

2018



Festival Programme

Saturday 25th August - Saturday 22nd September

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TECHFEST 2018 PUBLIC PROGRAMME





Shell and BP are proud, as Joint Principal Sponsors, to welcome you to TechFest 2018 as we celebrate the 25th annual festival of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

We are delighted to support the public programme of fascinating events, which allow audiences to explore science, technology, engineering and maths. The varied programme encourages visitors to get involved in STEM activities throughout the North-east of Scotland through the exciting variety of shows, presentations and workshops on offer.

We are especially proud to sponsor TechFest's Silver Anniversary by bringing the Science Museum of London's 'The Greatest Hits' Show to the Activity Weekend on 25th and 26th August.

By supporting TechFest 2018 we aim to provide both enjoyment for the public and inspiration for the next generation of scientists and engineers. We look forward to another successful festival.

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WELCOME TO TECHFEST 2018 OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY



Welcome to our 25th TechFest Festival. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings in 1994 to the well-established Science festival that we are today. However our aim has stayed the same throughout the 25 years: Presenting a variety of events to give you a sense of excitement for the practical applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

We are really excited to invite you to our special 25th Anniversary Show. Thanks to the extra support this anniversary year from Shell and BP on top of their joint principal sponsorship, we have been able to bring up to Aberdeen the London Science Museum, who will perform their "Greatest Hits" Show at the Activity Weekend on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August in the Sir Ian Wood Building, RGU, Garthdee Campus.

For our Public Programme (Saturday 8 September – Saturday 22 September) we have a variety of events that, we are sure, will entertain, educate and inspire you.

As a charitable organisation we are really grateful to all of our sponsors and supporters. We would not be able to deliver the quality and quantity of activities without their generous support.

Also I am hugely thankful to the incredible TechFest team that has supported me for this year that I have been standing in for Sarah Chew, our Managing Director, who has just returned from maternity leave this summer. Thank you Sarah, for entrusting your "third child" into my hands for a year.

This leaves me with wishing you all a great Festival! I hope you will enjoy attending the events as much as we have enjoyed putting this programme together for you.

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Alies Bartelds
Acting Managing Director, TechFest

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TECHFEST 2018 ACTIVITY WEEKEND

SATURDAY 25TH AND SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

In for a penny, in for a pound

With over 30 hands-on workshops, shows and demonstrations, the TechFest Activity Weekend continues to provide fun, exciting and inspiring activities for all ages. No need to pre-book as this year we are 'In for a Penny, In for a Pound' adults pay $\mathfrak{L}1$ and children pay 1p.

"TechFest offers people of all ages the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with science and technology. It fires the imagination by allowing young people the chance to try things out themselves and to ask questions directly to experts, hopefully encouraging many to choose a career in science and technology. It is a hugely successful event for Aberdeen and one which Marathon Oil is proud to support."

James Edens, Vice President,
Conventional Marathon Oil Corporation



The Greatest Hits

Presented by Science Museum, London





At the Science Museum, there's nothing we like better than an experiment that makes your jaw hit the floor. So we've chosen all our favourite demos and packed them into this explosive show for all ages!

From rockets to 'magic' tricks, from instant ice cream to earth-shaking bangs, this is science at its most entertaining!

SHOW TIMES: 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00



VENUE OPENING TIMES

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August, 9.30am – 4.30pm each day

The Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, Aberdeen AB10 7GJ

PICNICS & PACKED LUNCHES

Although there are catering providers on site please feel free to bring your own food and soft drinks.

BUGGIES & PUSHCHAIRS

We have provided a Buggy Park at the Activity Weekend. Please be aware that it is not staffed and items are left at the owner's risk.

BABY CHANGE AREA

There will be a Baby Change area provided at the Activity Weekend.



FIRST AID

If you require First Aid Treatment - please visit the ABRRAS stand







Who Says I'm A Windbag!





Presented by Live Wire Productions Sponsored by Equinor

Presented by personified lungs Laura and Lucy, the children are engaged with what happens in our wind pipe and lungs when we live and breathe in today's harsh environment. Watch out for the Lung Cloggers!

SHOW TIMES: 10.45, 12.45, 14.45

Baby Photos & Identity Theft - the Role of Parents



Presented by Dr Suzanne Prior, Abertay University

There are frequently stories in the news about the dangers of children and teenagers sharing information about themselves online. But what about parents? Can an innocent announcement of a child's birth put them at risk for identity neft in the future? This talk will present some recent research looking at what information parents share about their children and the risks this poses.

TALK TIMES: 13.00 AND 15.00 (SATURDAY AFTERNOON), 13.00 (SUNDAY AFTERNOON)

Wild About Maths



Presented by TechFest

Take a walk on the wild side with TechFest as you undertake puzzles, challenges and problem solving activities inspired by the natural world. In these hands-on maths activities you can work through a series of puzzles designed to challenge your idea of how much fun maths can be.

Destination Space



Presented by Aberdeen Science Centre

Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Discover the skills needed and challenges faced through hands on activities including rocket launching, robot arms and the moon buggy challenge.

An Introduction to Dinosaurs





Presented by Dinostar

Dinosaurs are a fascination and an inspiration for children. Dinostar's hands-on, interactive workshops feature genuine and replica fossils from their museum in Hull, Yorkshire. The artefacts include teeth, claws, even a genuine dinosaur egg! The highlight of the presentation is a full size replica

Allosaur skull (sharp, scary teeth!) Children are told the exciting stories of the fossils then have the chance to touch and handle the artefacts.

H20 Show



SHOW Presented by Jon Davies
Sponsored by Marathon Oil

How much water is in everyday food? Bubbles aren't always made of water. Why did Archimedes put so much water in his bath?

SHOW TIMES: 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 14.30, 15.30

Brilliant Brains



Presented by Anna Cranston and Matteo Santoro, Translational Neuroscience, University of Aberdeen

Do you know how your brain really works? Discover all about the most exciting organ in the human body! Join us in our build-a-brain workshop, test out your memory in our memory challenge games and even have the chance to get right up close to a real brain!

Home Energy Scotland

Cutting down on how much energy you use, whether at home, school or work, can help save money, energy and the environment. Come and visit us and try out our fun and interactive games, and benefit from our top tips and advice – all designed to help you reduce your carbon footprint.





Make the Future with Shell



Sponsored and Presented by Shell in conjunction with Aberdeen Science Centre

We believe the answers to tomorrow's energy challenges lie in the power of people's ingenuity, and that together we can #makethefuture today. Come and explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths with lots of fun, exciting and challenging hands-on activities for the family.

Construct your own toy racing car powered by salt water, produce an electronic drum kit with the Makey-Makey kits, use everyday household materials to create your own science experiment and enter our Engineering challenges.

Good Vibrations



Presented and Supported by Robert Gordon University School of Engineering

Sounds are everywhere but what actually is sound? See some demonstrations and carry out a range of exciting hands-on experiments which help us to picture what sound is, how we can hear it, and how we can use sound to solve problems in science and engineering.

Dissolving and Solubility



Presented by TechFest Sponsored by CNR International

Come along and try your hand at being a scientist and investigate solubility! Learn about making a hypothesis and designing a fair test with hands on investigations and experiments as we consider how solubility affects our every-day lives.

Operation Earth





Presented by Dynamic Earth Supported by The Robertson Trust

Take part in Operation Earth, an exciting national programme exploring the amazing stories and science of the environment. Become a trainee environmental scientist and help us investigate our planet's land, air and oceans, and see if together we can find solutions to some of the challenges Earth is facing with exciting hands-on activities and demonstrations.

