



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

Doors Open Day

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 September 2018



Welcome

The University of Edinburgh is integral and fundamentally vital to the intellectual, cultural, social and economic fabric of the city-region. Our buildings play an important part in defining the character of our University and of Edinburgh.

With a 430-year history and an estate which includes many old, converted, listed and contemporary buildings, it is always an enjoyable challenge to present an interesting selection for our Doors Open Day visitors.

At all venues, information will be available through leaflets and stewards. At some, you may also find talks, tours, children's activities, displays and exhibitions.

We hope you will find a great deal to interest and enlighten you during Doors Open Day. Please remember that much of what you see is open throughout the year, whether through normal museum and gallery opening hours, organised tours, or through our extensive programme of part-time courses and public lectures. Further details of all these can be found at www.ed.ac.uk.

The University of Edinburgh's participation in Doors Open Day is part of a weekend-long city-wide event co-ordinated by the Cockburn Association (www.cockburnassociation.org.uk).

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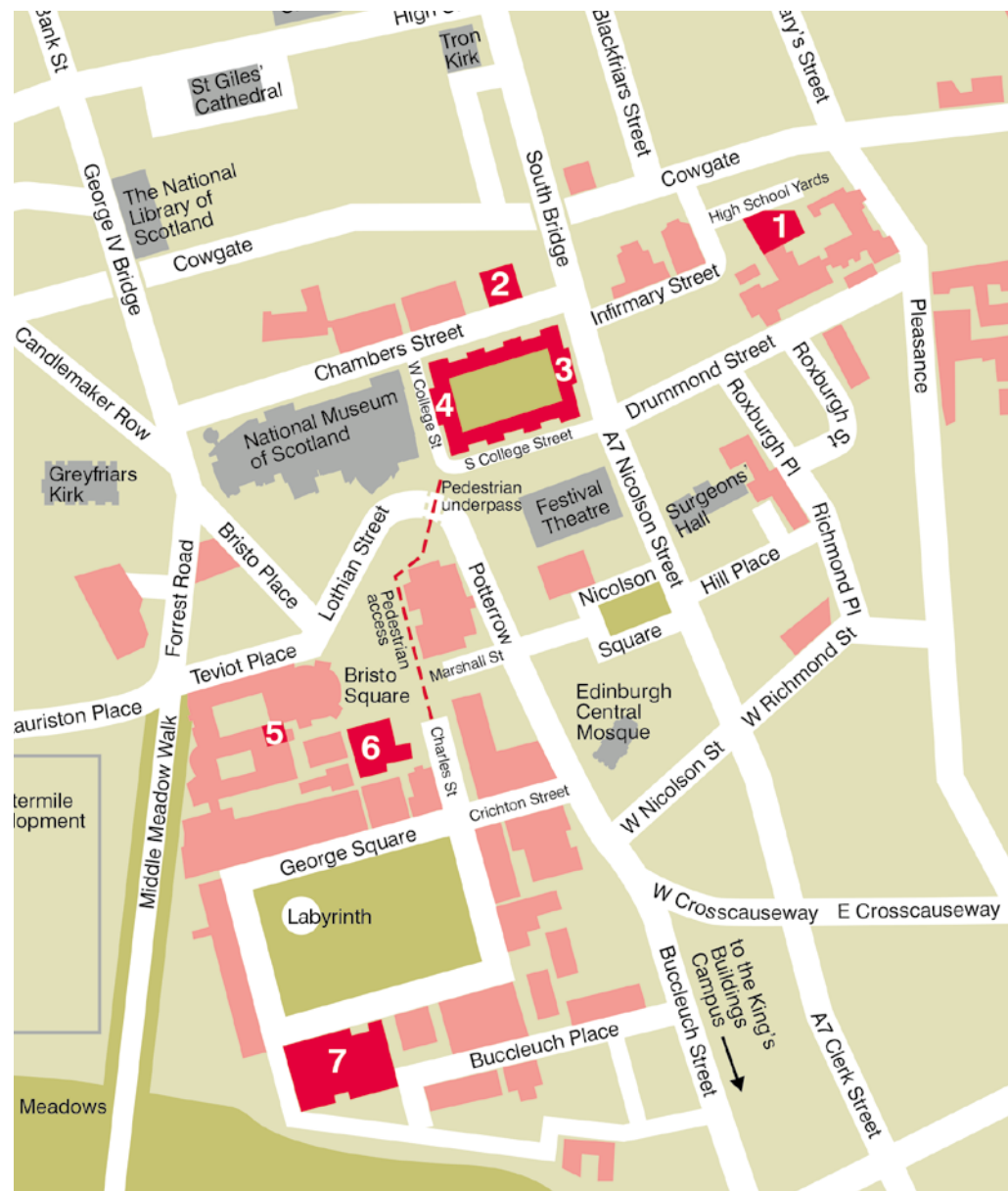
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Facilities and activities key

