

AT THE UNION

FAMILY WEEKEND

PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITIONS

WEST CAMBRIDGE FAMILY DAY

BIG BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS FAMILY DAY

TALKS

EVERYTHING ELSE

AT THE UNION

Join us at the Cambridge Union Society for a range of key-note talks and community events covering topics from artificial intelligence and healthy aging to a climate debate with young people and exploring how to feed a city sustainably.

ON IMPUNITY, PINOCHET AND PATAGONIA: A JOURNEY

Join Phillipe Sands in a talk about the writing of his new book, '38 Londres Street', and its implications for our Age of Impunity.

FREE

4PM–5PM ON TUES 1 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

YOUR LIFE IS MANUFACTURED: HOW WE MAKE THINGS, WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW WE CAN DO IT BETTER

Join Professor Tim Minsall as he discusses his new book *Your Life Is Manufactured: How We Make Things, Why It Matters and How We Can Do It Better*

FREE

5.30PM–6.30PM ON TUES 1 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE IDEOLOGICAL BRAIN: EXPLORING THE SCIENCE OF SUSCEPTIBLE MINDS: WITH DR LEOR ZMIGROD

At the Cambridge Festival, Leor will discuss her new book, *The Ideological Brain*, which is an authoritative, accessible, and playful examination of how ideologies take hold of our brains, fundamentally changing the way we think, act and interact with others.

FREE

7PM–8:30PM ON TUES 1 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

GREEN DIALOGUES: A DEBATE FOR THE PLANET

Join 300 secondary students from schools across Cambridge as they debate and vote on a series of motions concerning climate justice, inter-generational responsibilities and the most effective actions for students to accelerate government action.

FREE

7:30PM–9PM ON TUES 1 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

DISCOVER THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE EATING IN CAMBRIDGE!

The University of Cambridge ThinkLab and Cambridge Sustainable Food CIC joined forces to uncover the challenges faced by residents in eating a climate-friendly diet in our city. Be part of this engaging and inspiring event where academic experts and community leaders come together for a dynamic panel discussion.

FREE

5:30PM–9PM ON WED 2 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW CAN WE HARNESS THE POWER OF AI FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT?

Society faces complex challenges, from economic growth to population health and climate change. Despite rapid progress in AI, there remains a significant gap between the potential of these technologies and our ability to deploy them for public good. Join our AI experts as they explore how we can bridge this gap and harness the power of AI for societal benefit."

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON WED 2 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge St
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID SPIEGELHALTER: THE ART OF UNCERTAINTY: LIVING WITH CHANCE, IGNORANCE, RISK AND LUCK

Join Professor David David Spiegelhalter for a conversation about the topics raised in his recent book *The Art of Uncertainty: Living with Chance, Ignorance, Risk and Luck*.

FREE

8PM–9PM ON WED 2 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

KEEPING THE STORYTELLERS SAFE IN WAR

A panel that will discuss personal and past experiences of working in war zones and a look to the future of what is to come in terms of digital technology including AI and how war reporting might be changing.

FREE

5:30PM–7PM ON THUR 3 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

FROM SPONGES TO AI: NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR FINDING CANCER EARLY

Two research group leaders in the Early Cancer Institute outline some of the exciting innovations that are currently being developed to improve early cancer detection.

FREE

6PM–7PM ON THUR 3 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

DO WE KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT CANCER?

The aim of the panel will be to demystify this field of research by introducing the challenge of how scientists can make useful all of the medical and research data to which we now have access and enthuse/offer hope to the public

FREE

7:30PM–9PM ON THURS 3 APR

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CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF WHALES: HOW STUDYING THE GENOMES OF EXTRAORDINARY SPECIES COULD HELP US STAY HEALTHIER FOR LONGER

Why do some animals, like whales, live exceptionally long lives free from many age-related diseases? Recent genomic breakthroughs, pioneered right here in Cambridge, allow us to study how cells in different species accumulate genetic mutations over time, which can lead to diseases like cancer and possibly even influence ageing

FREE

8PM-9PM ON THURS 3 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
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CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

CAMBRIDGE THINKLAB: NEURODIVERSITY AND FUTURE OF WORK AND INCLUSION

An event hosted by the Cambridge Thinklab sharing recent research on Neurodiversity and future of work and inclusion.

FREE

5:30PM-7PM ON FRI 4 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE SCIENCE OF GARDENING

Why do the tips and tricks which gardeners use actually give results? This talk looks at the science behind gardening, unravelling how plants grow and how we control what they do.

FREE

7PM-8PM ON FRI 4 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Keynes Library
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

FAMELAB CAMBRIDGE FINAL

FameLab, the science communication competition, returns to Cambridge. Join our finalists as they talk about their research in just three minutes with no presentations and limited props. Expect short snippets of fascinating science with, perhaps, a few puns thrown in!

FREE

8PM-10:15PM ON FRI 4 APR

Cambridge Union Society
Debating Chamber
9A Bridge Street
Cambridge
CB2 1UB

BOOKING REQUIRED

DECODING THE COSMOS WITH PROFESSOR HIRANYA PEIRIS

Join World-leading cosmologist Professor Hiranya Peiris as she decodes the Cosmos. Professor Peiris is professor of Astrophysics (1909) at the Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge.

FREE

6PM-7PM ON FRI 4 APR

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Debating Chamber
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FAMILY WEEKEND

Taking place on 29 and 30 March, our family weekend is a free weekend of hands-on activities, talks, workshops and interactive demonstrations for the whole family. From creating clouds and hunting aliens to a special show with one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets, Michael Rosen.

CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL'S FAMILY WEEKEND

Join Cambridge Festival for a free weekend of talks, workshops and hands-on activities for the whole family! From Antarctica to the poetry of Michael Rosen, from cloud science to virtual reality; this is a weekend full of ideas to spark your curiosity and imagination.

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums Site
Bene't Street
Cambridge

FAMILY WEEKEND OPENER: BAQUE TROVÃO

Come for the start of our Family Weekend and experience the joy of Maracatu! Baque Trovão is a vibrant local ensemble that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the Afro-Brazilian tradition of Maracatu. www.instagram.com/baquetrovaouk

FREE

11AM–11:45AM ON SAT 29 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

BABY TALK

When do babies start learning language and how does that change the way they see the world? Bring your baby or toddler to this discussion on early years communication focusing on the first steps in language acquisition in deaf and hearing babies. British Sign Language interpretation will be provided.

FREE

11:30AM–12:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Exam Hall D
Student Services
New Museums Site
Bene't Street
CB2 3PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF STARTING SCHOOL.

This exhibition will draw upon the latest research findings to provide accessible guidance for schools and parents on the evidence regarding current 'hot topics' for parents of primary school children.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing
Ground Floor Seminar Room
New Museums Site
(Enter via Bene't Street or Free School Lane)
Cambridge
CB2 3RF

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE WORLD OF WATER

This is a family-friendly activity suitable for children ages 6 and up, children must be accompanied by an adult

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ALICE IN PSYCHLAND – EAT ME! DRINK ME!

With your help, Psychexcite will demonstrate how we might all have the potential to hear colours, feel sounds and taste shapes, which is what happens for people with synaesthesia. At the Mad Hatter's tea party, come along to learn more about your senses and join us for a replication of a real psychology experiment involving cake and tunes!

Please note, this show is suitable for ages 9+

FREE

11AM–12PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre
(through the Pembroke Archway)
Pembroke St
New Museums Site
CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PLANTS

Visit the Botanic Garden team and explore some of the most incredible plants on the planet! Try your hand at becoming an insect pollinator for our giant flower—but watch out, there may be a giant Venus flytrap at our stand too!

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

VENN BOWLING MACHINE

See one of the world's earliest bowling machines! Engineers from the University of Cambridge have recreated a 1900s bowling machine that once bowled out the Australian cricket team. Originally designed by John Venn (of Venn diagrams fame), chat to the makers about the process of recreating the historic machine from a single image.

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

TUNING INTO YOUR NEWBORN'S VOICE

Find out more about babies' and toddlers' brain development and emerging skills in this multi-activity, family fun session! For expectant/new parents. Learn how to tune into your baby's language.

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing
Ground Floor Classroom
New Museums Site (Enter via Bene't Street or Free School Lane)
Cambridge
CB2 3RF

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

NEWBORN LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SIGNALS

Hear from Dr Sarah Lloyd-Fox (Department of Psychology) & the Brazelton Centre UK in this mini-talk about newborn language and communication signals. Hosted by Centre for Child and Family Research.

FREE

2:30PM–3:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing
Ground Floor Seminar Room
New Museums Site
(Enter via Free School Lane/Bene't Street)
Cambridge
CB2 3RF

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE – EXPLORE THE FROZEN FRONTIER

Dive into an amazing Antarctic adventure to one of the most remote and challenging environments on Earth. Your guides are polar scientist, Professor Kate Hendry, and marine biologist, Dr Helen Scales, who will show you how science is done around the icy continent of Antarctica.