Yoga Science



Presented by Rona Main and Sandra Cook Jointly sponsored by Grampian Yoga Association, Yoga Scotland and British Wheel of Yoga

A scientific led discovery of our amazing bodies and minds through Yoga. This fun session uses Yoga postures to learn

about your skeleton & muscles, understand movement, and to gain an awareness of some of the body's clever systems. By getting on a mat in your socks to take part in Yoga, you will discover the importance of strong, flexible and balanced healthy bodies; and how this benefits the mind. Through simple relaxation techniques, you may also feel the effects Yoga has on encouraging better breathing, positive thoughts and a healthy attitude. Learn, develop an awareness of your potential and have lots of fun at Yoga Science.

AGE RANGE: RUNNING TIME:

4 - 16 years 30 minutes

Parents and Carers to be in attendance and can take part

BOOK ON THE DAY AT THE WORKSHOP

Racing Rockets



Presented by TechFest

The sky's the limit when you put your imagination to the test to design a space rocket that is out of this world. This challenge gets you to think about rocket design and to build a rocket that will travel as high as possible.







Grinning With Health



SHOW Presented by Live Wire Productions
Sponsored by Marathon Oil

Featuring Big Mouth, Floss the Cleaner and Miss Paste. Find out what happens in the mouth when we eat and grow. A drama workshop presentation with larger than life props.

SHOW TIMES: 9.45, 11.45, 13.45, 15.45

Amazing Animals



Presented by Animates

This drop-in activity is suitable for all ages and will be showing live animals including mini-beasts and reptiles. The animals will come out for regular educational and fun animal handling sessions throughout the day. An important partnership between Animates and HM Revenue & Customs shows the realisation that even today animals are still being poached for their tusks, skin and fur. Our display will also include animal byproducts belonging to endangered species confiscated from holidaymakers as they travelled back through Scottish airports.

BodyVision Exhibits



Presented by Glasgow Science Centre

Get hands-on with a range of engaging physiology and anatomy-themed exhibits. They explore themes such as cardio-vascular fitness, body composition and the effects of lifestyle choices like smoking.



Build & Program Lego Robots





Presented by John McGill of ComputerXplorers Sponsored by BP

Join us for a fun-packed session of exciting, creative and fun computer activity. Using the latest Lego robotics technology to build and program amazing creatures that can move using motors, gears and wheels. You will

learn how to program sensors to make the robot react to its surroundings. Program robot birds to chirp, crocodiles to snap and plane engines to rev! This drop in workshop is great fun and ideal for nurturing and enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills.

Clinical Skills at Foresterhill with Teddy Bears Hospital and AUPS



Supported and Presented by the University of Aberdeen – Medical School Clinical Skills Centre and Teddy Bear Hospital with AUPS Save a Child's Life

Don't forget to bring your own teddy!! Come along and join the Medical School Clinical Skills Teaching Team and find out how we train healthcare professionals of the future using the latest state of the art technology with our family of Human Patient Simulators and 360 degree cameras.

As always for our younger clinical skills trainees don't forget to bring your teddy bear or soft toy to the Teddy Bear's Hospital for a check-up. You can even watch and assist the doctors in the operating theatre as they help a teddy bear get better.

K'Nex Lighthouses



Presented by TechFest Sponsored by TechnipFMC

Shine a light of creativity to tackle a historic engineering challenge. Investigate problems associated with the construction of lighthouses. Use your engineering skills to develop a lighthouse prototype.





K'NEX Under the Sea with Subsea 7

subsea 7.

Presented by TechFest Sponsored by Subsea 7

Discover the unique challenges of exploring the subsea world. Find out how science and technology can push the limits of this intriguing environment. Learn about how people dive and work under the sea and how technology can help us go even further.

A Demonstration of 3D Printing & How It Works



Supported and Presented by Robert Gordon University School of Computing Science and Digital Media

Digital fabrication is a trendy and innovative technology enabling low-cost and fast-prototyping of real-world objects from their digital models. In this drop-in session, we will showcase several key steps of the fabrication pipeline, including shape modelling, using computer-aided design and 3D printing.

The TechFest Dome



Presented by TechFest Sponsored by Apache

Enjoy a visit to the unique environment of the TechFest Dome. Find out why we have day and night, wonder at a sky full of stars and discover the constellations.

Not suitable for under 5 years BOOK ON THE DAY AT THE DOME

Terrific Tracking



Presented by Duthie Park Ranger Service

Do you know your badger track, from your fox track? Come along and meet the Duthie Park Ranger Service, and discover how to identify animals by the tracks that they leave behind.

Genetic Taste Test



Presented by Cancer Research UK

Take part in the genetic taste test and discover the importance of individual genes and their role in cancer.

By sticking a tab on your tongue, you can find out if you have a mutation in your TAS2R38 gene. This gene is not linked

By sticking a tab on your tongue, you can find out if you have a mutation in your TAS2R38 gene. This gene is not linked to cancer, but instead controls the shape of the bitterness receptor on your tongue. It's amazing how one tiny mutation can change how we taste different foods.

Cancer can develop when certain genes are damaged and become faulty. In the past, we've had a 'one size fits all' approach to treatment but now we are moving towards an era of personalised medicine. Researchers in Aberdeen are working on new genetic tests and treatments to identify and target faulty genes.

Making Maths Count



Presented by TechFest in collaboration with Maths Week Scotland (10th September – 16th September 2018)

Join TechFest as we celebrate the up-and-coming Maths Week Scotland by exploring a series of interactive puzzles and challenges. This hands-on session will be accessible and fun for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there to experience the joy of maths in exciting new ways. Follow Maths Week Scotland on Twitter @mathsscot and contact at mathsweekscot@gov.scot



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Have fun on the farm with SRUC



Presented by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

Why should farmers have all the fun? You can too! Join Scotland's Rural College at TechFest 2018! Have you always wanted to drive a tractor or dreamed of working on a farm? Come and visit the SRUC tractor simulator and find out what it really feels like to sit in the cab and be at the controls. Get ready for a super cool, fun and challenging new driving experience steering through the farmyard or even ploughing the fields. For further information on the courses offered SRUC Aberdeen, visit www.sruc.ac.uk.

ToddleFest



When they're little, playing is just another way of learning. Let your under 5's discover the fun of playing in our soft play area, an ideal place for TechFest's youngest visitors.

Lego Robots - Eco Challenge



Supported and Presented by RGU School of Computing Science and Digital Media

It is now a widely accepted belief that humans are to blame for the mess of the planet. We need to build machines to help us save the planet. To do this, however, we need some extremely clever people to program them. This workshop will allow you to build and program a Lego EVE3 robot using simple programming techniques to take part in a challenge against other robots designed on the day. It will let you see how robots can be created that interact with each other and the world around them using simple sensors and rules. Will your robot win the day and defeat all challengers? Only one way to find out.

Amazing Aberdeen



Presented by TechFest Sponsored by Equinor

Come and learn about the scientists and engineers who have made Aberdeen the incredible city it is!

The Effect of Latency on Games



Supported and Presented by Robert Gordon University School of Computing Science and Digital Media

Have you ever experienced the frustration of being beat time and time again on your favourite Multiplayer Game? Do you know your lag from your FPS? Your latency from your K/D ratio? Many online multiplayer games rely on quick reactions, learn how to spot where your lag is coming from and what to do about it.

The Critter Keeper



Presented by The Critter Keeper Sponsored by Chevron

Meet The Critter Keeper and a selection of his amazing exotic animals. Come and chat with David and learn some interesting facts about some weird but wonderful animals. You may also get the opportunity to touch and hold some too. Suitable for all ages The Critter Crew will amaze you.