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Accessible WC	
Full wheelchair access	
Wheelchair access with assistance	
Displays, information sheets	
Tours	
Talks	
Audio visual displays	
Children's activities	
Refreshments	
The front cover shows the garden roof terrace of the Informatics Forum.	
Cover image: Laurence Winram	

The Central Area

The University's history as the Tounis College, established by the Town Council in 1583, and its original location in the Old Town serve to underline the symbiotic relationship between town and gown which endures to the present day.



St Cecilia's Hall

50 Niddry Street (off the Royal Mile), EH1 1LG
(Central Area map ref 1)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–5pm
Sunday 30 September, 12 noon–5pm

St Cecilia's Hall is Scotland's oldest concert hall and home to the University of Edinburgh's world class collection of musical instruments. Built by the Edinburgh Musical Society and designed by Robert Mylne, this Georgian jewel hosted its first concert in 1763. Surrounding the Concert Room are four galleries which display 500 musical instruments spanning five centuries of musical heritage and history.

We will be offering short concerts (20 minutes each) in the Concert Room and Laigh Hall.

www.stcecilias.ed.ac.uk



Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation

High School Yards, Infirmary Street, EH1 1LZ
(Central Area map ref 2)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 11am–4pm

ECCE inspires people and ideas through our thriving low carbon hub. We bring people together to create a centre of knowledge and expertise that sparks real action and kick-starts groundbreaking new ideas and delivers game-changing projects. Our base, located in central Edinburgh, is an award-winning, diverse events and work space. Dating back to the 18th century, this historic building has been transformed into a vibrant low carbon hub with modern interiors and the latest technology and was the UK's most sustainable historic building at the time of building.

<http://edinburghcentre.org/>

Tours: ECCE tour at 11am followed by visit to nearby Energy Centre/District Heating scheme at 11.30; ECCE tour at 1pm followed by visit to scheme at 2pm; ECCE tour at 3.30pm.



Old College

South Bridge, EH8 9YL (Central Area map ref 3)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 11am–5pm
Sunday 30 September, 12 noon–5pm

Old College sits at the heart of the University. Work on Robert Adam's original design began in 1789 and paused at his death. It was completed by William Henry Playfair who combined the two courts into one great court and created the magnificent Library. The dome, added in 1887 to a design by Robert Rowand Anderson, is topped by a statue of the 'Golden Boy' bearing the torch of knowledge. Meeting rooms contain fine paintings, including a dozen portraits by Raeburn, and are available for hire.

www.ed.ac.uk/news



NB: wheelchair access is from the entrance on West College Street.
Please telephone 0131 650 8003 in advance for assistance.