This talk is aimed at ages 7 +

FREE

1:30PM–2:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre
(through the Pembroke Archway)
Pembroke St
New Museums Site
CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

PASSPORTS TO OUR FLOURISHING WORLD

Join pupils from Parkside Community College's Social Action Group on an interactive journey to a world where the climate has stabilised and nature is restored.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

QUIET TIME AT CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL'S FAMILY WEEKEND

The Quiet Time at our Family weekend is for those families who require a quieter environment to comfortably access our Family Weekend. Join Cambridge Festival for a free weekend of talks, workshops and hands-on activities for the whole family!

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SUN 30 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't Street
Cambridge
CB2 3PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

OUTDOOR GAMES WITH CAMBRIDGE UNITED FOUNDATION

Get ready for an action-packed day as the Cambridge United Foundation brings its amazing outdoor activities to the Cambridge University Festival. Test your skills with the inflatable goal, grab a friend and play on the football tables, or why not try your hand at our famous coconut shy? You will be in for a treat!

FREE

12PM ON SUN 30 MAR

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MONSTER MAKERS

We've explored the Earth's surface, plumbed the depths of the oceans and even been out into space. But we've found no dragons, unicorns or sea monsters. Why then do we still love monsters like Godzilla, and keep creating them? The secrets lie not only in our imaginations but also in the science of how we understand the world.

This talk is aimed at young people aged 12+

FREE

11:30AM-12:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre
(through the Pembroke Archway)
Pembroke St
New Museums Site
CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

IMPRINTS & INSCRIPTIONS: CREATING BOTANICAL BIOGRAPHIES THROUGH LITERATURE AND ART

This workshop brings environmental literature to life through artistic plaster casting. Literary quotes and botanical specimens are turned into unique artworks, exploring the material connections between text and nature.

The workshop welcomes visually impaired participants.

FREE

2PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Phoenix Room 1
New Museums Site
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING FAMILY TRAITS: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Visit the Centre for Child, Adolescent and Family Research: Extract DNA from strawberries, create DNA models from sweets/crafts, and discover differences between children and their parents through drawing and stickers!

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing
Ground Floor Classroom
New Museums Site
(Enter via Bene't Street or Free School Lane)
Cambridge
CB2 3RF

BOOKING REQUIRED

DECODING DISEASE IS IN OUR DNA

Find out more about AstraZeneca, DNA and how our genomic research is advancing our medicine making.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CALLING ALL SUPER SLEUTHS. CAN YOU USE SCIENCE TO DISCOVER THE MYSTERY OF THE WHODUNNIT?

3 super villains are in the frame for stealing the beloved town trophy, test your sleuthing skills using separation science to determine which one is the guilty culprit. Delve deeper into the world of separation with our super fun hands-on activities.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

LYME DISEASE AND TICK-BITE PREVENTION: MANAGING A GROWING THREAT.

Lyme disease is increasing in prevalence in the UK. Prevention is the best medicine. Come and learn how to recognise ticks – the carriers of Lyme disease and other infections. We will give tick-bite prevention advice and information about what to do if you get bitten. There will be the opportunity to discuss results from a Lyme disease patient experience survey conducted in 2024.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site
Bene't St
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH – IT’S NOT ALL IN THE MIND

Discover what causes depression, how gut-friendly foods improve mood, and why sleep, exercise, and stress management are vital. Learn strategies to boost your mental health, plus catch our podcast!

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CARING FOR ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Did you know Naked Mole Rats are resistant to diseases like cancer and diabetes? They live over 30 years and cannot feel pain! At the university, we study these fascinating creatures. Our dedicated team of experts ensures excellent care and welfare for all research animals. Come and meet some of the team and learn more about how we provide high-quality animal care and research.

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

BUILD A (CAM)BRAIN!

We have nearly a hundred billion neurons in our brain. Join our scientists to find out how these work together to power your brain! You will be able to...

- Craft your own neuron or a brain hat
- See real neurons through a microscope
- Take apart a life-size brain model – see how the human brain is over three times as big as the brain of other mammals our size!
- Explore a digital 3-D brain”

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums Site

Bene't Street

Cambridge

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

FROM THE LAB TO THE FUTURE: GET HANDS ON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY!

Have you ever wondered about the future of your health? Then come join us at the Exam rooms for a fascinating journey into the world of Pharmacology! We've got colouring books, matching games, 3D-printed models and special features from our research groups – so come along and see a glimpse of the future!

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

DNA HEROES FOR HEALTH

The NIHR BioResource will be at the Family Weekend raising awareness of the powerful role that we can all play in health research.

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

Student Services Centre

New Museums Site

Bene't Street

Cambridge

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE WHO AND HOW? – SOLVING MYSTERIES AND HAVING FUN WITH STATISTICS

Mr. Stats, the teddy bear, has broken his leg. How did this happen and who might be responsible? Become a detective and help solve this mystery using our statistical clues. In addition, take part in our game of skill, luck and statistics to see if you are a better thrower than your friend.

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

BLAST OFF! WITH THE CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY

Come have a blast with the Museum of Technology as you make your own paper straw rockets and send them soaring!

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CELLULAR MACHINES

Cells are like tiny machines, with each part doing a special job. The nucleus stores DNA instructions, mitochondria create energy, and ribosomes make proteins. Together, these parts keep the cell running smoothly. Bioengineers can tweak cells to change their functions or fix issues. Join the Engineering Biology IRC and Synthetic Biology Society workshop to discover how these amazing machines work!

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

POP-UP PLAY WITH THE HERD

Early years free play in a room filled with possibilities – explore, touch, build, imagine, play.

Pop-Up play is a creative play space for under 5s and their families, created by The Herd Theatre

FREE

**11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ARE THERE COMMON CLUES TO HAVING MORE THAN ONE DISEASE AT THE SAME TIME?

Have you ever wondered why some diseases often show up together in the same person? It's not just by chance! There are hidden connections that explain why certain illnesses are more likely to co-occur. Join us to explore what these connections are and discover how understanding them could impact the future of healthcare!

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE EXPERIENCE

Experience the world of East Anglian Air Ambulance's helicopter emergency medical service and discover what it's like being a crew member tasked to a life-threatening emergency. Learn how YOU can make a difference by saving lives.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't Street

Cambridge

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

HANDS ON ARCHAEOLOGY

the team from the Department of Archaeology, the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research and the Cambridge Archaeological Unit who will be showcasing the variety of archaeological research through a range of hands-on activities across the weekend. Come along to speak to us about our research, see and handle artefacts and find out what it's like to be an archaeologist!

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

UNIVERSAL CHILDHOODS?: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHILD IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHILD FOR YOU?

Come and learn about what it means to be a child in the Colombian Amazon Rainforest from the very children who live there, through an exhibition of their drawings, photographs and descriptions of their everyday lives.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

SCRAP BATS

Scrap Bats explores basic puppet making with the creation of a charming bat marionette puppet from 90% recycled materials. Participants will work through a simple to-follow instructional process (although little hands may need parental assistance for certain steps) to produce a colourful bat puppet in a design of their choosing which they are then taught to operate and fly.

FREE

**3:30PM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
3:30PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

Exam Hall D

Student Services

New Museums Site

Bene't Street

CB2 3PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

POLLEN PATCHWORK

Have you ever wondered how beekeepers know which flowers their bees have been visiting? Taking the huge and unexpected variety of pollen colours as her inspiration, Clare Wilkes has created a quilt of embroidered flowers, each flower surrounded by patches in the colour of its pollen. The patches are, of course, hexagonal, to represent the bees' honeycomb."

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

Phoenix Room

New Museums Site

Bene't Street

Cambridge

CB2 3PY

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

QUIET BABY FEEDING SPACE

have a dedicated room available for baby feeding, with quiet activities to occupy siblings while they wait.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing

Ground Floor Classroom

New Museums Site (Enter via Bene't Street or Free School Lane)

Cambridge

CB2 3RF

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE SECRET WORLD OF MICROBES

How do you wash hands correctly to help prevent the spread of infectious microbes? What do bacteria look like? Find out by looking at them through a microscope. Use craft materials to build your own microbes to learn about the structure of bacteria and viruses.??

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

TOXICOLOGY (TEMPORARY) TATTOO PARLOUR

Researchers from the MRC Toxicology Unit are transforming into (temporary) tattoo artists for our family weekend! Choose a temporary tattoo and while it's being applied, talk to the researchers about the unique design and how it relates to their work.

