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FESTIVAL OF CREATIVE LEARNING

Your what's on FESTIVAL GUIDE for May and June

MAY-JUNE
2026

HNC CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICE EXHIBITION

Open to the public until
9 June 2026.

Aberdeen Health Village,
Frederick Street, Aberdeen

MAY
2026

6-7 MAY PASSING PLACES

A whirlwind road trip through friendship, freedom, and the unexpected. Stephen Greenhorn's Passing Places is a fast-paced Scottish comedy that follows two unlikely pals on a wild journey north - full of strange encounters, heartfelt moments, and plenty of laughs. Performed by HND Year 1 Acting and Performance students, this is one ride you won't want to miss.

Basement Studio Theatre
Aberdeen City Campus 7pm
Open to the public

11-12 MAY HAIR & BEAUTY EXHIBITION

Join us at Aberdeen City Campus for our Hair & Beauty Exhibition - a two day celebration of creativity, style, and emerging talent. Experience the work of our learners brought to life through mood boards, photography, and live models, showcasing everything from contemporary techniques to bold, creative finishes. As a Wella Centre of Excellence, we are proud to be joined by industry partners to celebrate all things hair and beauty and highlight the skills that shape this exciting sector. Whether you're exploring a future in hair and beauty, supporting a prospective learner, or simply love the industry, this is a fantastic opportunity to see talent in action. You'll also be able to find out more about our full-time, part-time, and Modern Apprenticeship options, meet our expert team, and speak directly with colleagues from our Modern Apprenticeships team about progression routes into the industry. Come along and be inspired by the next generation of hair and beauty professionals

Aberdeen City Campus 10am-4pm
Open to the public

20-21 MAY ANIMAL FARM

HND Year 2 Acting and
Performance.

When the animals in the farmyard rebel against their tyrannical farmer and take control of the farm, they hope to create a world where they can be equal, happier and free. But as power shifts and a new leader emerges, they soon face the age-old question: what does it really mean to be equal?

Exploring loss of identity, the seductive allure of privilege, and the corrupting nature of political power, George Orwell's Animal Farm (adapted by Tatty Hennessy) is a classic story of rebellion and treachery, and a timely reminder of the importance of resistance. How power can still corrupt even the meekest of creatures.

Basement Studio Theatre
Aberdeen City Campus 7pm
Open to the public

21 MAY HAIR & BEAUTY SKILLS SHOWCASE

Join us for our Hair & Beauty Skills Showcase - an evening celebrating creativity, style, and talent. Discover the incredible skills of our learners as they showcase their work across hair and beauty, from contemporary styling to creative finishes. Whether you're considering a future in the industry, supporting a learner, or simply love all things hair and beauty, this is a fantastic opportunity to see talent in action. This is also an opportunity to find out about our Modern Apprenticeship opportunities and meet our MA team!

Fraserburgh Campus Atrium 6pm
Open to the public

25 MAY MUSIC & SOUND SHOWCASE

Our Music and Sound (Level 5) students proudly present their accomplishments from the past year through an inspiring mix of music showcasing their skills as performers and producers.

B2 (Basement Floor)
Aberdeen City Campus 2pm
Invitation only

JUNE
2026

2-5 JUNE END OF YEAR ART EXHIBITION

Work from all course levels,
from introductory levels to HND

Fraserburgh Campus Atrium

Public opening times:
TUES 2 JUNE - THURS 4 JUNE
9am-5pm
FRI 5 JUNE
9am-4pm

4 JUNE ACTING AND PERFORMANCE DIPLOMA SHOW

The final year HND Acting and Performance Year 2 students present their annual Dip Show, featuring a selection of scenes, monologues, and ensemble work developed throughout the year. This performance highlights the range, craft, and creativity the students have honed during their training, offering audiences a glimpse into the next generation of emerging talent.

Basement Studio Theatre
Aberdeen City Campus 7pm

5 JUNE LIGHT THE BLUE FESTIVAL MUSIC SHOWCASE

Come and support our HND Year 1 Music students as they take to the stage at Aberdeen's iconic Lemon as part of Light the Blue. Showcasing a vibrant mix of original material and reimagined favourites, this performance highlights the creativity, skill, and ambition of emerging young musicians. Expect fresh sounds, bold ideas, and an evening that celebrates the diverse talent, growing confidence, and vibrant artistic voices developing across the north-east's thriving music community.

The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen
Open to the public

11 JUNE EMERGENT: (DEVISED THEATRE SHARING)

Emergent is a vibrant collection of original, devised pieces shaped and curated by our HN2 students, brought to life by the combined talents of both HN1 and HN2 actors. This showcase celebrates collaboration, experimentation, and the creative voices developing within our cohorts. Audiences can expect bold ideas, fresh perspectives, and performances that reflect the energy and imagination of our emerging artists.

Basement Studio Theatre
Aberdeen City Campus 7pm

9-12 JUNE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES END OF YEAR SHOW

Creative Industries at City
Campus end of year show.

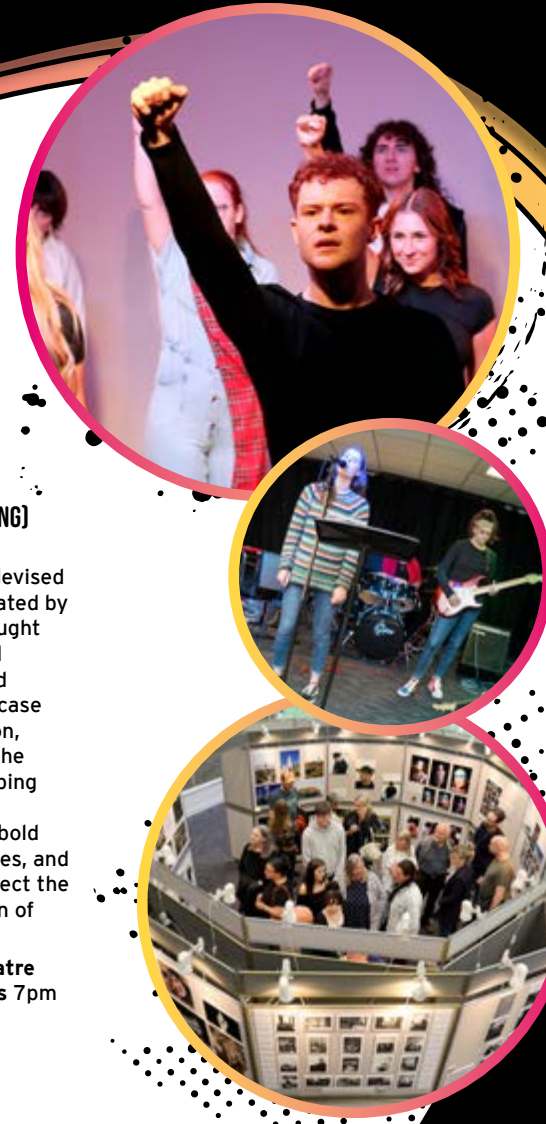
Private view:
TUES 9 JUNE
7pm-8.45pm

Public opening times:
WED 10 JUNE & THURS 11 JUNE
10am-8pm
FRI 12 JUNE
10am-2pm

13 JUNE FASHION SHOW

In collaboration with the Tailors
Incorporated at Trinity Hall.

Trinity Hall, Aberdeen
Invitation only



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