First Aid -Saving Lives



Presented by ABRRAS

Meet the ABRRAS team and learn more about first aid. Have your questions answered whilst hearing about the latest developments in the first aid world. Or get hands-on and participate in some practical demonstrations and learn how to save a life. Fun and informative for all ages.

Green Screen Photography



Supported and Presented by Robert Gordon University School of Computing Science and Digital Media

Green Screen Technology is widely used today, from presenting a map behind a weather forecaster to adding Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) to photos and films. In this drop-in session we will transport you to another world. Past, present, future or extra-terrestrial. Where will your imagination and our technology take you?





Great Scot!



Presented by TechFest Sponsored by Marathon Oil

'Great Scot!' celebrates science and engineering in Scotland. Through fun, interactive and hands-on experiments we will find out how Great Scots have shaped our daily lives.

Robogals Aberdeen

Not just for girls, not just about robots...

Curious to meet Proton the Robot and friends, and find out what they have learnt over the past year? Want to create an exciting computer game using Scratch and design your own controllers to play it? Come and learn how to use simple code to create wonders! And while you wait why not create your own paper helicopter. Let your imagination run wild with the endless possibilities!

Robogals is a student-run organisation which aims to inspire and encourage young girls and children to consider STEM throughout their education and as a career. We are happy to talk about the Robogals cause, so pop by!"

Plastics "R" Fantastic

Presented by Sustainable Communities Initiative

Hold on to those empty plastic bottles! Did you know they can be easily transformed into flowers, windmills, spiders and rockets? Why buy expensive toys when you can make your own out of waste? Bring your own clean and empty 500ml bottle to transform or we can provide one.

AWPR – Go Engineering! The Opportunity of a Lifetime





Meet young engineers who have worked on the new 36 mile, £745m AWPR project at the special stand dedicated to the new road. They will be on hand to answer questions about the project itself, their fledgling careers in engineering and the opportunities this project has afforded them already. There will be activities for younger children based on civil engineering and the AWPR itself.

The Chemistry of Cooking



Presented and Supported by Robert Gordon University School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences

In cooking, everything is chemistry! Whether you knead bread, bake a pie, or roast meat, chemical reactions are taking place. Food is just a complex mixture of chemicals and cooking can be thought of as a series of chemical reactions. Cooking may be the oldest and most widespread application of chemistry, and recipes the oldest practical result of chemical research.

The UV Drawing Room

Presented by Kenny Bean

Enter the UV Drawing Room and create amazing drawings together using UV torches and special templates. You'll discover amazing facts about UV light and the history surrounding its discovery while you doodle across the light sensitive tables!



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The energy industry depends on advances in science, technology, engineering and maths. Investing in science is key for us to be able to provide the world with the energy it needs in a sustainable way. TechFest offers something for everyone in STEM – it promotes young children's natural curiosity as well as offers opportunities for secondary pupils to gain an insight into subjects for future studies or careers. We are proud to play our part in inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers with TechFest to improve the world in which we live. We call them our 'Heroes of Tomorrow'.

Hedda Felin, Senior Vice President, Equinor UK and Ireland Offshore



AGE CLASSIFICATION

This key will help you identify which events are suitable for each age group. The appropriate symbols will be highlighted in yellow under each event.



Suitable for Family



Suitable = for Young Adult



Suitable for Student



Suitable for Adult

TECHFEST 2018 OPENING EVENT

Return to Nature with Nick Baker



Professional naturalist and TV presenter Nick Baker has travelled to every corner of the globe while following his passion for the natural world. Now, Nick uses his lifetime of experience and lifelong love of science and nature to provide some insight of how to reconnect with the wildness that lives within us all.

Join Nick for an unforgettable evening as he describes the art of returning to nature and how to get back in touch with our "wild" senses. It will inspire all ages to strip life back to the essentials from time to time and truly connect

with the natural world around us. The result, to once again discover the great outdoors and all that it beholds.

DATE: Saturday 8th September

TIME: 6pn

VENUE: Arts Lecture Theatre,

569 King St, University of Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

COST: £6.00, £4.50 concession











Doors Open Day

DOORS **OPENDAYS**

Get into buildings!

Doors Open Day will return to Aberdeen this year on Saturday 8 September. Join us for a day of discovery in buildings old and new across the city - all for free. A number of new buildings will be open, so be sure to follow us on Facebook to see what's happening: www.facebook.com/AberdeenDoorsOpenDay

DATE: **SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

Doors Open Day with TechFest at the Zoology **Building**



Doors Open Day and TechFest are collaborating at the University of Aberdeen, Zoology Building. Come and explore the fantastic collection of around 75,000 specimens at Aberdeen's Zoology Museum; attend TechFest's Bizarre Bones workshop; learn about exciting new research from 'Snappy Science' presented by University of Aberdeen science students.

DATE: **SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

TIME: 10am - 4pm COST: Free

Zoology Building and Cruickshank Botanical Garden,

University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ





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A Celebration of **Scottish Wildlife**





Get in touch with your wild side at this fantastic event celebrating Scotland's wildlife and the great outdoors. With everything from flowers to fossils, sea birds to seals and wildcats to rewilding there's something for everyone in this all day event jam packed with activities and fun for all ages.

Learn how to identify the elusive wildcat in a game of wildcat bingo, visit our mobile rockpools and meet all the fascinating creatures that inhabit the Scottish coastline, take a tour through the botanical gardens and zoology museum, have a go at pond dipping to see what you can find and learn about the fantastic conservation efforts that are taking place throughout the country. Plus special guest star Nick Baker from the Really Wild Show will be there to share his expertise of the natural world. All this and more in a day that's bound to educate, inspire and entertain!

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER DATE:

TIME: 10am - 4nm

COST: Free

VENUE: Zoology Building and Cruickshank Botanical Garden, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen,

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The Nankai **Accreationary** Complex; how it formed and what lives there -**Expedition IODP 370**



Presented by Dr Stephen Bowden, University of Aberdeen and Dr Satoshi Tonai, Kochi University

The Nankai Accreationary Complex has been formed by sediment being scraped off the Philippine Sea Plate as it is subducted beneath Japan. At the present day it is known to be the source of many earthquakes. It may also be home to microbial life, living deep beneath the seafloor. In this talk we will explain how it was explored by Expedition IODP 370, and what the expedition discovered!

MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER DATE:

TIME: 7.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE











The Changing Climate: a History



Presented by Dr Michael Wood, Emeritus Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen

Climate change can be considered both historically and geographically. Some of the variations recorded over recent centuries, and their possible causes, will be examined, including the decades when global warming has been influencing so many aspects of our lives.

DATE: MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE



FIERCE Beer Brewery Tour



FIERCE BEER are Aberdeen's only microbrewery. Launched in April 2016, FIERCE concentrate on beers that challenge the senses. There is no Lager, no Mild, no brown murky boring beers. The beers must taste of what the label says - so expect Raspberries, Blackcurrant, Habaneros, Vanilla, Coffee and more.

FIERCE will take your taste buds to a new dimension. Once you turn FIERCE, there is no turning back...

DATE: TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm COST: £5.00

VENUE: Fierce Brewery, 46 Howe Moss Avenue, Dyce, AB21 0GP



AGE SUITABILITY: 18+



Grain to Bottle Brewing and Distilling Chat





Sit down, enjoy a beer or gin and listen to our makers walk you through how we make it. A collaborative process combining brewing, quality labs, maintenance and packaging. Get an insight into the world of beer-commerce and BrewDog's digital roadmap. Feast your eyes into our breathtaking Lonewolf distillery and all the hard

work that goes into it. A sneak peek into the new world of our Overworks Sour beer facility. Step by step, we follow these amazing liquids on their journey from our brewery to your glass. A bit of science, a bit of beer and a whole lot of BrewDog.