FREE

**11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM-4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR**

New Museums site

Bene't St

CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MICHAEL ROSEN

Join us for a special family show with Michael Rosen, one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets. The author of classics, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Chocolate Cake', 'The Sad Book' and 'A Great Big Cuddle', Michael is also a former Children's Laureate. Michael will share poems and stories from across his career.

FREE

3PM-4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre

(through the Pembroke Archway)

Pembroke St

New Museums Site

CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

NO SUCH THING AS A SILLY QUESTION

There's no such thing as a silly question... is there? Join author and silliness specialist Mike Rampton as he's joined by extremely grown up experts to answer once and for all those burning questions you've always wanted to ask.

FREE

1:30PM–2:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre
(through the Pembroke Archway)
Pembroke St
New Museums Site
CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE GREAT ALIEN HUNT!

Join astronomer and author Dr Matt Bothwell as we search for signs of life across the Galaxy. We'll take a trip across the frozen seas of Jupiter's moons, to planets made of liquid metal in the deepest depths of space. Along the way we'll answer questions like: what's the worst holiday destination in the Universe? Is there another Earth out there? And... are we alone?

FREE

3PM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Cockcroft Lecture Theatre
(through the Pembroke Archway)
Pembroke St
New Museums Site
CB2 3QY

BOOKING REQUIRED

DYSLEXIA, RHYTHM, LANGUAGE AND THE DEVELOPING BRAIN

Hear from Professor Usha Goswami (Centre for Neuroscience in Education, Department of Psychology) on how language learning provides the bedrock for reading development and how language works differently in dyslexia.

FREE

12PM–1PM

3PM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Old Cavendish Rayleigh Wing
Ground Floor Seminar Room
New Museums Site
(Enter via Free School Lane/Bene't Street)
Cambridge
CB2 3RF

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

PROTEIN SUPERGLUE TO BUILD VACCINES

Ever wanted to build a vaccine? Join us and learn about protein superglue and build your very own vaccine.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CRAFT YOUR OWN ANTIBODY LANDSCAPE

Get ready for a fascinating journey into antibody landscapes, a way of showing how the body responds to pathogen variants, from flu to COVID-19.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

LEGO CAFE: LEARN VIRAL TRICKS WITH LEGO

Join us as we delve into the fascinating world of viruses through the art of LEGO!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Tennis Court Road
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CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MAKE YOUR OWN NEURON!

Come and make your own neuron and learn about brain cells.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Tennis Court Road
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CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

VIRUS FIGHTERS

Become a virus fighter and help control a disease outbreak in this educational game.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ENCHANTING TALES FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS

Join us for two magical story tales about the immune system.

FREE

11AM–12PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW DO VACCINES WORK?

With Dr Brian Ferguson

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

PARASITE PALOOZA

Dive into the unseen world of parasites. From microscopic malaria to squirming worms, you'll discover the amazing adaptations of these hidden hitchhikers. The event includes hands-on activities, games, and microscopic investigations for a fun and educational experience for the whole family.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MICROBE CLUE HUNT

Calling all junior detectives! Join us for a marvellous microbe clue hunt!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

COLOURFUL CELLS

Love painting and science? Come and combine the two at Pathology!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE INFECTION GAME

When germs such as viruses get into our body they often hide inside our cells. Your immune system is there to help you seek out the pesky pathogens. In this game, your job is to be your immune system. Find the cells with germs hiding in them!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

BOOKING REQUIRED

PATH CAFÉ

Join us for complimentary tea, coffee and a chat about Pathology with our experts. Meet our researchers and entertain the kids with colouring and craft activities.

FREE

10AM–2PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

BUILD A VIRUS

Come and learn how what viruses like the common cold, chicken pox, COVID-19 and AIDS are made of and build your own.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

GROW YOUR OWN PROTEIN CRYSTALS

Join us and learn how to grow your own protein crystals!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

POETIC PARASITES: A CREATIVE ENCOUNTER

Join us for an interactive poetry workshop about scientific research and malaria, written by Professor Catherine Merrick as part of Creative Encounters.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

BOOKING REQUIRED

DRIVING DESIGN

Build your own model car

FREE

11AM–3PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Engineering
LR4
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1PZ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ATOMIC ARCADE

Power up with Atomic Arcade – where Science meets fun!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Engineering
LR4
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1PZ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

SMART AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CITIES

The overarching theme of the event, “Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure and Cities,” focuses on the integration of innovative technologies and sustainable practices in the development of urban environments.

FREE

11AM–3PM ON SAT 29 MAR

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Department of Engineering
Trumpington Street
Cambridge CB2 1PZ
Cambridge
CB2 1PZ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

FUTURE ROADS: DRIVING INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Discover the cutting-edge innovations shaping the future of transportation! Hosted by the Digital Roads of the Future Research Group, this event explores smart infrastructure, net-zero road construction, digital twins, and climate resilience. Learn how technology and sustainability are transforming our roads. Fun for all ages!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Baker Building
Ground floor
Department of Engineering
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1PZ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

FLOOD FIGHTERS: BUILD AND PROTECT AGAINST FLOODS!

Calling all young Engineers! Have hands-on fun and learn about Net Zero in construction and how climate change through floods can affect buildings. Create towns and buildings that are both environmentally sustainable and flood-proof using origami tricks. Then test against a “flood” of bouncing balls and use barriers and levees to protect it. Let’s get building!

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

James Dyson Building,
Seminar Room & Teaching Room
Department of Engineering
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1PZ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

SEEING IS BELIEVING? THE SECRETS OF VISUAL ILLUSIONS UNVEILED

Prepare to be amazed as Prof Paul Bays unveils secrets behind baffling optical illusions. In a playful exploration of perception, young minds will be challenged to question what they see!

FREE

12PM–1PM

3PM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Ground Floor Lecture Theatre
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: SIGHT – CAN WE KNOW WHAT A BABY IS THINKING?

Explore eye-tracking and put yourself in the boots of an unlucky researcher whose equipment malfunctioned!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Teaching Laboratory
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: LANGUAGE – COLOURING CORNER

Meet Plome the Pleakful and other characters from the realm of psycholinguistics! Enjoy mindful colouring and learn how we use context to learn new words.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Teaching Laboratory
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

DO RATS FEEL EMPATHY?

Is altruism unique to humans? What is the biological basis of empathy? Would rats help a friend or a stranger? Join this talk on empathy and prosocial behaviour in rats.

FREE

1:30PM–2:20PM ON SUN 30 MAR
1:30PM–2:20PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Psychology
Ground Floor Lecture Theatre
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: FACIAL RECOGNITION OF EMOTIONS – FACE-OFF! WHO LOOKS ALIKE?

Discover the science behind facial recognition in this interactive family activity exploring facial expressions, emotions, and identity with fun postcard feedback and prizes!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Ground Floor Classroom
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: MEMORY – THE EMOTIONAL COGNITION LAB'S OBJECT MEMORY QUIZ

The Emotional Cognition Lab's Object Memory Quiz – Test of your memory ability, and along the way, learn about the psychology of why we remember what we do.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Ground Floor Classroom
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: VOTING – HOW DO YOU TAKE VOTING DECISIONS?

The Cambridge Political Psychology Lab applies insights from psychology to understand political decision making. Join this brief activity, learn about the psychology of voting, and better understand your decision making!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Teaching Laboratory
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE MOVEMENT AND MUSICALITY OF MENTAL TIME TRAVEL

Mental time travel is the subjective experience of recalling the past and imagining the future. We will explore these concepts scientifically and artistically through our joint interest in choreography

FREE

12PM–1PM
3PM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Department of Psychology
Ground Floor Lecture Theatre
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXPLORING: TOUCH – DO YOU LOVE FIDDLING AND FIDGETING?

Love fiddling and fidgeting? Want to know why? Help us prepare an EEG-cap and learn how we can get inside someone's head!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Department of Psychology
Teaching Laboratory
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EARTH SCIENCES FAIR

Meet Earth Scientists from the University of Cambridge and have fun taking part in hands-on activities relating to their research.

FREE

11AM–3PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
Department of Earth Sciences common room, below the Museum.
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EQ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ASK A GEOLOGIST

Bring your rocks and get a geologist to tell you their stories and answer your rocky questions.

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EQ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

SCIENTIFIC WOMEN AT THE WHIPPLE MUSEUM

Find out more about the stories of women with links to the collections of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science

FREE

3PM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

WEEKEND AT THE WHIPPLE

Find out more about the history of science and get hands-on in the learning gallery

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR
11AM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

HAPPY TO CO-EXIST?: LESSONS ON INCLUSIVITY IN SCIENCE FROM MAUNA KEA

My name is Mallory Hrehor and my aim in this talk is to give an overview of the controversy in Hawai'i surrounding building a large telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea, a mountain that is sacred to Native Hawaiians.

