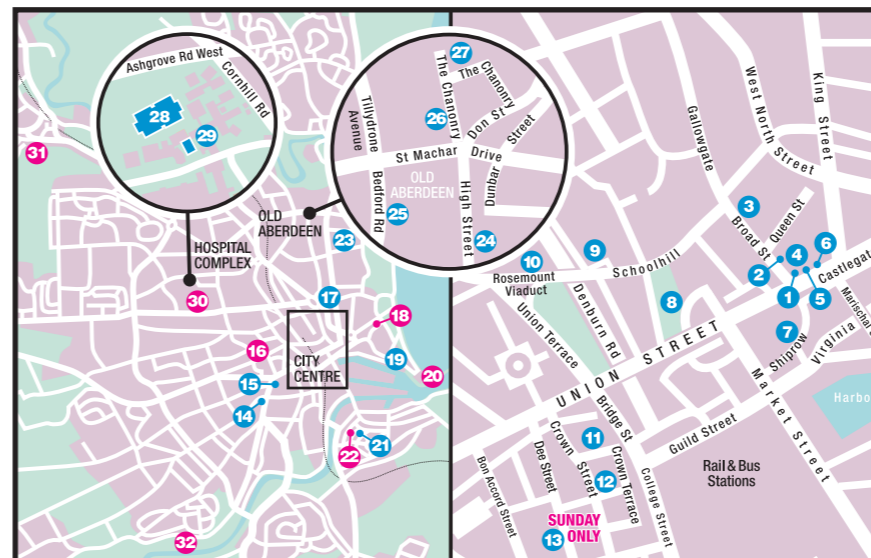
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### FREE DOORS OPEN DAY BUS

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: RNLI lifeboats > Marine Operations Centre (booked tours only) > Aberdeen Sports Village > Old Aberdeen venues > Foresterhill venues (IMS, Med. Chi. & Maggie's Centre) > Central Fire Station.

**SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH** September is also Scottish Archaeology Month 2013. For information about events in Aberdeen, visit [www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk](http://www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk) or phone the City Council on 01224 337706.



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### 1 Town House

Castle Street. Peddie and Kinnear. 1867-73  
The main staircase and the magnificent civic rooms will be included again this year. In addition, high in the tower, the Charter Room, containing the City's most important archives will be open. There will be a display of historic material with archives staff in attendance.  
♿(except Charter Room) H 10am-4pm

### 2 Town House Extension

Broad Street. City Architect. 1977.  
Access from Broad St (steps) or Queen St (level). Again this year, the principal space within the modern extension to the Town House, the Council Chamber, can be viewed on Doors Open Day.  
♿ET 10am-4pm

### 3 Marischal College

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. For Doors Open Day the public reception areas and the quad will be open.  
♿HTR 10am-4pm

### 4 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.  
♿ 10am-4pm

### 5 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. There will be tours of court rooms, cells and the atrium.  
♿HTG 10am-3.30pm 2 to 3 tours every hour, the last tour at 3pm  
🕒 Limited Opening Hours

### 6 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 examines the persecution of Quakers in Aberdeen in the late seventeenth century. Re-enactments at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. No booking necessary.**  
♿H 10am-4pm

### 7 Maritime Museum Library

Provost Ross' House. George Johnstone 1593  
Enter from the main entrance of the Maritime Museum. Doors Open Day provides a rare chance to enjoy guided tours of the museum's Lloyd's Library. Here there are Lloyd's Registers of Shipping dating back to 1768 (and including top secret World War II volumes),indexes for ships lost at sea and 20 files of photographs recording the lives of Aberdonians for the last 100 years.  
**TOURS AT 10.30AM, 11.30AM, 1.30 PM, 2.30PM AND 3.30PM. PLEASE NOTE ACCESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO THE LIBRARY AS PART OF A GUIDED TOUR**  
♿TGEH 🕒 Limited Opening Hours

### 8 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.



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**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 pending the remodelling of the interior. There will be guided tours of St Mary's Chapel beneath the East Kirk.  
**The tower will be open and there will be recitals on the carillon throughout the day. Times will be posted within the church.**  
♿(but no disabled toilet due to work in progress.) GHTR 10am-4pm

### 9 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 junior school and the MacRobert Hall, on the west side of the quad. Tours every hour on the hour the last one at 3pm. **It is hoped there will be performances by the school pipe band in the quad.**  
♿HTGEM 10am-4pm