DATE: TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: Talk and tasters £15.00

VENUE: BrewDog at Castlegate, 5-8 Union Street, Aberdeen,

AB11 5BU



AGE SUITABILITY: 16+ WELCOME, 18+ CAN TASTE

Tomorrow's Doctors: Medical Students Leading Cutting-Edge Research



Presented by Aberdeen Student Society for Academic Medicine, University of Aberdeen

Academic medicine translates revolutionary science into everyday clinical practice to improve your healthcare. Aberdeen University are at the forefront of encouraging medical students to pursue careers as clinician-scientists. Our top medical student researchers will share their cutting-edge research with you in a series of short talks followed by a chance to mingle with the speakers. This event is suitable for anyone interested in science, healthcare or medicine. No expert knowledge is required! This event is brought to you by Aberdeen Student Society for Academic Medicine.

DATE: TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pn

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE







Behind the scenes of Scotland's Early Silver: From Conservation to Display





Presented by Stefka Bargazova, Lead Conservator, National Museums Scotland

The exhibition of Scotland's Early Silver opened at National Museums Scotland (NMS) in Edinburgh in 2017. The exhibition is now touring nationally and can be seen at Duff House, Banff, from

October 2018 to March 2019. This presentation will be given by Stefka Bargazova, the lead NMS conservator for the exhibition. Stefka will explore the conservation work of over 400 objects for the exhibition, showcasing several key objects, including the reconstruction of the Roman hacksilver hoard found at Dairsie in Fife (Scotland). The process of conservation to final display will be discussed, involving collaboration between conservators, curators, archaeologists, illustrators, mountmakers and exhibition officers at every step.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee

Campus, AB10 7GJ



TeaFest at TechFest - tea, tonics and botanicals



Presented by The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen

For tea lovers or those interested in tea tipples. Bring your favourite tea mug and learn how tea and other botanicals can impact on health and wellbeing led by the Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 7.00pm COST: £10.00

VENUE: Café Cognito at Queens Cross Church, Albyn Place,

Aberdeen, AB10 1YN



Silver Jewellery Workshop

Presented by Anne Marquiss

Join Anne for an evening workshop to discover the basic skills and techniques

in jewellery making. Experiment with traditional materials and tools to create textures and patterns for your own design.

Anne Marquiss is a Jewellery designer and maker working in silver, semiprecious stones and leather. She teaches part time at Gray's School of Art and as a mentor, supporting developing designers.

www.annemarquissjeweller.co.uk

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 8.00pm **COST**: £10.00

VENUE: Gray's School of Art, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QD



Why do we Sleep?

Presented by Dr Olga Runcie, Consultant Psychiatrist, NHS Tayside

Sleep remains a scientific

enigma. It is the only physiological process for which there is a lack of scientific agreement concerning its function. Why do we need to sleep? What happens when we sleep? In this talk Dr Runcie will discuss advances in sleep neurobiology answering questions about sleep functions and mechanisms of sleep and wake control. You will learn how to use this knowledge to improve your sleep.

DATE: THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE



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Robot Chef

Presented by Peter Sutton and Lloyd Henning, AKA **Foxdog Studios**



Chortle award-nominees and

IT superstars Foxdog Studios bring their unique brand of techy comedy to TechFest.

In Robot Chef, Pete and Lloyd present a unique comedytech experience, where the audience connect their phones to Foxdog's own WiFi to play games, music and more. The comedic duo has audiences draw their own characters and control them onstage through augmented reality, with their character's controlling Foxdog's 3D-printed custom tech igniting a fully automated stove, driving a sky tractor and firing a head-mounted sausage cannon to cook and serve a meal of sausage and beans (it's the simplest way).

As heard on BBC Radio 4 Extra and featured in WIRED Magazine.

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018 DATE:

TIME: 7.00pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE





Breakfast like a King, Dine like a **Pauper: Debunking** common breakfast myths



Presented by Dr Leonie Ruddick-Collins, **University of Aberdeen**

Breakfast is often promoted as the most important meal of the day and advocated to kick start the metabolism and fuel the brain and body for the day. However the media often cultivates common fallacies and misconceptions and the scientific basis for such concepts are often lost. Doctor Leonie Ruddick-Collins will address some of the truths and fallacies about breakfast consumption and its impact on metabolism and health

DATE: **THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

TIME: 7.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE



Fascinating Forensics

Presented by Professor James Grieve and Chris Gannicliffe

Join us for an entertaining and captivating evening with recently retired pathologist Professor James Grieve and SPA forensic biologist Chris Gannicliffe as they look at the advances in forensic science over the years. During this fascinating foray into the world of forensics learn how modern technology has changed the



face of forensics and discover the common misconceptions in forensic fiction vs reality.

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER DATE:

TIME:

COST: £5.00, £4.00 Concession

VENUE: Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE









Aberdeen Harbour **Expansion Project Visitor Centre** Tour

DRAGADOS

Dragados UK, principal contractor for the Aberdeen Expansion Project, are delighted to join the TechFest 2018 by opening the doors of our project Visitor Centre.

The Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Visitor Centre affords the general public from the North East of Scotland the opportunity to gain an insight into one of the most ambitious marine engineering projects in Scotland for many decades.

You will be able to learn about the background of the development, the different construction activities underway, the environmental protection measures being deployed, and some of the history of the area. Furthermore, the Visitor Centre offers the opportunity to see real-time works from a privileged

DATE: **SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018** TIME: Visitor Centre open 10.00am - 3.00pm

COST:

VENUE: Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Visitor Centre,

Walker Park, Aberdeen, AB11 8QX





Wild Adaptations





Presented by Lizzie Daly

How does a hagfish defend itself from predatory sharks? Who is the best at camouflage in the animal kingdom? How do species adapt to living in the deep sea ocean? CBeebies presenter and wildlife superstar Lizzie Daly knows!



Join Lizzie as she explores

some of the animal kingdoms most wacky and wild adaptations! Lizzie will be delving into the science behind each adaptation and using demonstrations to understand some of the most bizarre survival strategies the natural world has to

DATE: **SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

2.00pm and 4.00pm COST: £5.00, £2.50 concession

VENUE: Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen, 569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU



Jenny Sturgeon Trio

Scottish folk music with a touch of natural history. With roots in seabird ecology and wildlife conservation.

Jenny's enthusiasm for



nature and the natural world creeps in to all her writing. Playing songs from Jenny's most recent release, the critically acclaimed 'The Wren And The Salt Air' - a National Trust for Scotland commission to celebrate 30 years since St Kilda became a World Heritage Site for nature - as well as material inspired by folklore, history and observations of society.

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER DATE:

TIME: 8.00pm

COST: £5.00. £4.00 Concession

The Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, Aberdeen, AB25 1BU





AGE SUITABILITY: 18+

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TECHFEST TECHFEST 2018

EUREKA DAY @ THE BETTRIDGE CENTRE

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER | 10.00AM - 4.00PM THE BETTRIDGE CENTRE, GREYSTONE PLACE, NEWTONHILL AB39 3UL £2.00 ENTRY - UNDER 3'S FREE

TechFest is coming to the Bettridge Centre. Join us for a fun filled day of STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as part of this year's TechFest Eureka Series sponsored by Chevron. With hands - on activities and workshops, this interactive experience provides inspiring activities for all ages. Bring a packed lunch and stay all day!

Who Says I'm A Windbag!