FREE

1PM–2PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CAMBRIDGE MASONIC HALL OPEN DAY

Cambridge Freemasons invite you to visit their premises at Bateman street to discover what the purpose of the organisation is and to see how it benefits both the individual and society in general from its significant charitable activities. This is a drop-in event, no booking required.

FREE

10AM-6PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Cambridge Freemasons hall
All rooms
Bateman street
Cambridge
CB2 1NA

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

LAVA FLOW MODELLING (WORKSHOP)

Using different sticky substances to test the viscosity of liquid as a model for different types of lava flows.

FREE

2PM-4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Heong Gallery
Downing College
Regent Street
Cambridge
CB2 1DQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

SENSEational ANIMALS

Enter a wonderful world of animal colour, textures and sounds with drop-in hands-on science fun at the Museum of Zoology.

FREE

10AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Museum of Zoology
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EJ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

HIVE HEROES: A FUSION OF ART, SCIENCE & PLAY

HIVE HEROES is an immersive journey merging art, science, and play to reveal honeybees' healing secrets. Inspired by Maori Lab's research into RNA cooperation, players become "worker bees" combating a virtual virus through wearable tech. Your gameplay supports RNA immunity research, advancing our approach to health crises.

Join the hive, learn, and be a HIVE HERO.

Ages 7+

FREE

11:30AM-4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Phoenix Rooms
Student Services
Bene't St
Cambridge
CB2 3PT

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

THE SCIENCE OF ART

Discover the art of science and the science behind the art. Join us for a day of free activities for all the family that bring science to life through art. Awaken your curiosity and explore a museum filled with hands-on activities and trails that delve into the science of creation, restoration, and preservation. There is no need to book, just drop in on the day and get involved.

FREE

10AM-4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Fitzwilliam Museum
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1RB

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CHARLES DARWIN AND CARNIVOROUS PLANTS AT 150

Join us to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's pioneering book on Insectivorous Plants, with talks on Darwin's ground-breaking work and the latest scientific research on how plants lure, capture and digest their prey.

FREE

2PM-3:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Jean Thomas Lecture Theatre
Department of Biochemistry
Sanger Building
80 Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1GA

BOOKING REQUIRED

AGEING RESEARCH: THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Explore the Babraham Institute's science and history in this interactive exhibition.

Discover our research into how and why we age, and get the chance to speak to scientists leading this work and shaping the future of health ageing.

FREE

10:30AM-4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Museum of Cambridge
Enid Porter Room
2/3 Castle Street
Cambridge
CB3 0AQ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MAKESPACE OPEN DAY

Cambridge's community makerspace has provided a home to over 10 years of making, inventing and collaboration in the heart of the city. See products, prototypes and creations from science and engineering to craft and arts as well as the wide range of equipment on site our 400 members have used to make them.

FREE

12PM-4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Makespace
16 Mill Lane
Cambridge
CB2 1RX

BOOKING REQUIRED

DECLINE OF TRADITIONAL FATHERHOOD IN THE MODERN ERA; A PSYCHOANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVE

Alliance Francaise Presents Iro Zoubopoulou is a psychoanalyst of Lacanian orientation with more than ten years of clinical experience. The talk will examine psychoanalytically the modern psychic symptoms and their deep relation to the decline of traditional fatherhood via the lens both of classic Freudian and cutting-edge Lacanian psychoanalytical teaching.

FREE

2PM-3PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Alliance Française Cambridge
1 Red Cross Lane
Cambridge
CB2 0QU

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

IMAGINING ALTERNATIVE FUTURES: A LOCAL-GLOBAL REMIX

Visit the JE Wilson Drama Studio where the creators of a six-year project of 'imagining otherwise' will share their creative strategies for hope against the odds as they launch the online version of their visions for globally just, climate-conscious alternative futures.

FREE

3PM-6PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Faculty of English
9 West Road
Judith E. Wilson Drama Studio (Basement)
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

REACH FOR THE SKY

An information session and workshop on drones.

FREE

2PM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Cambridge Museum of Technology
The Old Pumping Station,
Cheddars Lane
Cambridge
CB5 8LD

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

VOLCANO SEISMOLOGY (WORKSHOP)

Learn why volcanic earthquakes happen and how they are measured

FREE

2PM–4PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Heong Gallery
Downing College
Regent Street
Cambridge
CB2 1DQ

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

CLOUD FACTORY

Have you ever touched a cloud? Can we make a cloud that tastes of strawberries?! Join Dr Sarah Bearchell to feel, see, hear, touch and taste clouds created from dry ice. We will be making predictions and exploring the results in this hands-on multisensory show designed for all ages.

FREE

11:30AM–12PM

12:30PM–1PM

2PM–2:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Exam Hall D
Student Services
New Museums Site
Bene't Street
CB2 3PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

DESIGN YOUR OWN PLANT!

Come behind the scenes at SLCU to learn how we study evolution and development in plants. See our building, use some of our tools and have a go at computational modelling to design your own plant!

FREE

10AM–12PM

1PM–3PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Sainsbury Laboratory
47 Bateman Street
Cambridge
CB2 1LR

BOOKING REQUIRED

PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITIONS

Join Cambridge Festival for a series of live performances and exhibitions that share research in new and different formats. From films to theatre, music performances to exhibitions at unique spaces, these events will inspire you to find out more about our research.

ABCs OF CLIMATE ACTION: CHANGE! CONNECTIONS! CURRICULUM!

ABCs of Climate Action' in collaboration with Cambridge Zero, Cambridge City Council and the Climate Academy, invite you to a creative methods taster and showcase at Old Church Pembroke College as part of the Cambridge Festival.

FREE

3PM-7PM ON THUR 21 MAR

Pembroke College
The Old Library
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1RF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BEYOND RAINBOWS: MESSIAEN'S QUARTET FOR THE END OF TIME

Messiaen's extraordinary Quartet for the End of Time – performed alongside new works by Cheryl Frances Hoad and Jeremy Thurlow – presents an apocalyptic vision of earth, sea and sky utterly recast; its resonance with today's transforming climate could not be stronger. A pre-concert conversation explores climate, activism and the art.

FREE

4PM-6:50PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Robinson College
Auditorium (talk) and Chapel (concert)
Grange Road
Cambridge
CB3 9AN

BOOKING REQUIRED

DISCOVERING THE PIANO WORKS OF RUSSIAN COMPOSER VALENTINA SEROVA (1846-1924)

Come and learn about the piano works of nineteenth-century Russian critic-composer Valentina Serova (1846-1924). This lecture-recital by music PhD student Nicholas Ong and pianist Antonio Oyarzabal, focuses on Serova's rarely studied compositions based on stories by Nikolai Gogol and Leo Tolstoy, and performed here for the first time in the UK.

FREE

3PM-4:15PM ON FRI 29 MAR

Clare College
Chapel Trinity Lane
Cambridge
CB2 1TL

BOOKING REQUIRED

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: DISCUSSION AND EXHIBITION

How does climate change affect reproductive choices – and how do our reproductive choices affect the climate? Join us for a panel discussion and accompanying multimedia exhibition exploring the relationships between the environment and reproductive health, rights and justice, particularly for marginalized communities disproportionately affected by climate change.

FREE

5:30PM-8PM ON THUR 20 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: SCREENING OF THE CLIMATE BABY DILEMMA (2022)

THE CLIMATE BABY DILEMMA (2022) explores the state of what to expect when you're expecting... climate change. With the future promising to be increasingly unstable and insecure, conversations about parenthood are heating up. Join us for this free screening of the documentary, followed by an interdisciplinary panel discussion and drinks reception.

FREE

6PM-9PM ON MON 24 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: SCREENING OF THE END WE START FROM (2023)

Join us for this special free screening of THE END WE START FROM (2023), adapted from the book by Megan Hunter and introduced by Helen Charman, Director of Studies in English at Clare College, followed by a drinks reception.

FREE

6PM-9PM ON TUES 1 APR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

VISUAL POETRY: DRAWING AND TELLING WORDS. HOW TO RESPOND TO POETRY?

This event is aimed at developing ideas in practice through conversational and visual exploration of contemporary poetry along the lines of artists and writers.

FREE

5PM-7PM ON THUR 6 MAR

Seminar Room 5
Cripps Court
(East Room, Cripps Court)
Magdalene College
Magdalene Sreet
Cambridge
CB3 0AG

BOOKING REQUIRED

MUSIC, HEALING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

World premieres of new choral works by Richard Causton, Errollyn Wallen and Howard Skempton, introduced by the composers.