### 10 St Mark's Church

Rosemount Viaduct. A Marshall Mackenzie 1892  
Basically a parish kirk, given civic prominence by the addition of the giant Corinthian portico, and dome. Interesting stained glass and woodwork inside. Together with the Central Library and His Majesty's Theatre it forms part of the trio of three city landmarks known as Education, Salvation and Damnation.  
♿(approach building from rear, door at side) HETRM 10am-4pm

### 11 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.  
**Musical performances at 11am, 1pm and 3pm**  
♿THMER 10am-4pm

### 12 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) HTERG 10am-4pm

### 13 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 15 SEPTEMBER.**  
♿TR 10am-3pm 🕒 Limited Opening Hours on Sunday

### 14 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 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 (1967) 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.  
♿(assisted) GHT 10am-4pm

### 15 St James the Less

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.  
♿(assisted) HEMTC 10am-3pm 🕒 Limited Opening Hours

### 16 Aberdeen Grammar School 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Skene Street. James Matthews 1861-63  
October this year will be the 150th anniversary of the Grammar School moving to this site. There will be a display of historical items associated with the school and musical performances in the school hall.  
♿(assisted) GTER Tours at 11.00am, 11.30am, 12noon,12.30pm, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 2.30pm 🕒 Limited Opening Hours

### 17 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.  
♿TGRE10am-4pm Tours every 30 minutes.

## Key to Entries

♿ Wheelchair Access	T Toilets
♿ No Wheelchair Access	R Refreshments Available
M Musical Entertainment	H Historical/Other information
G Guided tours	🕒 Limited Opening Hours
E Exhibition	

### 18 Aberdeen Heat and Power 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

63 Cotton Street. (The first building at the Links Road end of Cotton Street)  
Aberdeen Heat and Power is not-for-profit, company limited by guarantee that has pioneered district heating in Aberdeen. A series of small power plants generate electricity and currently supply heat to 1500 flats and 9 public buildings. The long-term ambition is to connect energy centres in a "ring" around the high heat demand areas of the city. Doors Open Day provides an opportunity to learn about this little-known but ambitious undertaking.  
**THERE ARE PRESENTATIONS AT 10AM,11AM,12NOON, 1PM, 2PM AND 3PM. IT IS NECESSARY TO BOOK ON 0808 808 2282.**  
♿(assisted) ERT 10am-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.  
♿(not to boat) EHGTR 10am-4pm

### 20 Marine Operations Centre 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

North Pier Footdee. SMC Parr Architects (now Archial Group) 2006  
Access via the electronically controlled pedestrian bridge at the North Pier. A chance to visit the replacement for the 20 year old Roundhouse. Tours on Doors Open Day include the Ship Simulator, the Emergency Response Meeting room and at the upper level Vessel Traffic Services. There are tours on the hour, at 20 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour. Tours last 40 minutes  
**ENTRIES ONLY AS PART OF A BOOKED TOUR. TO BOOK TOURS PHONE 01224 597000**  
♿GTH 10am-4pm

### 21 Sacred Heart Church

Grampian Road, Torry. C.J. Menart 1911  
Described by Historic Scotland as "Early Provence-Auvergne Romanesque" this is a little piece of the Mediterranean in Torry built by the Italian community. Very unusual stonework outside, the interior is dominated by the broad lantern crossing tower. There is a marble baldacchino, and it was intended that the interior generally would be clad in marble. The first World War and the Great Depression ensured this did not happen and the interior remained as bare brickwork (see photograph in the church) until the 1970's when it was plastered.  
♿HTR 10am-4pm

### 22 St Fittick's Church 1st DOORS OPEN DAY

Walker Road Torry. AHL Mackinnon 1896-99  
Built as a more convenient alternative to Nigg Church as Torry became the main centre of population south of the Dee. The building was never completed.  
♿TR 10am-3.30pm 🕒 Limited Opening Hours

### 23 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

### 24 King's College Chapel

High Street, Old Aberdeen. 1500  
The University was founded in 1500 and chapel is the oldest surviving building. Inside are the finest surviving pre-Reformation choir stalls and screen in Scotland.  
**THERE ARE CONDUCTED TOURS AT 10.30AM AND 3.15 PM. ACCESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE AS PART OF A CONDUCTED TOUR**  
♿G 🕒 Limited Opening Hours