Presented by Live Wire Productions

Presented by personified lungs Laura and Lucy, engage with what happens in our wind pipe and lungs when we live and breathe in today's harsh environment. Watch out for the Lung Cloggers!

Show Times throughout the day.



Wild About Maths



Presented by TechFest

Take a walk on the wild side with TechFest as you undertake puzzles, challenges and problem solving activities inspired by the natural world. In these hands-on maths activities you can work through a series of puzzles designed to challenge your idea of how much fun maths can be.

Bizarre Bones



Presented by TechFest

Which part of your body is stronger than steel and harder than granite? Find out the answer to these guestions and discover many more incredible facts about the skeleton as we investigate the hardest organ in the human body: bones.

Amazing Aberdeen



Presented by TechFest

Come and learn about the scientists and engineers who have made Aberdeen the incredible city it is!

HOW TO BOOK

No Pre-Booking needed!

HOW TO FIND US

The Bettridge Centre is located in the village of Newtonhill, after leaving the A90, take Newtonhill Road as far as it will go, cross the railway bridge and then turn sharp right to the Bettridge Centre on Greystone Place.

Buses run regularly to Newtonhill from Aberdeen and Stonehaven.

Information on Stagecoach services 7,7A, 7B, X6 and X7 can be found on their website:

www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Parking on site, disabled parking spaces at entrance and wheelchair accessible throughout.

Telephone 01569 731320 or visit www.bettridgecentre.org.uk







TECHFEST TECHFEST 2018 EUREKA DAY @ THE BARN

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER | 10.00AM - 4.00PM
THE BARN, BANCHORY, AB31 5QA | £2.00 ENTRY - UNDER 3'S FREE

TechFest is coming to the Barn. Join us and the Barn learning team for a fun filled day of STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as part of this year's TechFest Eureka Series sponsored by Chevron. With hands - on activities and workshops, this interactive experience provides fun for all ages. Bring a packed lunch and stay all day!



The TechFest Dome - Night Sky

TECHFEST



Presented by TechFest

Enjoy a visit to the unique environment of the TechFest Dome. What makes day and night? Where does the Sun go at night? This show

demonstrates how the Sun moves across the sky during the day in both summer and winter. Find the North Star, the Plough, Orion, Betelgeuse, and Sirius in the night sky and relate them to the Greek constellations.

Advance Booking Available for 10.15 / 11.45 / 13.45 / 14.30 Suitable for age 3+

Show Times throughout the day - some show times can be booked online.

Racing Rockets



Presented by TechFest

The sky's the limit when you put your imagination to the test to design a space rocket that is out of this world. This challenge gets you to think about rocket design and to build a rocket that will travel as high as possible.

HOW TO BOOK

Online: www.thebarnarts.co.uk
Box Office: Tuesday - Saturday, 12pm – 4pm

Telephone: 01330 825431

HOW TO FIND US

The Barn is based in refurbished farm buildings, between Crathes Castle and the beautiful Deeside town of Banchory, just 30 minutes from Aberdeen.

TRAVEL

Buses run regularly to Banchory from Aberdeen and Braemar.

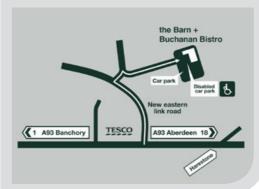
Information on Stagecoach services 201, 202, 203 can be found on their website:

www.stagecoachbus.com/about/north-scotland

ACCESS

Extensive free parking on site. Disabled parking spaces at Barn entrance. Wheelchair accessible throughout. Induction Loop in main theatre. Please call The Barn prior to your visit to discuss any additional access needs you may have.

Telephone 01330 825431 or visit www.thebarnarts.co.uk







The Bartender's Guide to Preservation



Adrian Gomes of local drinksmith's 10 Dollar Shake takes you through some of the key natural methods of preserving ingredients and drinks, including curing, fermenting and pickling a range of everyday foods. Each drink will be paired with a similarly-preserved ingredient served as a canape.

DATE: MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

COST: £25.00 (includes three drinks/cocktails and three

canapes per person)

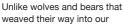
VENUE: The Tippling House, 4 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JE



AGE SUITABILITY: 18+

The Lynx and Us

Presented by Dr David Hetherington



childhood consciousness, the Eurasian lynx is largely unknown to us. What do these secretive ambush hunters look like? What do they eat? How do they live? And how do they get on with people?

As this enigmatic predator recovers lost ground across Europe, Dr David Hetherington explores, with the help of Laurent Geslin's stunning photographs, its various interactions with humans. He then examines what this means for Scotland, where there is a growing discussion about reintroducing Europe's largest cat.

DATE: MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 7.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ



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Dr Emily's Weird and Wonderful Science Facts

Presented by Dr Emily Grossman

Did you know that you can block a tickle? Or that we share 50% of our DNA with a banana? Would it surprise you to discover that snakes can bite you even when they're



dead? That there's a planet on which a day lasts longer than a year? Or that we make better decisions when we need a wee?! Join TV scientist Dr Emily Grossman for this fun and interactive science quiz show, as she explains some of the world's weirdest science facts. Emily challenges you to figure out the answers, and uses audience volunteers to help her with simple and fun experiments, demonstrating core scientific concepts. This show is guaranteed to amuse and amaze, whether you're 7 or 70.

Dr Emily Grossman is an internationally acclaimed science author, public speaker and TV personality. She is an expert in molecular biology and genetics, with a Double First in Natural Sciences from Queens' College Cambridge and a PhD in cancer research. Emily is best known as a Resident Science Expert on ITV's The Alan Titchmarsh Show and Sky1's Duck Quacks Don't Echo, for her fun YouTube videos for BBC Britlab and The Royal Institution, and for her inspirational talks in schools, universities and at live events such as The Hay Festival, The Science Museum and Cheltenham Science Festival. Emily is a passionate advocate for gender equality and diversity in STEM and has delivered a TEDx talk at UCL on Why Science Needs People Who Cry. Last year she was named as the second Honorary STEM Ambassador, alongside astronaut Tim Peake, for her pioneering work in STEM education and as a role model to young people.

DATE: MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ









Radiation Therapy for Cancer Treatment: insights into the profession



Presented by Sonal Bhadane, Elekta Ltd

Sonal is a Medical Physicist, Radiation Therapy Technologist, Clinical Educator, Science Communicator and an advocate for Women in STEM. She is on a mission to help young minds develop and cultivate their interests in STEM fields by guiding them about the future opportunities and showing them what their involvement can mean in a rapidly transforming world. She has 10 years of combined clinical, medical device and technology industry experience in Medical Physics and Radiation Therapy. From treating cancer patients with Radiation therapy to helping develop those lifesaving cancer therapy machines, her journey is about making difference. She is also a founder of Talking Science, a digital online community to build relationships for organizations and individuals in STEM fields and raise STEM awareness. Sonal is a storyteller where she enjoys talking about radiation physics, linear accelerator technology and cancer biology, weaving a meaningful story that is sure to intrigue curious minds.

In her talk she will give insights on profession and professionals involved in Radiation therapy care of cancer patients

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 7.00pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ





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Presented by Lava Jewellery Design

Coinciding with TechFest's Silver Anniversary, Jacqui Grant has been designing jewellery for 25 years. Jacqui and her husband Duncan are the founders of Lava Jewellery Design situated in Peterculter. Lava is well known for its authentic, original and bespoke jewellery. Jacqui's passion lies with Scottish Historical Silver design with many pieces influenced by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the works of Robert Burns and by the beautiful Scottish landscape. Jacqui will talk about the history of Scottish Silver Design, how this relates to her own work and how it influences others. Join her to discuss different pieces and have a look at examples of silver jewellery.