FREE

6PM-7PM ON FRI 14 MAR

St Catharine's College Chapel
St Catharine's College
Trumpington St
CB2 1RL
Cambridge
CB2 1RL

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MOTHER TONGUE OTHER TONGUE CELEBRATION EVENT

A celebration event with the stars of the 2024 Routes into Languages East Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition performing their winning entries to a wider audience as part of the Cambridge Festival. Presented with award-winning Slam Poet, Joelle Taylor and including a language pop-up event

FREE

4PM-8PM ON WED 19 MAR

Buckingham House
Murray Edwards College
Buckingham Road
Cambridge
CB3 0DD

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE HEXAGONAL HIVE AND A MOUSE IN A MAZE – A CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL LAUNCH EVENT

A collection of thoughts and journeys. A dialogue between different forms of knowledge. A film about dancing, working, and life itself. The Hexagonal Hive and a Mouse in a Maze explores current ideas about learning in a global context.

FREE

6PM–9PM ON WED 19 MAR

Everyman Cinema
Screen Two
Unit 42
Grand Arcade
Cambridge
CB2 3BJ

BOOKING REQUIRED

TIMELY TRANSFORMATIONS: BODIES IN MOTION

Join us for an evening of classical bodies, philosophy – and dance!

FREE

6:30PM–8PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Museum of Classical Archaeology
Faculty of Classics
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE POWER IN THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT OF THE POET

An evening of poetry featuring works by three poets: Robert Hayden, American Poet Laureate and scholar of Black history and folklore, Mahvash Sabet, winner of the PEN Pinter Prize and International Writer of Courage, and Tāhirih, 19thC Persian poetess and fearless champion of women's emancipation.

FREE

7:30PM–9PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Old Library, Pembroke College
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1RF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FOUNDING WOLFSON COLLEGE: ARCHIVE EXHIBITION

Explore the origins and early development of Wolfson College through a display of material from our archive.

FREE

2PM–3:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Wolfson College
Lee Library
Barton Road
Cambridge
CB3 9BB

BOOKING REQUIRED

A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TENOR AND CHOIR

Vocal music reflecting on scenes in society, real and imagined

FREE

8PM–9:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

RE-MAKING HISTORY: 'THE PRICE OF MAHOGANY'

'The Price of Mahogany' is a new piece of writing, still in progress. It opens up a debate on our connections to the past through race and it raises questions about our own attitudes towards injustices today. The play explores how the slave trade fitted into 18th century English Law.

FREE

11:30AM–3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Covent Garden Drama Studio
Covent Garden
Cambridge
CB1 2HR

BOOKING REQUIRED

SCIENCE AND POETRY: THE CONNECTIONS

The event explores the similarities and differences between the ways poets and scientists examine and investigate the world. Poets and scientists work together to write poetry and the audience will be asked to participate.

FREE

2PM–3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Lucy Cavendish College
Lady Margaret Road
Cambridge
CB3 0BU

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE LAWRENCE ROOM, GIRTON COLLEGE

A special SAT opening of the Lawrence Room collection at Girton, free to all.

FREE

2PM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Lawrence Room
Girton College
Huntingdon Road
Cambridge
CB3 0JG

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EXHIBITION: THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FIBROMYALGIA PAIN, WEARING CHOICES AND CREATIVE PRACTICE

This exhibition explores the relationships between Fibromyalgia pain, wearing choices and creative practice drawing upon the lived experience of those with the condition.

FREE

12PM–5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

LIVING SCIENCE AT PDN

What is it like to work in a lab, to look through microscopes, or at computer screens, all day – and to contemplate the complex mechanisms that make life flourish? And what do the scientists do to make life in their own labs flourish? Join scientists from PDN to explore living science through a series of installations and performances.

FREE

1:30PM–3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Physiology
Development and Neuroscience
PDN Library
Physiology Building
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3DY

BOOKING REQUIRED

INTRO TO SAMA: A GUIDED LISTENING SESSION THROUGH ISLAMIC DEVOTIONAL SOUNDS

In this unique and intimate event, anthropologists and ethnomusicologists Wajiha Naqvi and Stefan Williamson Fa invite you to explore the practice of sama (Arabic for "listening"), a Sufi practice that uses sound and poetry as a means to draw closer to God.

FREE

6PM–7PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Corpus Playroom
St Edward's Passage
Cambridge
CB2 3PJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

INTO THE INFERNO

Into the Inferno, documentary film by Werner Herzog & Clive Oppenheimer

FREE

2PM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Howard Theatre
Downing College
Regent Street
Cambridge
CB2 1DQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG AT GREAT ST MARY'S, THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH – SERMON TITLE 'CRISIS: FOR GOOD OR FOR ILL'?

Join us for a wonderful Festival Choral Evensong with keynote preacher The Revd. Dr. Charles Bell, Official Fellow in Medicine and Public Theology, Director of Studies, College Lecturer, and Praelector, Girton College, Cambridge. His sermon is entitled 'Crisis: for good or for ill'?

FREE

4PM–5PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Great St Mary's
The University Church
Senate House Hill
Cambridge
CB2 3PQ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MORE MAGIC OF CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge Festival Magic Show – with Pentacle Magic Club

£15 ADULT • £12.50 CHILD (15% OFF 2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN)

2PM–4PM

6:30PM–8:30PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Cambridge Junction
J2
Clifton Way
Cambridge
CB1 7GX

BOOKING REQUIRED

FOOTPRINTS IN TIME

A Saxon girl – a Roman footprint – magic fire! Come and find out how Cambridge Youth Opera is creating an opera based on objects in the collection at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

FREE

5PM–6PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Hughes Hall
Pavilion Room
Mortimer Road
Cambridge
CB1 2EW

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WOULD I SCI TO YOU?

As relevant but irreverent as ever! TikTok sensation, Big Manny; world record holding Youtuber, James Whomsley; marine biologist, Helen Scales; celebrated author, Isabel Thomas; Head Q! Elf, James Harkin; and science broadcaster, Greg Foot match wits in this comedic, quick-fire science panel show.

£15

7:30AM–10AM ON MON 24 MAR

Cambridge Junction
Clifton Way
Cambridge
CB1 7GX

BOOKING REQUIRED

ANXIETY TO ACTION – THE START OF OUR JOURNEY TO A FLOURISHING WORLD

Two short films followed by a panel discussion chaired by BBC presenter Tom Heap of 'Rare Earth' and 'Countryfile'

FREE

6:30PM–9PM ON TUES 25 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

SENSING CHANGE – LIVE PERFORMANCE

Explore environmental change with installations created by students of the Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts.

FREE

6PM–8PM ON WED 26 MAR

Museum of Zoology
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MUSIC & WORDS: HUMANS [WITH/IN/AND/Vs/OR] NATURE

Explore the relationship between humans and nature through music and writing, blending ancient and contemporary sources. This performance reflects on humanity's impact on biodiversity and the need for protection, while celebrating the creativity that can bridge the gap. Performed by Inter Alios, the choir of Churchill and Murray Edwards Colleges, and directed by Ewan Campbell.

FREE

6PM–8PM ON WED 26 MAR

Murray Edwards College
Huntingdon Road
Cambridge
CB3 0DF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE HAUNTED: PART ONE. 'THAT THING' & 'INSOMNIA'

Strange nighttime occurrences, listening houses, dancing illness & otherworldly portals 'The Haunted' is a collection of performances & talks by Disabled & non-Disabled artists which investigate liminal space, dreaming, sick bodies, horror & the uncanny. Part One explores hidden disability & insomnia with dancer Lucy Clark's 'That Thing' & artist Leah Clements' 'Insomnia'.

'The Haunted' is free for people who identify as living with chronic illness, Disabled, d/Deaf &/or neurodiverse and their support workers/care partners. For everyone else there are 'pay what you feel' tickets.

7PM–9PM ON WED 26 MAR

Cambridge Junction
Clifton Way
Cambridge
CB1 7GX

BOOKING REQUIRED

ROOTS OF RESILIENCE: A DECADE OF EMPOWERING AFRICAN AG-SCIENTISTS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

This event marks a milestone in training over 260 African crop scientists in person and 10,000+ virtually in partnership with Cambridge's Department of Plant Sciences and supporting a startup benefiting thousands of farmers. The hybrid event will showcase these achievements and pave the way for new partnerships and innovative solutions for a resilient, food-secure future in sub-Saharan Africa.

£15

9AM–5PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Sainsbury Laboratory
47 Bateman Street
Cambridge
CB2 1LR

BOOKING REQUIRED

CURIOUS CURES – PUBLIC EXHIBITION OPENING

Join us at Cambridge University Library for a special after-hours event to celebrate the opening of our latest exhibition 'Curious Cures: Medicine in the Medieval World'.

FREE

7:30PM–9PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Cambridge University Library
West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DR

BOOKING REQUIRED

BLACK TOWN & GOWN: THE HISTORICAL LEGACY OF BLACK PRESENCE IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Film Premiere! This documentary film explores the historical legacy of Black presence in Cambridge and demonstrates how this has developed both in the town and the University through the passage of time.

