

FRI 26 SEPT one night, unlimited discovery

See below for our exciting programme of events in **Aberdeen**. MOST are free to attend but some require booking – please check the individual listings.

EXPLORATHON AT UNION SQUARE

12:00 – 22:00 | Union Square, AB11 5RG
Admission FREE, no booking required
Suitable for all ages

Try your hand at real live science with our buskers throughout the day from noon. From 3pm, you'll be able to visit fascinating exhibits at our European Corner where you can chat to researchers working at the forefront of discovery. You can explore how we're making new drugs from deep sea life and how we should keep our bones healthy. You can test your skills at recognising faces as our Face Lab group swap the lab for the shopping mall to conduct a real experiment. Discover why research careers are so exciting and how the world's biggest funding programme – Horizon 2020 – is helping to tackle society's biggest challenges.



UNCOVERING OUR MEDIEVAL ABERDONIAN ANCESTORS

Speaker: **Dr Kate Britton** | **16:00 – 17:00**
Maritime Museum, AB11 5BY
Admission FREE, no booking required
Suitable for 12 years and over

What have the recent excavations at St. Nicholas Kirk told us about the hidden past of Aberdeen's Maritime history? We'll explore the growth of the

North Sea fishing industry and commodities trade in the medieval period – a vital time in European early modern history. Like today, Aberdeen was then a boomtown, but how did life change for the inhabitants of Medieval Aberdeen?

PECHAKUCHA NIGHT

17:15 – 18:00
Belmont Filmhouse, Belmont Street AB10 1JS
Admission FREE, no booking required
Suitable for 12 years and over
(note, under 18s are welcome in Bar Below until 8pm, however must be accompanied by an adult)

The fast moving image showcase is back. Experts from the fields of drug development, transport and synthetic biology will each have just 6 minutes and 40 seconds to win over your curiosity. Speakers will be available in the Belmont Bar Below immediately after the event to continue informal discussions over a drink (or three).



EXPLORATHON KEYNOTE LECTURE WITH PROFESSOR ANNE GLOVER CBE

Introduced by **Professor Stephen Logan**,
Senior Vice Principal at the University of Aberdeen

18:00 – 20:00
King's College Centre, University of Aberdeen AB24 3FX
Admission FREE but pre-booking highly recommended.
Tickets can be reserved through Aberdeen Box Office
ticketline 01224 641122
Suitable for 12 years and over

Join us as **Professor Anne Glover**, Scientific Adviser to the European Commission introduces a fast-paced evening featuring the latest in cutting-edge research from the University of Aberdeen. Professor Glover will open the evening with a fascinating insight into how the European Commission is supporting some of the most ground-breaking research and innovation being carried out today. Leading figures **Professors Pete Smith, Jillian Anable and Neil Gow** will then share how European collaboration is helping to tackle some of society's biggest challenges. We'll discuss how our lifestyles can influence climate change, explore the future of transport and reveal the global impact of the unknown superbugs that lurk among us. There will be plenty of time for questions at this not-to-be-missed evening in Aberdeen's historic King's College campus.



EXPLORATHON AT SATROSPHERE

18:00 – 22:00
Satrosphere Science Centre,
Constitution St, AB24 5TU
Admission FREE, no booking required
Activities suitable for all ages

Bring the whole family for a great line-up of exciting shows, hands-on activities and stand up science! We'll show you "10 Ways to Explain the

Universe in your Kitchen" and the planetarium will be open with the chance to hear from astrophysicist James Reid on what to look out for in the winter's night sky. Visitors can get close to creepy crawlies in **John Baird's** insect lab, have their burning science questions answered with Soapbox Science and explore the wonders of the brain with psychologist **Dr Roy Allen**. Also if you think pathology is all CSI, discover the real deal with pathologist **Dr Kevin Deans** and his team. If all that wasn't enough, we'll have an eclectic selection of European inspired pizzas on offer throughout the evening.

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE EXPLORATHON SPECIAL

19:00 – 20:30
Waterstones, Union Bridge AB11 6BG
Admission FREE, no booking required
Suitable for 12 years+



Did you know that Europe has produced some of the top pioneers in science and medicine over the past few hundred years? In a twist to the usual format, we're inviting some of our most enthusiastic researchers to win over your votes for their favourite European scientist of all time. Relax with a coffee, and let **Nikki Cassie, Dr Alan McCue, Dr Jonathan Petit** and **Dr John Reid** compete for your vote as they champion pioneering scientists from Albert Einstein to Marie Curie.

MURDER AND MYSTERY – FORENSICS BEHIND THE VERA AND SHETLAND SERIES

19:00 – 20:30 | **Belmont Filmhouse, Belmont Street AB10 1JS**
Admission £7.50, Concession £5.00 (incl booking fee), tickets can be booked through Aberdeen Box Office ticketline 01224 641122
Some forensics visual material may be unsuitable for children – parental discretion is advised.



Join author **Ann Cleeves**, whose books led to the BBC television series "Shetland" and pathologist **Dr James Grieve** for a night of murder and mystery as they take you on a fascinating foray into the world of forensics in fiction. Together, they will examine whether we should believe everything we read and see. This event is also part of TechFest's closing night so come along and help Aberdeen's annual science and technology festival go out with a bang.

BRIGHT CLUB ABERDEEN

20:30 (for 21:00 start)
Café Drummond, Belmont Street AB10 1JR
Admission £6, Concession £4 (incl booking fee), tickets can be booked through Aberdeen Box Office ticketline 01224 641122
Suitable for age 18 and over



Britain's brightest comedy night is back. With a European twist, we'll bring you an intrepid line up of researchers telling their stories in the medium of stand-up. There to help the laughs flow will be guest compere and award winning comedian **Helen Keen** of Radio 4's "It is Rocket Science". So come along and support the newest stand-ups on the block and help us see out Aberdeen's EXPLORATHON night in true, upbeat fashion.

AFTER HOURS: COLOUR CLASH

18:30 – 22:00
Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, AB10 1FQ
Admission FREE, no booking required | **Suitable for age 18 and over**



Aberdeen Art Gallery will be wrapping up the gloriously colourful Kaffe Fassett exhibition in the best way possible – with an exciting After Hours event featuring a host of elements. Experience DJ sets, a pop-up Bos'n Bar, artist led workshops and plenty of other activity stations. Whether you drop in for a glimpse or stay for a while there will be more than enough to keep you entertained.