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Festival of Social Science

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Events Guide

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Welcome to the Festival of Social Science

Social science plays a key role in tackling the global challenges that affect us all, whether it be climate change, economics, population growth or indeed the changing relationships between the UK and its neighbours. This November, join us for a stimulating programme featuring topical subjects being investigated by the University of Aberdeen and our partners. There is sure to be something to interest and challenge everyone.



Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Social Statistician and Principal, University of Aberdeen

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The Festival of Social Science is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. In Aberdeen the Festival is organised by the University of Aberdeen.

All events are free except Sci Screen: The Thing

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1 Anthem for Doomed Youth and Aberdeenshire: Wilfred Owen's Scottish Inspiration



Neil McLennan, University of Aberdeen

Saturday 4 November, 13.00 – 14.00

Aberdeen Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GW

Wilfred Owen is one of the most enduring and popular of the poets who wrote so movingly about the Great War. Join us in this stimulating talk to explore the latest research into and continued relevance of this war poet. Neil's research over the last ten years has given us new perspectives on Owen's poetry. Neil will also share the Aberdeenshire inspiration which helped form Owen's powerful poetry and other Aberdeen connections around Anthem for Doomed Youth.

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2 [M]apping Aberdeen - #marchingthestones



Dr Heather Morgan, Professor Pete Stollery and Dr Ed Welch, University of Aberdeen, and Andrew Sage of Art and Entertainment

Sunday 5 November, 12.00 – 15.00

Start at March Stone 65 Marked '65 ABD CR'; North east corner of wall adjacent to access road to Brickfield Cottage (Cat and Dog Home), Seaton Place East, Aberdeen, AB24 1XL

Often mistaken for mile stones the march stones mark one of Aberdeen's historic boundaries. They occur all around the city and are very much an often over looked part of our city scape. Join [M]apping Aberdeen on an interactive, app-guided walk and 'March the Stones!' Booking Details: Registration is essential and places are limited to a maximum of 20. Please register to secure your place(s). Families welcome (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

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3 The Scottish Warrior Exhibition



13 June 2017 to 26 May 2018 from Tuesday to Friday, 13.00 – 16.30

King's Museum, Old Townhouse, High Street, Aberdeen, AB24 2EN

This student-curated exhibition is open until 26 May 2018. The exhibition invites visitors to challenge their perceptions of the Scottish Warrior. It explores interpretations of the Scottish Warrior to discover how the popular idea of the warrior was created. Spanning from pre-history to the World Wars the exhibition will largely draw upon the University of Aberdeen Museums' collections alongside loans from the Gordon Highlanders Museum.

Please note that King's Museum opening hours may change. Please check with the Museum. Visit: www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/about/contact-us.php or telephone: (0)1224 274330



4 The Scottish Warrior in Museums, Commemorations and Politics



Dr Natasha Danilova and Dr Kandida Purnell, University of Aberdeen, and noted Scottish writer Maggie Craig

Monday 6 November, 18.00 – 19.30

The Gordon Highlanders Museum, St. Luke's, Viewfield Road, Aberdeen, AB15 7XH

The Scottish Warrior is a revered figure throughout Scottish history but one which has changed over the course of time. Join us in this expert led panel to debate the significance of the Scottish Warrior. Look at how this has changed over the centuries and what it means for us today. Panelists will include feminist author Maggie Craig and Neil Curtis, Head of Museums, University of Aberdeen. Doors open at 17.30 for refreshments.

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#ScotWarrior2017



5 The last acceptable form of racism in Scotland? Scotland's Travellers: community voices and lessons from recent research

Dave Black, Grampian Regional Equality Council; David Donaldson, Article 12 In Scotland; Dr Leanne Townsend & Alvine Datchoua, University of Aberdeen

Tuesday 7 November, 18.30 – 19.30

New King's 1, Dunbar Street, Aberdeen, AB24 3UB



Join us for a panel discussion, and Q&A, on the issue of Traveller accommodation provision in North East Scotland, and explore resilience within the community. Evidence suggests that racism against Gypsies and Travellers continues today, the implications of this for a community fighting to survive in modern-day Scotland will be discussed. Contributions from Scottish Travellers will paint a picture of day-to-day life and challenges of life in Scotland.

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6 The King's Dig: Unearthing the King's College Grammar School

Ali Cameron, Cameron Archaeology

Tuesday 7 November, 18.30 – 19.30

Carmelite Hotel, Stirling Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6UJ



In 2017 a team of archaeologists excavated the site of King's College Grammar school in Old Aberdeen. Not only was it the first excavation of this kind in this historic area it was one of the few research excavations of historic Scottish schools. Learn about the discoveries and the on-going post excavation analysis.