FREE
6:30PM–7:30PM ON FRI 28 MAR
CRASSH

Room SG1 (ground floor)
Alison Richard Building
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FURIOUS LIFE: CLUB URANIA AT THE CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL

The Cambridge Festival residency has seen Daisy Thurston–Gent create a new work. FURIOUS LIFE is an extended poetical narrative, engaging with Dr Diarmuid Hester's ground breaking research into queer identity and a sense of place.

PAY WHAT YOU FEEL

8PM–11:59PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Cambridge Junction
J3
Clifton Way
Cambridge
CB1 7GX

BOOKING REQUIRED

'THE PECULIARITIES OF THE ANIMAL': AN OLD LIBRARY'S CATALOGUE OF BEASTS

The 17th-century Old Library of St John's College explores several centuries of human interactions with the animal kingdom.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 29 MAR

St John's College
The Old Library
St John's Street
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

DROP-IN, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

EXHIBITION – 'CURIOUS CURES: MEDICINE IN THE MEDIEVAL WORLD'

Using manuscripts from libraries across Cambridge, the University Library's new and free public exhibition explores the intriguing world of medieval medicine.

FREE

**9AM–6:30PM ON WEEKDAYS
FROM SAT 29 MAR UNTIL SAT 6 DEC**

**9AM–4:30PM SAT EVERY WEEK
FROM SAT 29 MAR UNTIL SAT 6 DEC**

Cambridge University Library
West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DR

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE HAUNTED : PART TWO. 'NIGHT TERRORS' & 'REVERIE – A DREAM OF AUTOIMMUNITY'

Strange nighttime occurrences, listening houses, dancing illness & otherworldly portals... 'The Haunted' presents performances & talks by Disabled & non-Disabled artists which investigate liminal space, dreaming, sick bodies, horror & the uncanny. Part Two explores parasomnias & chronic illness with writer Alice Vernon's 'Night Terrors' & artist Joanna Holland's 'Reverie'.

'The Haunted' is free for people who identify as living with chronic illness, Disabled, d/Deaf &/or neurodiverse and their support workers/ care partners. For everyone else there are 'pay what you feel' tickets.

6PM–8PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Cambridge Junction
Clifton Way
Cambridge
CB1 7GX

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE MAN WHO PAINTED HIS HOUSE PREVIEW SCREENING: DAVID PARR FILM

A screening on David Parr at All Saints church on Jesus Lane, run with the David Parr House and the Friends of All Saints, the film accompanied by a live performance of the instrumental score which is composed by Richard Uttley.

£10

6PM–7PM ON WED 2 APR

David Parr House
186 Gwydir StCambridge
CB1 2LW

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE VARIABLES PRESENT: AN EVENING OF SCIENCE COMEDY

Festival favourites The Variables return once more to the Portland Arms and the Cambridge Festival, to show the funny side of science.

£7 + BOOKING FEE

7:30PM–9:30PM ON WED 2 APR

The Portland Arms
129 Chesterton RoadCambridge
CB4 3BA

BOOKING REQUIRED

VOLCANO DRAWING CLASS (WORKSHOP)

Draw volcanoes with Emma Stibbon RA using various charcoals, pencils, and volcanic ash

FREE

6PM–8PM ON THUR 3 APR

Heong Gallery
Downing College
Regent Street
CB2 1DQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE MUSIC & POETRY OF QUEEN IDIA THE MUSICAL – A WORK IN PROGRESS SHARING

Experience the creative evolution of Queen Idia the Musical in this exclusive work-in-progress event.

FREE

5:30PM–7:45PM ON FRI 4 APR

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3DZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE TRIALS OF DEMOCRACY: WHO GIVES A XXXX?

An interactive event with artists Hilary Cox Condron and Patrick Morris who are leading this Public Art project. An opportunity to drop in for 10 minutes or 1 hour – come and see what your fellow citizens make of democracy; meet the ghost of Mr Pink; tell us where you feel counted, why you don't take part or whether children should have the vote.

FREE

11AM–2PM ON SAT 5 APR

The Guildhall
Exhibition room
Market Square
Cambridge
CB2 3QJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

CAMBRIDGE CREATIVE ENCOUNTERS

The Public Engagement Team at the University of Cambridge is delighted to announce the Cambridge Creative Encounters Exhibition as part of Cambridge Festival, with a retrospective exhibition on the creative outputs from the last 3 years.

FREE

4PM–7PM ON SAT 5 APR

All Saints Church

Jesus Lane

Cambridge

CB5 8BP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

NOT FOR A CAT: A PLAY FOR THE NUCLEAR AGE

A play about nuclear technology, politics and mystery.

FREE

7PM–9PM ON SAT 5 APR

St John's College Fisher Building

Palmerston Room

St John's Street

Cambridge

CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

SOUNDS OF THE EARTH – VOLCANOES, WHALES, AND A DYING SEISMOMETER

We cannot normally hear earthquake and volcanic vibrations as sounds – the human ear is not designed to. But what if we could? What if we could make the sounds of the Earth audible?

FREE

6.30PM–9PM ON SUN 6 APR

Howard Theatre

Downing College

Regent Street

Cambridge

CB2 1DQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

SUR PLACE & À EMPORER / IN & TAKE AWAY

The Raised Faculty Building hosts an ephemeral installation of posters, featuring ordinary utterances in French and English that will comment on, and dialogue with, the architectural landscape. Combining art and linguistics, poetry and politics, the installation questions the power of language to signpost reality in the age of automatic translation.

FREE

10AM–5PM THUR 6 MAR

10AM–5PM FRI 7 MAR

Raised Faculty Building

Sidgwick Avenue

Cambridge

CB3 9DA

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

PRACTICING CARE THROUGH ART. A NEW CARE AESTHETICS

The international exhibition include work at the intersection of art and care ethics showcasing the richness of the new post-disciplinary area of care aesthetics. This is the culmination of a 5 year long project, including talks, symposia, and a dedicated accompanying publication.

FREE

9AM–5PM DAILY FROM FRI 28 MAR UNTIL WED 2 APR

Cambridge School of Art

Anglia Ruskin University

Cambridge

CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BLACK SCIENTIST PORTRAITS

An exhibition of Black Scientist Portraits from the Black Medical and Scientific Network

FREE

6PM–10PM DAILY FROM WED 19 MAR UNTIL FRI 4 APR

Various, check website

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

GENERIC INFERENCES: AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE EXHIBITION OF COMMONPLACES IN EARLY 19TH-CENTURY LITERATURE

Explore fragments of general truths ('commonplaces') in literary writings and how they reflect people's approaches to generalisation and categorisation—and participate in a collaborative effort to map changes and continuities.

FREE

FROM 12PM ENDING AT 12:30PM 16 DAYS LATER, ON WED 19 MAR

Online

The Faculty of English

9 West Road

Cambridge

CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING

Ten days. Ten different news events. Ten different kinds of media. Ten art responses
A project by Idit Nathan and Sarah Wood

FREE

12AM–11:59PM FROM WED 19 MAR TO FRI 28 MAR

Online

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ActNowFilm: YOUTH CLIMATE LEADERS AS AGENTS OF CHANGE

The 2024 ActNowFilm weaves together the insights of global climate experts with the narratives and actions of young people from across the world.

FREE

12:01AM–11:59PM DAILY FROM WED 19 MAR UNTIL FRI 4 APR

Online

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MUSAE REGINALES: EARLY MODERN MANUSCRIPTS IN QUEENS' OLD LIBRARY

An exhibition of early modern manuscripts in Queens' Old Library.

FREE

1:30PM–4:30PM FROM WED 19 MAR TO FRI 4 APR

Queens' Old Library

Queens' Lane

Cambridge

CB3 9ET

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FAMILY MATTERS: HOLDING YOU UP

Explore patterns of play, fantasy, support and constraint at work in families, and often reflected in other close relationships. Four contemporary artists share artworks around these themes, offering a space of reflection and potential shift.

FREE

10:30AM–5:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

10:30AM–5:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

10:30AM–5:30PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Cambridge Artworks and Artspace

5 Green's Road

Cambridge

CB4 3EF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EXHIBITION: SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE FUTURES – APPLICATION OF SYNTHETIC POLYMER DEGRADING ENZYMES FOR SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE DESIGN

This ARU student and staff collaborative pilot project aims to establish sustainable enzyme-based treatments for synthetic and mixed (natural, synthetic) fibre fabrics for textile design and up/re-cycling.

The exhibition is a collaboration between the ARU Cambridge School of Art Fashion Design team and the ARU Biosciences team.