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.00pn

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Garthdee House, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QB



AWPR - Go Safer, Go Greener, Go Connect... Go North East!





Senior project managers from the new 36 mile, £745m AWPR project present a fascinating overview of this vast infrastructure project – one of the biggest road schemes on the ground anywhere in Europe – and discuss the array of benefits the long-awaited project will bring to the city, the region and Scotland as a whole. The team, from Transport Scotland, Aberdeen City Council, Jacobs and Aberdeen Roads Ltd, will then take your questions.

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 7.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ



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Cambus O'May **Cheese Creamery** Tour



The Cambus O'May Cheese Company was developed from one man's passion for the real taste of Scottish cheese. The cheese is hand-made just as it was in the farmhouse and matured in rooms where the environment is akin to that of the farmhouse cellar.

Come and join us at the creamery for a tour of our facilities and learn how we make this wonderful Scottish Cheese.

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER DATE:

TIME: 10.30am COST: £4.00

VENUE: Cambus O'May, Ballater, AB35 5SD



Café Sci





Join Professor Alex Johnstone of the Rowett Institute. University of Aberdeen to learn about 'You are when you eat - how time of eating influences body weight'. Professor Johnstone works on dietary aspects linked to appetite control for a healthy body weight, across the lifespan. Come along to find out about the latest research on weight loss and how chrono-nutrition or timing of eating and human physiology influence body weight.

Follow us on Facebook: CafeScientifiqueAberdeenCity

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 7.00pm COST:

VENUE: Tempo Café, Bon Accord & St Nicholas Centre, AB25 1HZ





Skating On Thin Ice

Join Scottish International and former Olympic Curler Jackie Lockhart as she explains how she started first skating then curling and her love of the ice with former Team GB curler, Tom Brewster, Manager of Curl Aberdeen providing the technical insight into the ice plant and its maintenance which can affect the results and outcomes of matches.

DATE: **WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**

TIME: 6.45pm

£4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Curl Aberdeen, Eday Walk, Summerhill, Aberdeen AB15 6LN



Wonder Workers

Presented by Dr Matt



Throughout

the centuries magicians have

captivated audiences with mysterious and impossible acts that defy the laws of nature. Scientists also know that the world is full of wonder; spending their lives trying to explore and explain it. From pneumatically operated temple doors to augmented reality, this demo packed talk will explore the history, conflict and collaborations between these two groups of wonder

Before becoming a science magician, Matt researched atomic physics at Durham University. He then went on to work at Thinktank Science Museum, Birmingham. Now as a science communicator he performs to over 50,000 people a year. He has also spent the last 18 years working as a magician and is an Associate of the Inner Magic Circle - one of only 300 people in the world at this level. In 2015 he was a finalist in the national Speaker Factor competition.

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ



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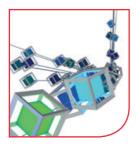




Dark Matter: The Sound of New **Physics**







Presented by Dr Charles Wang, University of Aberdeen and the Birmingham **Ensemble for Electroacoustic**

This performance by the Birmingham Ensemble for Electroacoustic Research. created in collaboration with the art@CMS project at CERN in Switzerland, involves

the real-time sonification of data streams from the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest and most complex particle accelerator. Experimental data containing clues towards possible 'new physics' becomes the raw material for improvised music and visualisations programmed by the ensemble with an aim to creating a result that while beautiful, is both musically and scientifically meaningful.

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

£4.00, £3.00 Concession COST:

VENUE: Aberdeen Science Centre, 179 Constitution Street,

Aberdeen, AB24 5TU





Science in Song: The Surprising **Success of Songs** for Education and **Engagement**



Presented by Jonny Berliner

In a thought-provoking, humorous, and song-studded talk science troubadour, Jonny Berliner, explains how he uses the art of song writing to make science accessible and entertaining for all. His unique brand of comedy science songs were originally commissioned for the Guardian Science Weekly podcast. He has since appeared alongside some of the world's leading science communicators, become a science teacher, education researcher, and a TEDx-talking advocate of using songs for education and engagement.

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME:

DATE:

£4.00, £3.00 Concession COST:

VENUE: Aberdeen Science Centre, 179 Constitution Street,

Aberdeen, AB24 5TU



Universilly Challenged

Presented by Simon Watt and Jonny Berliner

A geeky pub quiz cum cabaret. Will you have the

folding skills to win the Origami Olympics? Will you be the last one standing in the Elimination Round of Death!!! Win points in wacky rounds, and pick up points for pedantry, to give your team the advantage in a fiendish final challenge, like The Leaning Tower of Pasta, or the Super Scrabble Scramble!

DATE: **FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018**

TIME: 8.00pm

£4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Triple Kirks, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, AB10 1JT



AGE SUITABILITY: 18+

TechFest 2018 Booking Information See page 30









Look Up

Presented by Simon Watt

Festival favourite, Simon Watt, explores some of the science behind space



exploration. Which planet is hottest? Which would float in a swimming pool? Which is the most studied? And just how much space is in space? Join him in this live show to see what experiments you can recreate at home and learn about what you can see if you only look up!

DATE: SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 2.00pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen,

569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU



The Ugly Animal Roadshow





Presented by Simon Watt

At the Ugly Animal Preservation Society, we celebrate and explore the incredible biology of the animal kingdom's most monstrous. What adaptations make them amazing? How did such hideous creatures evolve in the first place? The show features videos, demonstrations and lots and lots of audience participation.

This show has been hailed as an example of British Science Communication at its best and has been performed as part of a tour of Canada, Ireland and the UK as well as in Bulgaria, Mexico and the USA.

DATE: SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 4.00pm

COST: £4.00, £3.00 Concession

VENUE: Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen,

569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU



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TECHFEST 2018 CLOSING EVENT

Graeme Obree the 'Flying Scotsman'



Graeme Obree is an author, commentator and ex professional cyclist. He exploded to prominence on 17th July 1993 when he broke the UCI World Hour Record on the bike he hand built, 'Old Faithful'. His hour record was broken a week later but Obree went on to regain the record and to become the UCI world pursuit champion twice. His autobiography "The Flying Scotsman" inspired a movie of the same name. He published his acclaimed training manual, "The Obree Way" in 2011. In 2013 he established a new world prone recumbent speed record riding Beastie, in Battle Mountain, which inspired the documentary film, Battle Mountain – Graeme Obree's Story.

DATE: SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: £6.00, £4.50 Concession

VENUE: Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen,

569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

















"Our industry is driven by technological advancement and it is the 'aha!' or 'eureka' moments that often develop into more innovative and efficient ways to safely explore and produce oil and gas. We know that tomorrow's Chevron employees are today's schoolchildren and by supporting initiatives like TechFest's 'Eureka Series' we hope to encourage and inspire the next generation of industry professionals that can drive our industry forward with their game-changing ideas."

Greta Lydecker, Managing Director Chevron Upstream Europe

TECHFEST EUREKA SUMMER SERIES IN THE LIBRARY

As part of our Eureka Series sponsored by Chevron, TechFest has organised a series of Summer activities to be held across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Children, from 3 years - 12 years, will be given the opportunity to test their science and engineering skills through a number of hands-on workshops including using science to solve mysteries, solving puzzles and designing and building.

The cost of each workshop is £1 per child, please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact TechFest enquiries@techfest.org.uk.

Brilliant Bubbles

Prepare to be blown away by this hands on investigation into bubble making in this CREST Award accredited workshop.

Making Toothpaste

A fun and interactive experiment investigating the science behind a healthy smile. Make and test a new, top secret toothpaste recipe in this CREST Award accredited workshop.