Talbot Rice Gallery

Old College, South Bridge, EH8 9YL
(Central Area map ref 4)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 11am–5pm
Sunday 30 September, 12 noon–5pm

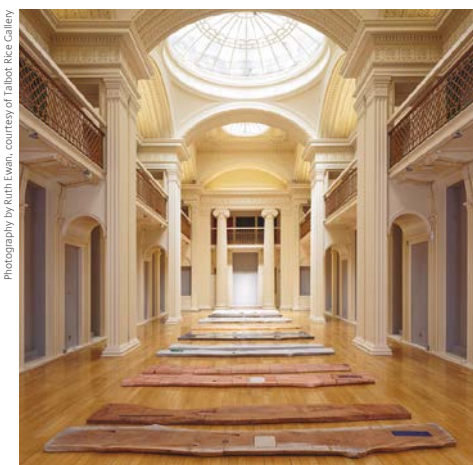
Situated in the heart of the University of Edinburgh's historic Old College, Talbot Rice Gallery is one of Scotland's leading contemporary art galleries comprising of three distinct exhibition spaces, including the contemporary white cube and the neoclassical Georgian space.

Visitors can enjoy the Gallery's festival exhibition Lucy Skaer, *The Green Man*.

www.ed.ac.uk/talbot-rice



NB: wheelchair access is from West College Street.



McEwan Hall

Teviot Place, EH8 9AG

(Central Area map ref 5)

Open: Sunday 30 September, 10am–4pm

McEwan Hall was presented to the University in 1897 by William McEwan, not only as a ceremonial hall for graduations but also as a gift to the people of Edinburgh. Designed by Sir Rowand Anderson, with lavish interiors by William Palin, this iconic Grade 'A' listed building was reopened in 2017 following a painstaking three-year, multi-million pound refurbishment, which not only 'refreshed' its intricate paintings and stonework, but also expanded the function of the Hall to meet the modern demands of the University.

www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/venues/mcewan-hall



Anatomical Museum

Doorway 3, Old Medical School, Teviot Place, EH8 9AG *(Central Area map ref 6)*

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–4pm*

The Anatomical Museum at the University of Edinburgh opened in 1884 and still forms an integral part of the 'Old Medical School' designed by Robert Rowan Anderson. The museum has one of the largest and best preserved collections of anatomy in Scotland, as well as the skeleton of the serial killer William Burke. The specimens and preparations on display have helped to teach anatomy to students for 300 years. Today the museum is still used by medical students as a resource and study space.

Please note the museum contains human remains which some people may find unsettling. There is strictly no photography permitted in the museum and we ask that visitors under the age of 16 are accompanied by an adult.

www.ed.ac.uk/biomedical-sciences/anatomy/anatomical-museum

* Entry by ticket only, book at <https://doorsopenday-anatomicalmuseum.eventbrite.co.uk>



Teviot Row House

13 Bristo Square, EH8 9AJ

(Central Area map ref 7)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–4pm

Teviot Row House is one of several buildings managed by Edinburgh University Students' Association. It opened in 1889 – making it the world's oldest purpose-built Student Union building – and was designed by Sydney Mitchell and Wilson in a 16th century Scots architectural style with late Gothic features. It has a variety of catering and bar areas, a debating chamber, a dining room and many other meeting rooms, a number of which will be open to visitors.

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk



Informatics Forum

10 Crichton Street, EH9 8EB

(Central Area map ref 8)

Open: Sunday 30 September, 10.30am–2.30pm

Did you know the Informatics Forum has a garden roof terrace* with a wonderful view of the surrounding area, including Arthur's Seat?