FREE

11AM–5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

9AM–5PM SUN 23 MAR

9AM–5PM MON 24 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University

East Road

Cambridge

CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WOLFSON COLLEGE ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS GRADUATE PRIZE – FUNGAI BENHURA – FEEL THE RHYTHM

Exhibition of paintings by Royal Academy Schools graduate Fungai Benhura

FREE

10AM–5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

10AM–5PM ON SUN 23 MAR

10AM–5PM ON SAT 29 MAR

10AM–5PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Wolfson College

Combination Room

Barton Road

Cambridge

CB3 9BB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

TEARING UP MONEY: TURNING CURRENCY INTO COLLECTIVE ART

Turn the worthless into art! Join our hands-on ARTivism workshop, tearing up Venezuelan banknotes to create a collaborative collage exploring value and social impact. No experience needed—just curiosity!

FREE

3PM–5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

3:30PM–5:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

6PM–8PM ON WED 2 APR

Together Culture

5 Fitzroy Street

Cambridge

CB1 1ER

BOOKING REQUIRED

DRONED LIFE: THE POLITICS OF TIMELINES AND DATA VISUALISATION

The Centre for Drones and Culture invites you to explore 3D ‘volumetric’ timelines of drone technology whose stories and histories change dynamically based on what data the user chooses to highlight.

FREE

10AM–5PM ON WEEKDAYS

FROM MON 24 MAR UNTIL FRI 11 APR

Alison Richard Building

Ground floor atrium space

Sidgwick Site

7 West Road

Cambridge

CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SENSING CHANGE

Explore environmental change with installations created by students of the Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts.

FREE

10AM–4:30PM ON TUES 25 MAR

10AM–4:30PM ON WED 26 MAR

10AM–4:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

10AM–4:30PM ON FRI 28 MAR

10AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Museum of Zoology

Downing Street

Cambridge

CB2 3EJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MAGMA RISING: A JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF ICELANDIC VOLCANOES

An exhibition on Icelandic volcanoes showcasing a unique combination of seismology, volcanology, and fine art, all inspired by Cambridge University professors’ research.

FREE

12PM–5PM WED–SUN EVERY WEEK FROM WED 26 FEB UNTIL SUN 20 APR

12PM–5PM ON TUES 22 APR

Heong Gallery

Downing College

Regent Street

Cambridge

CB2 1DQ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

XOLU DAKAR BI (THE HEART OF DAKAR)

A photography exhibition on the ongoing eviction/resettlement of a small informal settlement in central Dakar, Senegal, in West Africa. This is a collaborative project between Anna Wood, a Research Associate in the Department of Social Anthropology and two Dakar-based photographers, Djibril Drame and Ekaterina Golovko, aimed at contributing to the preservation of the memory of the place.

FREE

10AM–5PM FROM THUR 27 MAR UNTIL MON 31 MAR

Cambridge Artspace

5 Green’s Road

Cambridge

CB4 3EF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

A ROOM OF ONE’S OWN

An exhibition of contemporary queer art by Mark Mann

FREE

10AM–5PM DAILY FROM TUES 28 JANUARY UNTIL FRI 4 APR

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Sidgwick Avenue

Cambridge

CB3 9DA

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WEST CAMBRIDGE FAMILY DAY

On Saturday 22 March, the University departments on the West Cambridge site will be opening their doors to the public. Join researchers from the Departments of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Computer Science and Technology, Materials Science and Metallurgy, the Faculty of Mathematics and the Institute of Astronomy and find out what goes on inside.

TOMORROW'S CURES: GAME-CHANGING MOLECULES AND INNOVATIONS

Join Dr Ljiljana Fruk for an enlightening journey into the future of medicine, where age-old molecules are being transformed, new ones are being crafted, and groundbreaking innovations are emerging across scientific disciplines.

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

AMMONIA ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE

Join us for an exciting and interactive science event exploring how ammonia energy could power the future! Suitable for all ages, the event includes a lively presentation and a thrilling hydrogen balloon demonstration.

FREE

10:30AM-11:30AM

11:30AM-12:30PM

12:30PM-1:30PM

1:30PM-2:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU BUBBLES, MAKE 'ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE'

Join us at the Fruk Lab corner for a lively, hands-on experiment where kids can team up with our researchers to make foamy, colourful 'elephant toothpaste' – a fizzing tower of bubbles that looks like it was squeezed from an elephant-sized tube of toothpaste!

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

MAKING SOLAR CELLS FROM BERRIES!

Make a working Grätzel solar cell using a few basic materials including something surprising – blackberries – with scientists at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology.

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW CAN POLYMERS KEEP YOUR HEART TICKING?

Join Dr Joanna Stasiak and team for an engaging exploration of heart valve anatomy, featuring models and animations that will bring the heart's complex structure to life. This session will take you through the four heart valves, examining their unique roles and functions in maintaining healthy circulation.

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

MAKING PARTICLES FLOW TOWARDS CLEANER ENERGY

Join our researchers for a captivating demonstration of fluidised bed reactors – a remarkable device that makes solid particles behave like a fluid by mixing them with gas or liquid. But what exactly is a fluidised bed, and why is it crucial for sustainability?

FREE

11AM-12PM

1PM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

SEEING THE SCIENCE BEHIND COLOUR

Join our BioNano-Engineering researchers for a series of fun experiments, hands-on activities, and lively mini-talks as we explore the magic of light, how our eyes perceive colour, and the fascinating science behind colour creation – from structural colours in nature to light-emitting structures and absorbing pigments.

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

ART EXHIBITION TO STEP AHEAD TO EXPLORE CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE IN THE YEAR 2125

Step into Cybertropolis, an imaginative art exhibition set in a speculative 'museum of the future' that opens in 2124, taking visitors on a journey into Cambridge's science legacy as if viewed from the year 2125.

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

SENSORS FOR A SMARTER HOME

Imagine a home that anticipates your needs, enhances your comfort, and reduces your energy consumption – all with the power of smart sensors. At this hands-on demo, we invite you to explore our model home packed with the latest sensor technologies and experience how they could transform your everyday life.

FREE

10AM-2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
Philippa Fawcett Drive
Cambridge
CB3 0AS

BOOKING REQUIRED

MEASURE YOUR HEART RATE FROM YOUR EARPHONES!

In this workshop you will use earphones, typically used only for entertainment, to get information about your body's vital signs including your heart rate and breathing rate, both purely estimated through a microphone.

FREE

11AM-4:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

TAKE A TOUR OF DAWN, THE UK'S FASTEST AI SUPERCOMPUTER

Take a virtual tour of Dawn, the UK's fastest AI supercomputer. Using a VR headset, you can 'see' the supercomputer that is supporting goals in clean energy, personalised medicine and climate.

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

DEVELOPING AI FOR SCIENCE, CITIZENS AND SOCIETY

Come along to the Computer Science and Technology Open Day to meet some of the researchers from the ai@cam AI-deas programme and learn about the exciting projects they are working on.

FREE

11AM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

MAKE A 'BINARY BRACELET' / ENJOY A GAME OF DIGITAL AIR HOCKEY. COMPUTER SCIENCE DROP-IN ACTIVITIES.

Would you like to make a bracelet that spells out your name binary, the language of computers? Or maybe you'd like to try playing a game of digital air hockey built on a Raspberry Pi Computer? These and other hands-on, drop-in activities will be on offer at the Open Day in the Department of Computer Science and Technology.

FREE

11AM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

HOW TO CODE LIKE A DJ WITH SONIC PI: HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Sonic Pi is 'a new kind of instrument for a new generation of musicians' – a free beginner-friendly tool for creating music with computer code that can be used by anyone. Join us for this hands-on workshop with Sonic Pi creator Sam Aaron as he guides you through how you can create music using code.

FREE

2PM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD
BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW TO CODE LIKE A DJ WITH SONIC PI: INTRODUCTION AND LIVE DEMO

Sonic Pi is 'a new kind of instrument for a new generation of musicians' – a free beginner-friendly tool for creating music with computer code that can be used by anyone. Join us for this interactive session where, using lots of easy-to-understand live coded examples, Sonic Pi creator Sam Aaron will show how it can be used to code music in a wide variety of styles.

FREE

11AM-12:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
Lecture Theatre 1
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

UNLOCK THE PIRATES' TREASURE CHEST / STOP AN EVIL HACKER DESTROYING THE INTERNET! COMPUTER SCIENCE 'ESCAPE ROOMS'.

Use your logical thinking skills to find the clues that will unlock Pirate Jessie Croft's Treasure Chest! Or see if you can work out how to stop an evil hacker from destroying the internet. These and other hands-on, drop-in activities will be on offer at the Open Day in the Department of Computer Science and Technology.

FREE

11AM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD
BOOKING REQUIRED

MEET FURHAT, THE CONVERSATIONAL ROBOT

Come along to the Department of Computer Science and Technology Open Day to meet Furhat, a robot science ambassador, to chat about computer science and your experiences of it.

