Doors Open Day 2016

Historic Environment Scotland is the new lead public body that cares for over 300 properties across Scotland. We provide expert conservation advice, protect the nation’s buildings and monuments, and we actively record and interpret the past. Our archives hold over 5 million drawings, prints, maps, manuscripts and photographs which form Scotland’s national record of architecture, archaeology and industry.

This year we’re joining others to celebrate Scotland’s 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design with tours, talks and exhibitions that showcase the very best of our collections.

Note: All talks and behind the scenes tours will last no longer than 30 minutes (including assembly and departure times).

Behind the Scenes Tours
Join Veronica Fraser, Accessions Programme Manager, in our Print Room for a special tour of some of our original architects’ drawings.
Location: 1st Floor (Public Search Room)
Times: 1030, 1230, 1430

Want to find out more about the work of our professional field photographers? HES Photographer Zoe Ballantine will be showing a selection of buildings that we’ve photographed for the national record. Join her for hints and tips!
Location: 3rd Floor (Tearoom)
Times: 1130, 1330, 1530

Illustrated Talks

Come and learn about the work that we do creating and building our collection. When our speakers aren’t giving their lectures you’ll get a chance to see films explaining the work of HES and slide shows of our collections.
Location: Ground Floor (Conference Room)
Times: See Below

1100: Understanding Scotland’s Buildings
Simon Green, Architecture Project Manager, will be shedding light on our ongoing survey of built heritage and how we go about investigating and recording the nation’s architecture.

1200: Mackintosh, Memphis, Maggie's Centres and More: Innovation, Architecture and Design on Scran
Join Andrew James, Education Officer, to find out more about our fabulous Scran Resource, an award-winning learning website with thousands of images, videos and sounds from museums, galleries, archives and the media.

1300: An Amazing Treasure Trove – the Ever Expanding Collections of the National Record
Simon Green, Architecture Project Manager, will talk about aspects of our amazing collection, giving some extra context to some of the items on show around our building today.

1400: Unbuilt Edinburgh
Neil Gregory, Architecture and Industry Operational Manager will reveal drawn evidence of buildings that somehow never made it beyond the drawing board and onto the streets of our city.

1500: Through the Keyhole with Scotland’s Places
Kim Beasley, Scotland’s Places Manager, will be exploring the Scotland’s Places website and showing you how you can use it in your own historical research.

1600: Unbuilt Edinburgh
Neil Gregory, Architecture and Industry Operational Manager will be repeating his talk from 1300, a great chance to see the Edinburgh that you could have had but ultimately didn’t get.

Public Search Room

Come and meet our staff and see aspects of our collection in the Public Search Room. We’re usually open Tuesday to Friday, 9.30-5 and we host organised tours on Monday. You can browse through our boxes of imagery on open access or simply enjoy the material that we’ve got on show (see below)

Special Exhibitions in the Search Room

- **NEW THIS YEAR!** See how Edinburgh has changed including images we’ve rarely or ever shown before from the dawn of photography to the 1960s. There’s a unique chance to see some of the earliest photography that we have and glimpses of city taken for the Edinburgh Improvement Trust.
- **NEW FOR DOORS OPEN DAY!** For the first time on Doors Open Day we’re bringing a selection of our architectural models out for display.
- **STARTING TODAY!** Interested in quintessential Scottish design? Our display cases have been filled with some of our original plaster casts, metalwork and wallpaper samples from our amazing architectural collections.

*Location: 1st Floor (Public Search Room)*
*Times: All Day*

Exhibitions around the Building

A first for this year! We are opening up our office corridors to show you even more of the material that we have...

*Location: 2nd and 3rd Floors*
*Times: All Day*

2nd Floor

**Scottish National Buildings Record**

**NEW THIS YEAR!** The HES National Record includes a wealth of material illustrating Scotland’s built heritage, including photographs from the Scottish National Buildings Record (SNBR). The SNBR collection comprises over 20,000 photographs taken between 1941 and 1966 forming a unique historical record of buildings and townscapes from that era, many of which have subsequently been demolished or altered significantly.

**Rob Reinhardt**

**NEW THIS YEAR!** A collection of photographs of Edinburgh’s historic cemeteries on public display for the first time. The photographs are the work of American art lecturer Robert Reinhardt, who has...
taken over 28,000 pictures of the capital’s graveyards since the year 2000, when he first visited Scotland as part of a school exchange trip. Since 2008, the best of these images have been gifted to us to form part of the National Collection.

*William Leiper*

**ON TOUR!** Learn all about the career of Scottish architect William Leiper in an exhibition that comes to us after a successful run in Glasgow. In conjunction with the Leiper Gallery, Glasgow.

**3rd Floor**

*Off the screen and onto the walls: Highlights from Scran’s digital collections*

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Scran is the Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network and has nearly half a million images, videos and sounds from over 300 museums, galleries, archives and libraries. This small exhibition highlights some of Scotland’s innovators, designers.

**Photographers’ Choice**

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Our own photographers have selected some of their favourite items from our collection, some taken by themselves and others from material we’ve collected over the years. Come take a look!

*Introducing Shillabeer*

**EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW!** For the first time ever we will be showing photographs from our new and not yet catalogued Paul Shillabeer Collection. Shillabeer was a professional photographer, based in Edinburgh and working in the 1950s and 1960s. See Edinburgh and its locals back in the day in these very special images.

**Competition**

*Properties in Care from the Air!*

**WIN!** We’ll be giving away signed copies of our aerial photography publications to whoever can identify the most properties from the imagery we’ve snapped whilst up in the air.

*Location: 1st Floor Landing*

*Times: All Day*

**Exhibition Stands**

Find out more about some of our leading resources. Come and meet the staff from Scran, Scotland’s Urban Past and Scotland’s Places. Learn how to use these online resources and how you can become an Urban Detective.

*Location: 1st Floor (Public Search Room) for Scotland’s Places and Scotland’s Urban Past; 3rd Floor Landing for Scran*

*Times: All Day*

**Online Galleries**

Can’t make it along to see us on the Saturday? We’ve put together some new online galleries for you to enjoy especially for the day. Come join us at [https://canmore.org.uk/gallery](https://canmore.org.uk/gallery)