Opened in September 2008 by the then First Minister, Alex Salmond, the Informatics Forum is a fit for purpose building, providing a *Forum for Interaction* that fosters synergies among the 500 researchers in Informatics. 2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Informatics Forum.

www.ed.ac.uk/informatics

* There will be tours to see the garden roof terrace every 30 minutes – an opportunity that shouldn't be missed by photographers. Please book at www.ed.ac.uk/informatics/news-events/doors-open-day-2018



Appleton Tower

11 Crichton Street, EH8 9LE

(Central Area map ref 9)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10.30am–3.30pm
(last entry 2.30pm by ticket* only)

A controversial building since its inception, Appleton Tower recently underwent a thorough refurbishment with a new entrance and enhanced facilities and services. Home to the University's world-leading School of Informatics since the Cowgate fire in 2002, it's currently used for teaching while research has moved to the Informatics Forum across the road. The state-of-the-art study suite on Level 9 offers amazing views of the city.

www.ed.ac.uk/informatics

* 30-minute tours will take place hourly at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm and must be booked in advance at

www.ed.ac.uk/informatics/news-events/doors-open-day-2018



Chapel of St Albert the Great

George Square Lane, EH8 9LD*

(Central Area map ref 11)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 2pm–6pm
Sunday 30 September, 2pm–5pm

The Chapel is part of St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy which serves the spiritual and pastoral needs of university students and staff. The chaplaincy is home to a community of students, staff and others who come. Mass and prayer in the Chapel are central, but the Catholic Chaplaincy's life includes a wide range of other activities, including weekly community meals, talks, discussions, and work with the homeless. Built in 2012, the Chapel has won several awards and is now in a number of guidebooks to the city.

<http://scotland.op.org>

* Access is only from George Square Lane which runs behind 24 George Square, close to Middle Meadow Walk.



Main Library

George Square, EH8 9LJ *(Central Area map ref 10)*

Open: Saturday 29 September, 12 noon–4pm
Sunday 30 September, 12 noon–4pm

The Main Library building, designed by Sir Basil Spence, was completed in 1967 and 'A'-listed in 2005. This is an opportunity to experience not only the building's distinct architectural features, but also a new public artwork by Nathan Coley installed to celebrate the building's 50th anniversary.

On Saturday, the Centre for Research Collections will provide rare behind the scenes tours of the facilities that store and care for the University's unique cultural and heritage collections (*booking essential, please see website*).

www.ed.ac.uk/is/doorsopenday



The King's Buildings

Entrances: Gates 1 and 2, West Mains Road, EH9 3BG

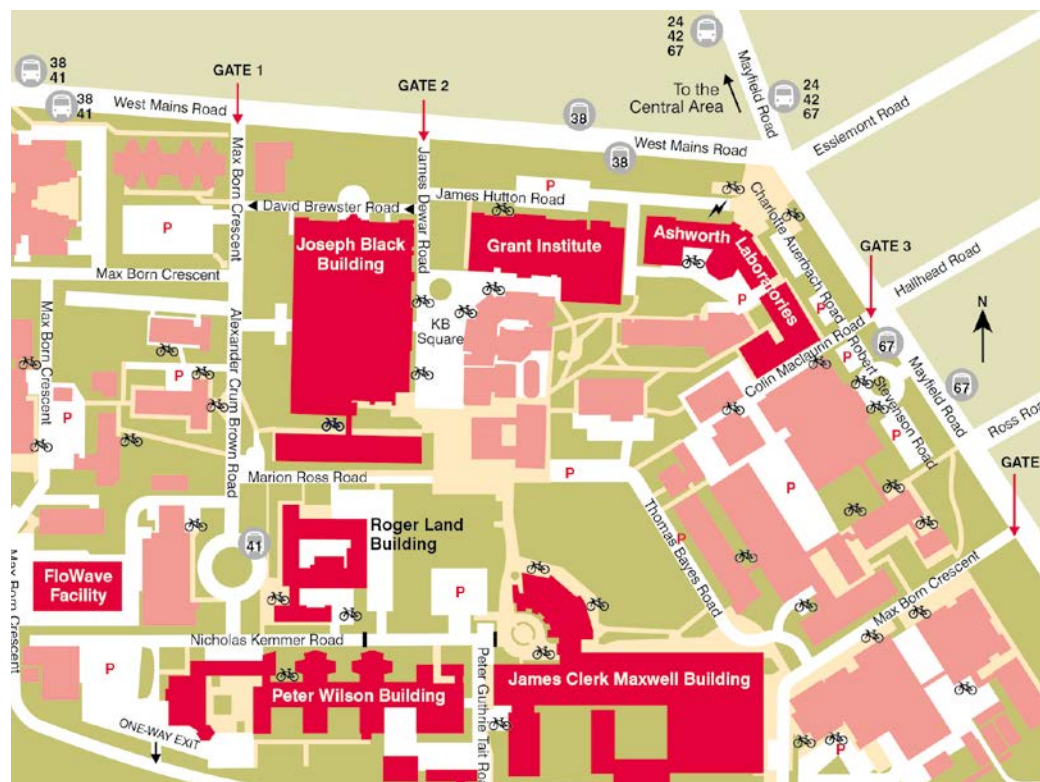
Limited parking: vehicle access via Gate 1, EH9 3BG