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7 The Arab Uprisings, Democracy and Social Justice



Dr Andrea Teti, University of Aberdeen

Wednesday 8 November, 18.30 – 19.30

Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AQ

The Arab Uprisings revealed the limits of Western governments' policies towards the Middle East, especially the EU's aim to be supporting the democratisation, development and stabilisation of the 'Euro-Mediterranean area'. Using survey data, the Arab Transitions Project analyses what kind of society people actually want, what ordinary people think are the biggest challenges for their societies, and what they think about topics like democracy, corruption, religion, the economy, security, gender and migration. This talk outlines some of the Arab Transformations Project's key results and uses them to reflect on what lessons European governments can learn and which must still be learned if further and more radical protest is to be avoided in future.

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8 Early life experiences and the adult mind



Marlene Lorgen-Ritchie, University of Aberdeen

Wednesday 8 November, 19.00 – 20.00

Rowett Institute, Foresterhill Health Campus, Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZD

Ever wondered how early life experiences can shape the adult mind? The environment we are exposed to in our younger years has been linked to intelligence and success in later life. But why is this the case? Is it epigenetics? Unlike classical genetics which are determined by the genetics of the parents, epigenetics can be influenced by the environment. Learn about this exciting new field and our state of the art study which is bridging the gap between the social and biological sciences.

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**9 True human nature?
What Tinder-use reveals about us**



Dr Mirjam Brady-Van den Bos, University of Aberdeen

Thursday 9 November, 19.00 – 20.00

Bar Below, Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street,
Aberdeen, AB10 1JS

This interactive talk will share insights gained from a study on Tinder use. The study found that people search for potential dates, and their reasons for swiping right (“Yes! I want you!”) or left (“No, sorry...”) are very much in line with what evolutionary theories on human mating choice would predict. Where do we go from here?

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Image: Maxim Unarov

**10 ‘Bright Sun Shining:
A Siberian Summer Festival’
photographic exhibition**



10 November 2017 – 30 March 2018

ArtSpace at MacRobert, MacRobert Building Foyer,
University of Aberdeen, King’s College, Aberdeen, AB24 5UA

This exhibition features photographs taken over the last decade of Yhyakh celebrations by Sakha photographer Maxim Unarov. Siberia is usually associated with bitterly cold winters, but in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) in Eastern Siberia, summer is celebrated each year at the solstice with a festival known as Yhyakh. At this festival people make offerings to the spirits, take part in sports contests and horse races, consume ritual foods, and enjoy Sakha song and dances.



Image: Maxim Unarov

11 'Bright Sun Shining': exhibition opening and film screening



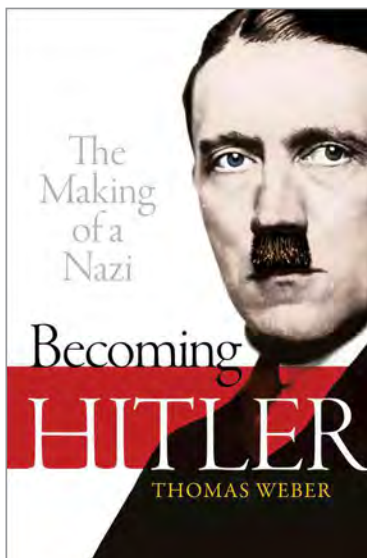
Professor Alison Brown, University of Aberdeen

Friday 10 November, 18.00 – 20.00

ArtSpace at MacRobert, MacRobert Building Foyer, University of Aberdeen, King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 5UA

Join us for the opening of this exhibition accompanied by a screening of the associated documentary *God Johogoi*. The documentary screening will be followed by refreshments.

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12 Understanding Hitler in the 21st Century



Thomas Weber, University of Aberdeen

Saturday 11 November, 18.30 – 20.00

Suttie Centre Lecture Theatre, Foresterhill Health Campus, Foresterhill Road, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZD

Join us to launch Professor Thomas Weber's new book *Becoming Hitler*. Ulrich Schlie, a senior German diplomat and former Director General for Defence and Security Policy at the German Ministry of Defense and Sophie von Bechtolsheim, the granddaughter of Hitler's failed assassin, Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg will take part in a discussion with Professor Weber on how history and social science help us to understand the challenges the world faces at a time of rising populism and of new emerging strongmen. They will also discuss the legacy for the 21st century of those who fought Hitler.

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More Events in November from the University of Aberdeen



Tickets cost £6/£4

13 Sci-Screen: *The Thing*

This event is organised by the Aberdeen British Science Association Branch



Tuesday 7 November, 18.00 – 20.30

Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JS

Join us for a special showing of the John Carpenter classic interpretation of *The Thing* which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. This body horror film touches on many themes including disease, paranoia, plague and infestation of our bodies. John Baird from the School of Biological sciences at the University of Aberdeen will introduce the film with a short talk entitled: Planet Parasite - A Short Exploration of Sex, Bigotry, Plagues and Delusions; and why you and I are much more disgusting than a bucket full of tapeworms!

Booking required at www.belmontfilmhouse.com/tickets



14 In Sickness and in Health: NHS Grampian Archives

Fiona Musk, NHS Grampian Archivist



Tuesday 14 November, 19.30 – 20.30

Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen,
Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

Society of Antiquaries
of **Scotland**

NHS Grampian Archives hold the historic records of more than 100 hospitals and health organisations from across the Grampian region. These cover the period from 1739, when the Infirmary at Aberdeen was founded, to the late 20th century. NHS Grampian possesses the most complete archival records for an NHS body and its predecessors. Join us to hear about the development and future of these unique collections and learn what they can tell us about the North East of Scotland and its people.