Fossil Folly

Investigate why dinosaurs come in different shapes and sizes and have a go at designing and making your own in this CREST Award accredited workshop.

K'Nex Lighthouses

Shine a light of creativity to tackle a historic engineering challenge. Investigate problems associated with the construction of lighthouses as you come up with your own prototype model using K'Nex.





















Wednesday 1st August

Kaimhill Library, Pittmedden Terrace, AB10 7HR

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles Making Toothpaste	11.00 - 11.45 11.45 - 12.30
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste Brilliant Bubbles	11.00 - 11.45 11.45 - 12.30

Friday 10th August

Turriff Library, The Square, Turriff, AB53 4AE

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Fossil Folly	15.45 – 16.30
	K'Nex Lighthouses	16.30 - 17.15
P4 - P7	K'Nex Lighthouses	15.45 - 16.30
	Fossil Folly	16.30 - 17.15

Wednesday 1st August

Dyce Library, Riverview Drive, AB21 7NF

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles Making Toothpaste	14.30 - 15.15 15.15 - 16.00
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste Brilliant Bubbles	14.30 – 15.15 15.15 – 16.00

Saturday 11th August

Portsoy Library, Aird Green, AB45 2RH

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles Making Toothpaste	11.00 - 11.45 11.45 - 12.30
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste Brilliant Bubbles	11.00 - 11.45 11.45 - 12.30

Tuesday 7th August

Alford Community Campus, Greystone Road, AB33 8TY

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Fossil Folly K'Nex Lighthouses	11.00 - 11.45 11.45 - 12.30
P4 - P7	K'Nex Lighthouses	11.00 – 11.45 11.45 – 12.30

Saturday 11th August

Macduff Library, 17 High Street, AB44 1LR

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles Making Toothpaste	14.30 – 15.15 15.15 – 16.00
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste Brilliant Bubbles	14.30 – 15.15 15.15 – 16.00

Tuesday 7th August

Westhill Library, Westhill Drive, Westhill, AB32 6FY

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Fossil Folly K'Nex Lighthouses	14.30 –15.15 15.15 – 16.00
P4 - P7	K'Nex Lighthouses Fossil Folly	14.30 – 15.15 15.15 – 16.00

Tuesday 14th August

Cornhill Library, Cornhill Drive, AB16 5UT

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles	15.00 - 15.45
	Making Toothpaste	15.45 – 16.30
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste	15.00 - 15.45
	Brilliant Bubbles	15.45 - 16.30

Friday 10th August

Huntly Library, The Square, Huntly, AB54 8BR

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Fossil Folly K'Nex Lighthouses	11.30 - 12.15 12.15 - 13.00
P4 - P7	K'Nex Lighthouses Fossil Folly	11.30 – 12.15 12.15 – 13.00

Thursday 16th August

Ferryhill Library, Fonthill Road, Aberdeen, AB11 6UP

Suitable for	Activity	Time
Nursery - P3	Brilliant Bubbles Making Toothpaste	15.00 - 15.45 15.45 - 16.30
P4 - P7	Making Toothpaste Brilliant Bubbles	15.00 – 15.45 15.45 – 16.30







It's never too early to develop a passion for stories, songs and science! TechFest is delighted to bring a special twist to these fantastic sessions in partnership with Aberdeen City Libraries, Aberdeenshire Libraries and Scottish Book Trust. For further details please contact your local library.









BOOKBUG SESSIONS IN ABERDEEN CITY LIBRARIES DURING SEPTEMBER

LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Kincorth	Mon 3rd Sept	14.15 - 14.45pm
Central Children's*	Tue 4th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Kaimhill	Thur 6th Sept	14.15 - 14.45pm
Dyce	Tue 11th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Bucksburn	Wed 12th Sept	14.00 - 14.30pm
Culter	Thur 13th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Cults	Mon 17th Sept	14.00 - 14.30pm
Ferryhill*	Tue 11th Sept	14.00 - 14.30pm
Tillydrone	Tue 18th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Cornhill	Wed 19th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Bridge of Don*	Thur 20th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Woodside	Thur 20th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Airyhall*	Tue 25th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Torry	Thur 27th Sept	14.15 - 14.45pm
Cove	Fri 28th Sept	14.15 - 14.45pm





*Booking Required | (B) Baby Session (T) Toddler Session | (A) All Ages

BOOKBUG SESSIONS IN ABERDEENSHIRE LIBRARIES DURING SEPTEMBER

	TIME
Sat 1st Sept	10.30 - 11.15am
Mon 3rd Sept	9.45 - 10.15am
Mon 3rd Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Mon 3rd Sept	11.00 - 11.30am
Tue 4th Sept	9.30 - 10.00am
Wed 5th Sept	10.30 -11.00am
Fri 7th Sept	10.00 - 11.00am
Fri 7th Sept	9.30 - 10.00am
Sat 8th Sept	11.00 - 11.30am
Sat 8th Sept	10.00 - 10.30am
Sat 8th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Tue 11th Sept	9.30 - 10.00am
Wed 12th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Thur 13th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Fri 14th Sept	2.00 - 2.30pm
Fri 14th Sept	11.00 - 11.30am
Mon 17th Sept	2.45 - 3.15pm
Tue 18th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Wed 19th Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Wed 19th Sept	12.30 - 1.00pm
Thur 20th Sept	3.00 - 3.30pm
Fri 21st Sept	1.30 - 2.00pm
Sat 22nd Sept	10.30 - 11.00am
Tue 25th Sept	2.00 - 2.30pm
Wed 26th Sept	10.00 - 10.30am
	Mon 3rd Sept Mon 3rd Sept Mon 3rd Sept Tue 4th Sept Wed 5th Sept Fri 7th Sept Sat 8th Sept Sat 8th Sept Tue 11th Sept Wed 12th Sept Thur 13th Sept Fri 14th Sept Won 17th Sept Wed 19th Sept Tue 18th Sept Tue 19th Sept Thur 20th Sept Thur 20th Sept Tue 25th Sept







The Royal Institution's Mathematics Masterclasses 2018/19



Masterclass network





TechFest is delighted to announce the new series of Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses. Organised by TechFest, with support from the Royal Institution, this series is available to ${\rm S1}-{\rm S3}$ pupils from Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and the neighbouring areas.

The Masterclass series is an excellent opportunity for keen mathematicians to meet with other like-minded students. Exploring a variety of different mathematical topics in a hands-on manner, these Masterclasses are delivered by enthusiastic speakers from industry, academia and education. Although primarily aimed at S2 pupils, eager S1 and S3 pupils are also welcome. This series consists of Masterclasses held on Saturday mornings at Aberdeen City Centre venues. The series runs

from mid-November 2018 until March 2019 and is made possible due to generous sponsorship from Chevron.

The Masterclasses provide a great opportunity to explore different mathematical topics in hands-on workshops from professionals who use mathematics on a daily basis.

Please visit our website for full details www.techfestsetpoint.org.uk/education/agesover-11/maths-masterclasses

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Crest Awards



The CREST Awards scheme is the British Science Association's flagship programme for young people. It is the only nationally recognised accreditation scheme for STEM project work (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects, providing science enrichment activities to inspire and engage 5-to-19-year olds.

- CREST is delivered by educators (teachers, technicians, club leaders, home educators etc.)
- CREST can be run in schools, clubs, youth groups, other organisations or at home.

In addition to giving young people the opportunity to undertake hands-on science, CREST Awards also build skills that are transferrable to other subjects, further education and future employment (time management, project management, teamwork, communication). You can use CREST to enhance your personal statement on your UCAS form.