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–4pm

Since its establishment in 1920, the King's Buildings campus, housing most of the University's College of Science and Engineering, has experienced vast transformation. Explore arts and architecture across campus and follow our self-guided trail with photos and historical references on information panels bringing our development to life. Additionally, there are a number of exciting interactive opportunities for the whole family to explore our cutting-edge scientific research into a diverse range of areas, as well as try ice cream freshly made using liquid nitrogen. For younger visitors, the King's Buildings Treasure Hunt provides an opportunity to explore the hidden features of our campus.

For further details about events on the day, visitors' maps will be available from purple-shirted assistants across the King's Buildings. As the pedestrian entrance at the corner of West Mains and Mayfield Roads will be closed due to construction works, please enter campus via the two entrances on West Mains Road.

www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering/news-events/doors-open-day-at-kings-buildings




Grant Institute
School of GeoSciences

The Cockburn Museum, housed in the Grant Institute, holds an extensive collection of geological specimens and historical objects which reflect Edinburgh's prominent position within the geological sciences. The collections reflect the whole spectrum of Earth Science materials – minerals, rocks, fossils – as well as maps, photographs and archives of activity by famous Earth scientists dating back as far as the late eighteenth century.

A variety of hands-on activities, suitable for all ages, will explore Earth Science topics from fossils to volcanoes.

www.geos.ed.ac.uk/public/cockburn

 @CockburnGeol, @GeosciencesEd

 cockburngeologicalmuseum




Joseph Black Building
School of Chemistry

This is the oldest building on campus, with Chemistry taught here since 1922. It is named after Black (1728–1799), an early Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh, who discovered carbon dioxide and latent heat.

Visitors can tour the building including our stunning new social space incorporating the School of Chemistry museum. Taste our special ice cream and frozen yogurt, freshly made in front of your eyes with liquid nitrogen! Family drop-in activities (suitable for all ages) let you explore the chemistry that happens in our building and meet our chemists.

www.chem.ed.ac.uk/public-engagement

 @EdinburghChem



FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility School of Engineering

The FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility is one of the world's most sophisticated onshore laboratories for replicating ocean conditions and testing ocean technologies. One of the largest research infrastructures belonging to the University, the FloWave facility contains a 25m diameter test tank which recreates scale versions of complex ocean conditions, including multidirectional wind-blown waves, long period ocean swells and fast tidal currents. The facility is much in demand by academic and industrial research groups from across the globe.

www.flowave.eng.ed.ac.uk

[Twitter](#) @SchoolofEng_UoE

Test tank demonstrations will take place every 30 minutes between 10am and 4pm.



Roger Land Building School of Biological Sciences

At the time of its construction in the 1960s, the design of this building by Sir Basil Spence, famous for his post-war redesign of Coventry Cathedral, was seen as highly innovative. Intended to house the Animal Research Organisation, it provided lab facilities, administration and a small conference facility. Since then, it has hosted the Institute for Stem Cell Research and, since 2015, School of Biological Sciences researchers.