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15 **Café Med - Novel approaches to treating antibiotic resistant infections** Professor Stefania Spanò, University of Aberdeen and Dr Alexander Mackenzie, NHS Grampian

Monday 20 November, 18.00 – 20.00

Suttie Centre Café, Foresterhill Health Campus,
Foresterhill Road, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZD



Resistance to antimicrobial drugs, including antibiotics, is one of the greatest threats to human health today. Join us as we explain what antimicrobial resistance is and highlight research into combating bacterial defences and boosting immune responses. We will also illustrate the strategies used to treat patients infected with resistant organisms and preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics. This event marks European Antibiotic Awareness Day on 18th November.



Free Entry

16 **Resistance - Film screening and panel session**



Tuesday 21 November, 18.00

Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1JS

Seventy years after antibiotics revolutionised medicine we are realising the potentially catastrophic consequences of these drugs. Have we reached a point where we must save antibiotics to save ourselves? Microscopic footage, harrowing personal stories, and expert insights propel this eye-opening and sometimes infuriating look at antibiotic resistance. A panel of University of Aberdeen researchers and NHS Grampian staff will follow the film with an open discussion. Hosted by the University of Aberdeen Immunology & Infectious Diseases Society.

Booking required at www.belmontfilmhouse.com/tickets

Being Human Events in November from the University of Aberdeen



The following events are part of the Being Human festival, for more details visit: beinghumanfestival.org/



17 HOME ABROAD: LOST AND FOUND

21 & 24 November

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



Join us at Aberdeen Science Centre for a series of roundtables on the heritage and identity of Polish and Lithuanian migrants to Scotland. Members of Aberdeen's Polish Association and Professor Karin Friedrich from the University of Aberdeen will lead lively discussions on the place of migration and identity in modern Scotland and the long and fruitful tradition of Polish-Scottish contacts.

Heritage: Lost, Found and Reclaimed

Tuesday 21 November, 19.00 – 21.00

FEATURING: David Worthington, University of Highlands and Islands: "Migration is no one-way street: Scots in Poland's History and Memory".

Author, Aileen Orr: "Lost and Found in the Second World War: The Scottish Dimension of Wojtek the Polish Bear Hero".

Ulli Kockel, Herriot-Watt University Edinburgh: Finding lost homelands in the frontier: German heritage in Lithuania's Memelland.

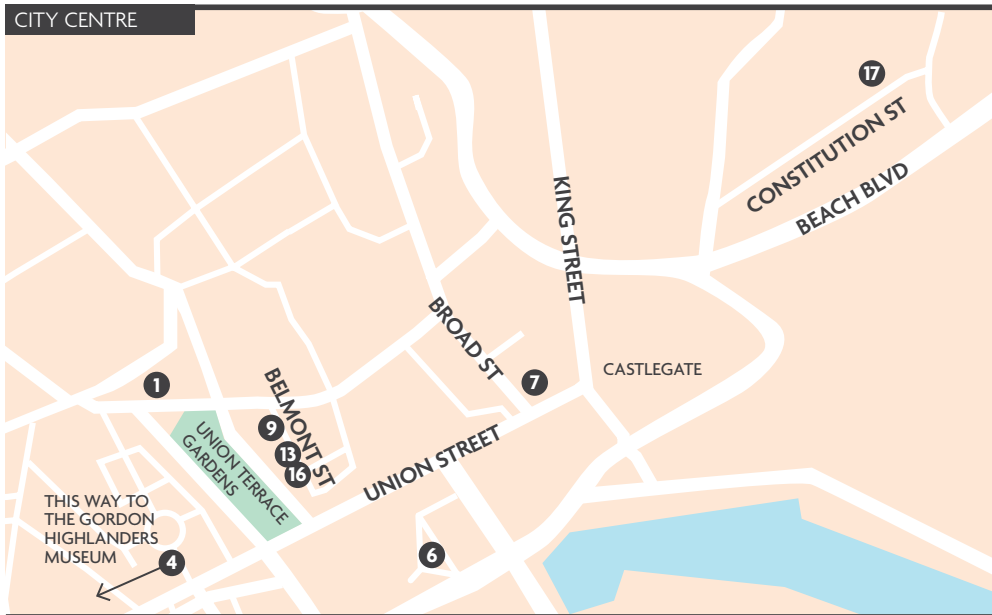
Never Home Abroad? Identity and Citizenship in a post-Brexit UK

Friday 24 November, 19.00 - 21.00

FEATURING: Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, University of the West of Scotland: "Identity politics and political opportunities: Poles in post-Brexit Scotland".

Francesca Stella, University of Glasgow: 'Home is where the heart is: LGBT migrants in Scotland'.

Elwira Grossman, University of Glasgow: 'Staging Migration or Polish Identities in Transit'.



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