

# EVENTS DOORS OPEN DAY

Doors Open Day is a unique opportunity to peek behind the facades and find out more about the buildings you pass every day as you walk around Ayr. We have added even more events to this year's programme and can offer something for everyone in our huge range of tours, talks and events.

These events are very popular and are free so please only book if you intend to participate. If your plans change, let us know as soon as you can, so that we can release your spot to the waiting list.

Tell us what you think of this year's programme, give us your great ideas for next year's events or tell us how your tour or talk went at [enquires@ayrthi.org.uk](mailto:enquires@ayrthi.org.uk). Even better, fill out a feedback form at your events. Our office is at 11 High Street, Ayr KA7 1LU, and we will have copies of the Culture @yr brochure and the main Doors Open Day brochure available for collection from 27th-31st August.

We live in an amazing town – find out just how amazing over the Doors Open Weekend of 1st-2nd September.

## TINYTOWN – AYR'S HIGH STREET IN MINIATURE!

**Venue:** Citadel Leisure Centre foyer

**Open:** Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd September, 10am-4pm

Local children and young people have worked to create an amazing 3-D replica of Ayr's High Street. Come and point out your favourite spots, get a bird's eye view of the town and even make your own building to add to the streetscape.

## THE INSPIRATION TOUR

**Date:** Saturday 1st September, 11am and 1.30pm  
Ayr is full of beautiful and unexpected vistas, views and settings – perfect for any budding film-makers or painters looking to make their vision a reality. Have you got a great script, but no idea where to film it? Do you need ideas for new aspects of Ayr for your paintings or photographs? The Inspiration Tour is for you.

This tour will bring you to the perfect spots to realise your artistic ambitions, and inspire you to create more interesting recordings of the local environment.

**Booking:** contact the THI Project Support on 01292 617606 or email [Toria.Cassidy@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Toria.Cassidy@south-ayrshire.gov.uk). Bookings will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

## TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILLS

**Date:** Sunday 2nd September, 10am-4pm

**Venue:** Holmston House front garden

Following on from last year's highly successful workshops, local mason Andrew Brown will take a small number of participants through a full – day workshop on the practicalities of raking out and repointing a garden wall, using traditional lime mortar and techniques. Each participant will have the opportunity to repoint a section of wall during the workshop.

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## PROJECTING THE PAST

**Venue:** Prestwick Committee Room, County Buildings, Ayr

**Open:** Sunday 2nd September, 10am-4pm Have you ever wondered what it would be like to examine buildings from different periods side by side? Compare the characters of buildings from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries in our Projecting The Past exhibition.

Photographs, paintings, plans and drawings of buildings from each of these three walls will be projected on to three walls of the exhibition space so that you can see the town's development unfold before your eyes and compare how buildings have changed over the last 250 years. This exhibition draws on previously unseen material from the Ayrshire Archive and Carnegie Library.

## THE BRICKS ARE ALIVE – WHAT DO BUILDINGS SOUND LIKE?

**Venue:** Dundonald Committee Room, County Buildings, Ayr

**Open:** Sunday 2nd September, 10am-4pm

What sounds do buildings make? Experience architecture in a completely new way, through soundscapes of some of Ayr's buildings. These will be mixed with poetry and other audio samples played on head phones to give you an alternative way of understanding our built environment.

## THE ARCHITECTS OF AYRSHIRE – A TOUR

**Date:** Sunday 2nd September, 11am

Learn all about Ayrshire's most famous architects by taking this tour of their buildings with Patrick Lorimer of ARPL architects. Highlights will include Ayr Academy, the Wallace Tower, Ayr Town Hall and the Back of the Isle.

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## SCULPTURE IN AYR – STATUES AND STREETSCAPES – A TOUR

**Date:** Saturday 1st September, 2pm

Ayr is full of statues, some famous, some hidden away. Its buildings, too, contain sculptural elements. Find and assess Ayr's most interesting and unusual 3-D work with Architect Niall Murphy of Peter Drummond Architects.

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## DRAMATIC SCENERY – A TOUR

**Date:** Saturday 1st September, 11am and 2pm

From the famous Borderline Theatre to some lesser-known gems, Ayr has some fine architecture for entertainment, in more ways than one. Local historian and conservation officer Bob Orr will lead a tour of the town's hot spots, inside and out.

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## AYR IN YOUR EARS – AUDIO TOURS

**Date:** From 27th August

Download an exclusive free audio tour and map and find out more on the following topics:

**CSI: Ayr**

Be a Sheriff for a day, and hunt down one of Ayr's most notorious criminals, by visiting their historic hiding places and the scene of the crime. Find out all about Ayr's less than respectable past!

## *Ayr: Birthplace Of A Nation?*

Discover the vital role Ayr has played in the Scottish Independence movement, from the site of the first Scottish parliament to its connections with William Wallace. Downloads available from the THI website [www.ayrthi.org.uk](http://www.ayrthi.org.uk) from 27th August.

## TREASURE HUNT!

**Venue:** Holmston House gardens

**Open:** Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd September, 10am-4pm

Learn more about buildings and how they are put together in this fun treasure hunt for children (and parents!) aged 7-12. Collect your questionnaire from our helpers at Holmston House, answer correctly, and collect your prize pack!

## COMPAYR 2012: A MODERN LOOK AT ROBERT BRYDEN'S AULD AYR

**Date:** From 27th August

In the nineteenth century Robert Bryden made his famous series of engravings depicting Auld Ayr. Pick up a series of postcards of his work and follow this self-guided tour to see how the scenes have changed.

Pick up your pack of postcards from the THI office or the Carnegie Library from the 27th-31st August. During the Doors Open Day weekend, packs will be available at Holmston House. Alternatively, download your own set from the THI website: [www.ayrthi.org.uk](http://www.ayrthi.org.uk), from the 27th August.

## COMPAYR 2012: OLD VERSUS NEW

**Date:** From 27th August

Don't restrict your magical history tours to just Robert Bryden's views of Auld Ayr: pick up a set of vintage postcards for this self-guided tour of Ayr's streetscapes, picking out what has changed and what has stayed surprisingly the same over the years and the centuries. Pick up your pack from the THI office from the 27th -31st August, or from Holmston House over the Doors Open Day weekend.

## AYRIAL VIEW – AYR FROM THE SKY

**Open:** Saturday and Sunday 1-2 September, 10am-3pm

Ever wondered what the view looks like from top of Burns House, the tallest building for miles around? Head to Burns Statue Square to find out – we're offering hourly tours to the top for anyone who wants to find out what Ayr looks like from the sky.

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## IT DOESN'T STOP THERE!

There are many events happening throughout Ayr and Ayrshire over the Doors Open Day. Culture @yr is hosting a series of events in three different locations in Ayr. Download the programme from [www.ayrthi.org.uk](http://www.ayrthi.org.uk) or collect a copy from the THI office or the Carnegie Library.