There will be hands-on exhibits and displays of some of the exciting research from across the School of Biological Sciences.

www.ed.ac.uk/biology, www.synthsys.ed.ac.uk,
www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-infectious-diseases

[Twitter](#) @SBSatEd, @SynthSysEd, @edin_EID, @WTcell



Peter Wilson Building Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

The Peter Wilson Building is the headquarters of SRUC, Scotland's Rural College, Scotland's leading land-based higher education institution providing teaching, research and advice in agriculture, horticulture, and environmental, plant and animal science. Growing good quality food while maintaining a healthy environment is one of our biggest challenges today. Pollinating insects play a vital part in this process, but how do we help bees and other important insects thrive in the modern countryside? Explore our environmental science research and take a tour of our horticulture and garden-design teaching facilities.

www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120172/edinburgh_campus

[Twitter](#) @SRUC

Please note: access to this building's car park must be via Gate 1.



James Clerk Maxwell Building School of Physics and Astronomy

Construction of this building began in 1966 as part of a major expansion of the King's Buildings campus. It is named after James Clerk Maxwell, a Scot who was one of the world's greatest physicists and whose most significant work, *The Theory of Electromagnetism*, was published in 1873.

We offer guided tours of the laboratories, showcasing the research taking place in the School of Physics & Astronomy and giving behind the scenes access. Students and staff also present hands-on demonstrations and experiments (suitable for all ages) highlighting their research. These activities are available throughout the day on a drop-in basis. Lab tours will depart every 20 minutes with a maximum group size of eight people, please sign up on arrival.

www.ph.ed.ac.uk/news

[Facebook](#) PhysicsAstronomyEdinburgh

[Twitter](#) @PhysAstroEd



Abden House

1 Marchhall Crescent, EH16 5HP

(See map below)

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–4pm

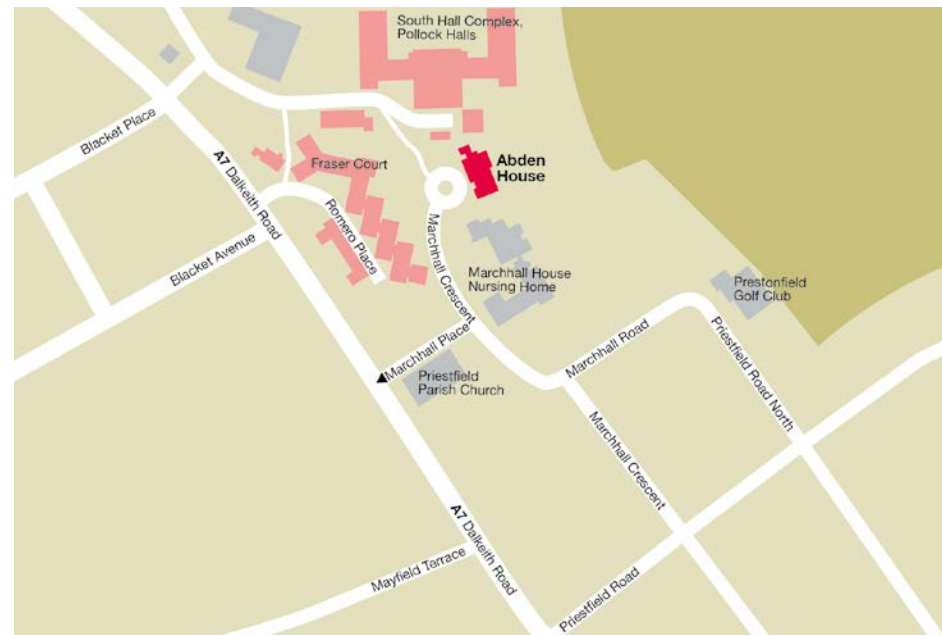
Abden House was built in 1855 for Thomas Nelson, founder of the Scottish publishers of that name, and designed by civil engineer Thomas Davies. Today it's the property of the University of Edinburgh, through the gift of Sir Donald Pollock, and the home of the Confucius Institute for Scotland. The Institute promotes educational, economic, and cultural ties between Scotland and China. Built with three storeys in the Jacobean revivalist style of the 19th century, Abden faces a carriage circle with gates at the end of Marchhall Crescent. It has an irregular plan with single story wings on the North and South sides.