To find out about doing CREST in Scotland, visit the TechFest website at www.techfestsetpoint.org.uk/crest or email crest@techfest.org.uk

Explorathon



Join us for an extravaganza of events, research, comedy and much more at Explorathon! Meet researchers working on the most exciting areas of health, social science and the natural environment. Drop into our special "See Cancer" Café MED on Aberdeen's unique approach to fighting cancer, check out our Pecha Kucha talks or come along to our comedy night at Bright Club. Join us at our

stalls in town on Saturday for hands on science and fun family friendly activities.

For more details see www.explorathon.co.uk

DATE: FRIDAY 28TH & SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Heroes of Tomorrow

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th January 2019



AN EXCITING EVENT FOR S1 & S2 pupils at Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, Aberdeen.

During the day pupils will be able to speak to Industry Professionals, participate in hands on workshops from a range of organisations including Robert Gordon University and join the Science Museum (London) who will host awe-inspiring interactive science shows, live experiments and demonstrations – explosive theatre for curious minds.

For more information please contact Roseanne Miller at TechFest roseannemiller@techfest.org.uk



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TECHFEST





TECHFEST 2018 CAREERS GUIDE

Biology & The Environment

- · Return to Nature with Nick Baker
- A Celebration of Scottish Wildlife
- · Why do we sleep?
- Wild Adaptations
- The Lynx and Us
- The Nankai Accreationary Complex; how it formed and what lives there

 Expedition IODP 370
- The Ugly Animal Roadshow

Chemistry

- FIERCE Beer Brewery Tour
- · Grain to Bottle Brewing and Distilling Chat

Computing Science

- Robot Chef
- Dark Matter: The Sound of New Physics

Design & Technology

- Robot Chef
- · Fascinating Forensics
- Dark Matter: The Sound of New Physics
- Silver Jewellery workshop
- Lava
- Behind the scenes of Scotland's Early Silver: From Conservation to Display

Engineering

AWPR – Go Safer, Go Greener, Go Connect...Go North East!

Food & Drink

- · The Bartender's Guide to Preservation
- Cambus O'May Cheese Creamery Tour 2018
- FIERCE Beer Brewery Tour
- TeaFest at TechFest tea, tonics and botanicals
- Grain to Bottle Brewing and Distilling Chat

Geography

- The Changing Climate: a History
- The Nankai Accreationary Complex; how it formed and what lives there
 Expedition IODP 370

Health

- Why do we sleep?
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- Radiation Therapy for Cancer Treatment: insights into the profession
- Tomorrow's Doctors: Medical Students Leading Cutting-Edge Research
- Fascinating Forensics

Media & Entertainment

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- Wonder Workers
- Universilly Challenged
- Wild Adaptations
- Science in Song: The Surprising Success of Songs for Education and Engagement.
- Jenny Sturgeon Trio
- Dr Emily's Weird and Wonderful Science Facts

Physics

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Research

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- Skating on Thin Ice
- · Graeme Obree the 'Flying Scotsman'

STEM Careers

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- Look Up
- Wonder Workers









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August

25.8.18 (Saturday) **Activity Weekend**

Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ

26.8.18 (Sunday)

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September

8.9.18 (Saturday)

Doors Open Day with TechFest Zoology Building, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ

8.9.18 (Saturday)

Return to Nature with Nick Baker Arts Lecture Theatre, 569 King St, University of Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

9.9.18 (Sunday)

A Celebration of Scottish Wildlife Zoology Building and Cruickshank Botanical Garden, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ

10.9.18 (Monday)

The Changing Climate: a History Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UF

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The Nankai Accreationary Complex; how it formed and what lives there -**Expedition IODP 370**

Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE

11.9.18 (Tuesday)

Grain to Bottle Brewing and Distilling

BrewDog at Castlegate, 5-8 Union Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5BU

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Tomorrow's Doctors: Medical Students Leading Cutting-Edge Research

Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3UE

11.9.18 (Tuesday)

FIERCE Beer Brewery Tour Fierce Brewery, 46 Howe Moss Avenue, Dyce, AB21 0GP

12.9.18 (Wednesday)

Behind the scenes of Scotland's Early Silver: From Conservation to

Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ

12.9.18 (Wednesday) Silver Jewellery Workshop Gray's School of Art, Robert Gordon University,

Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QD

12.9.18 (Wednesday) TeaFest at TechFest - tea, tonics and

botanicals

Café Cognito at Queens Cross Church, Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN

13.9.18 (Thursday) Why do we Sleep?

Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen,

13.9.18 (Thursday) **Robot Chef**

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Breakfast like a King, Dine like a Pauper: Debunking common breakfast myths

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14.9.18 (Friday)

Fascinating Forensics

Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen,

15.9.18 (Saturday)

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project **Visitor Centre Tour**

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Visitor Centre, Walker Park, Aberdeen, AB11 8QX

15.9.18 (Saturday) Wild Adaptations

Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen, 569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

15.9.18 (Saturday)

Jenny Sturgeon Trio

The Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, Aberdeen, AB25 1BU

16.9.18 (Sunday)

Eureka Day @ the Barn The Barn, Banchory, AB31 5QA

16.9.18 (Sunday)

Eureka Day @ the Bettridge Centre The Bettridge Centre, Greystone Place, Newtonhill AB39 3UL

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Scottish Silver Design - from **Tableware to Jewellery**

Garthdee House, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QB

19.9.18 (Wednesday) Cambus O'May Cheese Creamery Tour

Cambus O'May, Ballater, AB35 5SD

19.9.18 (Wednesday) Skating On Thin Ice

Curl Aberdeen, Eday Walk, Summerhill, Aberdeen

19.9.18 (Wednesday) Wonder Workers

Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ

20.9.18 (Thursday)

Dark Matter: The Sound of New Physics

Aberdeen Science Centre, 179 Constitution Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5TU

20.9.18 (Thursday)

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Aberdeen Science Centre, 179 Constitution Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5TU

21.9.18 (Friday)

Universilly Challenged Triple Kirks, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, AB10 1JT

22.9.18 (Saturday) Look Up

Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen, 569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

22.9.18 (Saturday)

The Ugly Animal Roadshow

Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen, 569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU

22.9.18 (Saturday)

Graeme Obree the 'Flying Scotsman' Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen, 569 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5SU







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- Online, tickets are available at www.aberdeenperformingarts.com
- 3. In person, tickets can be booked in person at the city centre box offices at His Majesty's Theatre or The Lemon Tree and are open from 9:30am 6pm Monday to Saturday.
- At the venue, tickets for an event MAY also be available at the venue immediately prior to the event.

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- Café Cognito Queens Cross Church, Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN
- Cambus O'May Cheese Creamery 6 Cambus O'May, Ballater, AB35 5SD
- Cruickshank Botanic Garden St Machar Drive, Old Aberdeen, AB24 2TY
- **Curl Aberdeen** 8 Eday Walk, Summerhill, Aberdeen AB15 6LN
- **Dragados Visitor Centre** 9 Walker Park, Aberdeen, AB11 8QX
- **Fierce Beer Brewery** 10 Unit 46, Howe Moss Avenue, Dyce, Aberdeen, AB21 0GP
- Fraser Noble Building University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, AB24 3UE
- **Garthdee House** Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QB

- Gray's School of Art 13 Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7QD
- Sir Ian Wood Building Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Campus, AB10 7GJ
- Tempo Café 15 Bon Accord & St Nicholas Centre, AB25 1HZ
- The Bettridge Centre 16 Greystone Place, Newtonhill AB39 3UL
- The Tippling House 17 4 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JE
- **Triple Kirks** Schoolhill, Aberdeen, AB10 1JT
- 19 Burn O'Bennie, Banchory AB31 5QA
- **Zoology Building** 20 University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ

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