Activities are expected to include Chinese calligraphy, Chinese chess and Chinese musical instruments.

www.confuciusinstitute.ac.uk

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MRC Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine

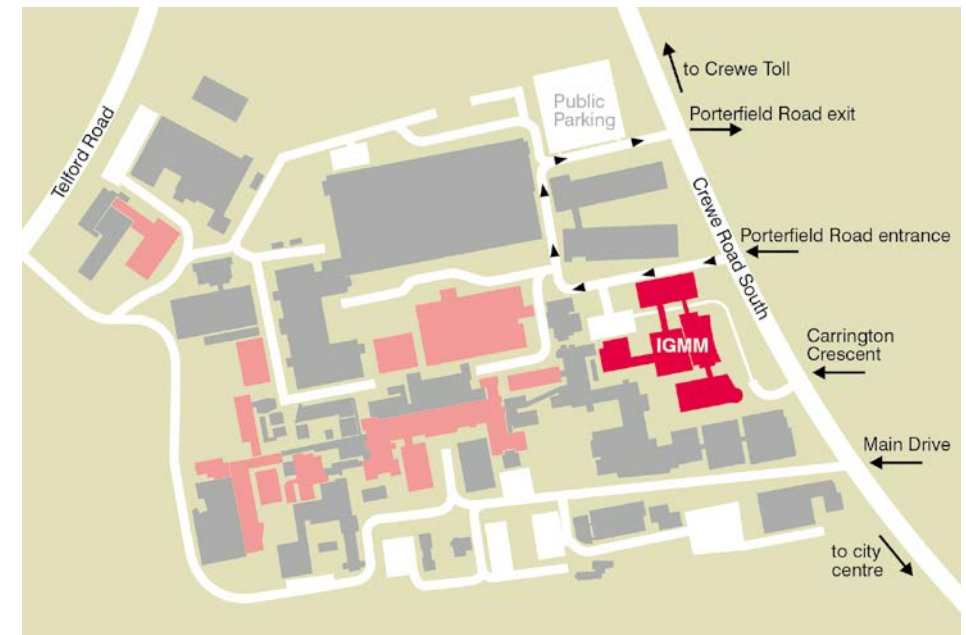
**Western General Hospital campus,
Crewe Road South, EH4 2XR**

Open: Saturday 29 September, 10am–5pm

The MRC Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine (IGMM) at the University of Edinburgh brings together over 600 scientists, including 200 students, in a single scientific endeavour to improve disease prevention, detection and treatment. Visit the IGMM building to discover how it was designed to link the three constituent centres of the Institute physically and intellectually, encouraging exciting collaborations in medical research.

Tours, talks and hands-on activities for all ages.

www.igmm.ed.ac.uk



EXPLORATHON



Explorathon returns in 2018 on **Friday 28th** and **Saturday 29th September**. Join us across Scotland for an extravaganza of shows, talks, family activities, comedy and discovery.

www.explorathon.co.uk



THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
The Royal (Dick) School
of Veterinary Studies



Midlothian
Science Festival



EASTER BUSH
CAMPUS

OPEN DAY



11 - 4pm

Visit the University of Edinburgh's Easter Bush Campus and see behind the scenes at The Roslin Institute, Veterinary Teaching Building, Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre and more.

Meet our scientists and vets, take a tour of our buildings and get hands-on with fun activities suitable for all.

Free parking is available on campus and Dolly's café at The Roslin Institute will be open for lunches, drinks and snacks throughout the event.



Sat Nav: EH25 9RG

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www.edin.ac/roslin-events

www.midlothiansciencefestival.com