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

BUILD YOUR OWN QUANTUM COMPUTER - HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Quantum computing made accessible. In this hands-on workshop, learn about spooky quantum phenomena like superposition, entanglement and teleportation – and even build your own quantum computer!

Free

11AM-12:30PM

2PM-3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD
BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW AI COULD HELP US TREAT INSOMNIA

What happens to our brain when we listen to music for relaxation or sleep? And can we create music tuned to our own brain waves? Come and talk to the researchers who are using AI to find out – and to help us generate therapies for sleep disorders based on our own brain function.

FREE

11AM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD
BOOKING REQUIRED

PLAY GUITAR LIKE AN AI JIMI HENDRIX!

Come and play with an artificial intelligence that lets you manipulate the sounds of an electric guitar. Using a hands-on device, experiment with making the notes sharp or soft, warm or bright. Or distort them to mimic the sounds of Jimi Hendrix's famous wah-wah pedal!

FREE

12PM-3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

TOUR THE COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

A chance to tour the first Computer Science department in the country and one that has built computers of all sizes, from those in the 1940s that took up a whole room to those that today sit in the palm of your hand...

FREE

11AM-3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: THE FILM SHOW!

In a series of short films that will be played throughout the day, meet the female researchers of the 1950s who were using the first computer built in Cambridge. Hear from our alumni about how they invented the BBC Micro and the Raspberry Pi computers, find out why we've used surveillance cameras on sheep, and discover the design challenges our students are tackling today.

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Computer Science and Technology
William Gates Building
15 JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0FD

YOUR LIFE IS MANUFACTURED - HOW WE MAKE THINGS; WHY IT MATTERS, AND HOW WE CAN DO IT BETTER

This talk will take you on a journey through the world of manufacturing and its transformational influence on our lives - and the world around us.

FREE

2PM-3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Institute for Manufacturing
17 Charles Babbage Road
Cambridge
CB3 0FS

BOOKING REQUIRED

RE-VOLTING BATTERIES

Join researchers from the Institute for Manufacturing to perform many of the tasks required for battery fabrication, but in the form of fun activities using lemons and pasta rollers instead!

FREE

1PM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Institute for Manufacturing
17 Charles Babbage Road
Cambridge
CB3 0FS

WHAT WOULD YOU USE THAT FOR?

See some of the latest science-based products from local companies and win a prize for thinking of the most original ways to use them!

FREE

1PM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Institute for Manufacturing
17 Charles Babbage Road
Cambridge
CB3 0FS

DELVE INTO MATERIALS

Delve into the world of materials science and see how it drives tomorrow's technologies.

FREE

9:30AM-4:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy
27 Charles Babbage Road
Cambridge
CB3 0FS

GET HANDS-ON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Once again, we are opening the doors of the Department of Veterinary Medicine to the public for a day as part of the 2025 Cambridge Festival.

FREE

10AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Veterinary Medicine
Ground floor staff room
Department of Veterinary Medicine
Maddingley Road
Cambridge
CB223EF

INSTITUTE OF ASTRONOMY: OPEN AFTERNOON

The Institute of Astronomy opens its doors for an afternoon of hands-on activities, demonstrations, talks and displays all around our lovely wooded site. Meet the scientists and the telescopes, and learn more about both astronomy and the research we do.

FREE

2PM-6PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Institute of Astronomy
Maddingley Road
Cambridge
CB3 0HA

HANDS-ON MATHS FAIR

"A mathematician, like a painter or a poet, is a maker of patterns." (G.H. Hardy)

Find out what patterns you can discover, explore your creative thinking and reasoning and develop your problem-solving skills with hands-on mathematical activities and games for all ages from 8 to adult. Join staff and students from the Mathematics Faculty to explore, experiment, discover, question and enjoy!"

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Centre for Mathematical Sciences
Wilberforce Road
Cambridge
CB3 0WA

BIG BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS FAMILY DAY

Join departments from across the Cambridge Biomedical Campus on Saturday 22 March at the Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology for a day exploring the life changing research taking place in Cambridge. With hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations, learn more about cancer research, blood trials, building a state-of-the-art children's hospital and find out what lives up our noses!

ASTRAZENECA – WHAT SCIENCE CAN DO & CAREER PATHWAYS

Come along and find out about early careers in the pharmaceutical industry.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF BEHAVIOUR AND DEVELOPMENT

Find out how scientists use tiny worms to study how our bodies work. Learn how to use a microscope and look at mutant worms, hear about how molecules can determine how animals behave and grow, and gain insight into how answering fundamental questions about life on Earth can help to develop new medicines and technologies. You'll be amazed what a tiny worm can teach us about how humans work!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

DISCOVERING RESEARCH WITH NIHR CAMBRIDGE BRC!

Did you know that medical research is happening all over the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, though you probably won't ever see it going on!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE FARADAY INSTITUTE: EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

Come and get hands-on as we celebrate science as an amazing way to learn more and more about the wonders of our world.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BUILD YOUR DREAM DEN WITH CAMBRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – TELL US HOW YOU PLAY!

Come and get creative and build your "dream den" with us! Will it be a cosy space to relax, a place to let your imagination run wild, or something else entirely? We know how important play can be when you're poorly, which is why it's a key part of Cambridge Children's Hospital's innovative and holistic approach to care. We'd love to know what your favourite ways to play are.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ALL ABOUT OUR CELLS

What's in your cells and what are they made from? Take a closer look with our microscopes and have a go at making your own model cell or molecule.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHAT'S UP YOUR NOSE?!

Our noses play hosts to an entire community of microbes! But, have you ever wondered about what might be living there? As part of the CARRIAGE study, we're working to understand what different bacteria are using our noses as homes, and how that affects us. Come join us to swab and process our fake nose!

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way
(Close to the Junction of Robinson Way and Long Road)
Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

GET HANDS-ON WITH CANCER RESEARCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Join the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre in the CAST Building to get hands-on with the ground-breaking cancer research being undertaken by scientists and clinicians across Cambridge.

FREE

11AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Cambridge
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BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHAT DO WE DO AT CAMBRIDGE CLINICAL RESEARCH FACILITY

Meet some of our team and carry out tasks that we do behind the scenes. Learn about why we do health research

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BOOKING RECOMMENDED

AWESOME ORGANS

How much do you know about your amazing organs and about organ donation and transplantation? Join researchers from the NIHR BTRU in Organ Donation and Transplantation to find out more, plus try out our hands-on organ activities and get your brain cells buzzing with our awesome organs quiz.

FREE

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BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BRAIN AND TECH

A stand exploring brain injury and some of the technologies which can be used to help recovery

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

OPEN WIDE! - JAW-DROPPING JAWS

Discover the sharpest teeth, stickiest spit and longest tongues with science writer Letizia Diamante.

FREE

11.30AM ON SAT 22 MAR

1PM ON SAT 22 MAR

2PM ON SAT 22 MAR

3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

FIBRE - WHAT GETS YOU GOING?

How much fibre is in the food you eat? Join scientists from the MRC Epidemiology Unit to see if you can guess the fibre content of a variety of foods, and learn why dietary fibre is important for health and how we measure how of it much people in the UK - and beyond - are eating.

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF MICROBIOLOGY

The colourful world of microbiology - bugs, germs: bacteria, virus, parasite and fungal infections - how the UK Health Security Agency identifies what might be making us feel ill. Interactive, fun and even a bit messy!

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE HEROES AND VILLAINS OF THE BUG WORLD

The UK Health Security Agency helps us learn about the bugs that may be good for our bodies and the ones that we want to stay away from! It will be fun and even a bit messy!

FREE

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BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MITOTRUMPS

MITOTrumps is a card game based on comparing/contrasting mitochondrial proteins. Mitochondria are the powerhouses of our cells that process our food into ATP - a molecular fuel for the rest of the cell - and carry out many essential processes. The MITOTrumps challenge: choose the best statistic most likely to beat the other cards, take all the other players' cards and establish the winner.

FREE

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

PINTS OF SQUASH AND BUTTOCK-SQUEEZING: DONATING BLOOD DURING A CLUSTER-RANDOMISED TRIAL

How can we make blood donation a better experience for everyone? The STRIDES trial tested four ideas in 1.4 million donors across England. Join us as our next (simulated) participant to learn about the donation process and how we solve scientific mysteries.

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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CB2 0SZ

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CAN YOU TELL IT IS SICKLE CELL? DISCOVER THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE MOST COMMON GENETIC DISORDER IN THE WORLD

Discover the science behind the most common genetic disorder in the world. Watch the documentary film, hear about the lived experience of patients with this disorder and find out what you can do to help and get involved

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Cambridge
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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE - WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS!

High blood pressure is the leading risk factor for cardiovascular disease and early death worldwide, yet often goes unnoticed. Join us at our awareness stall to find out what it is, why it matters and what we can do about it. Talk to researchers and clinicians from Cambridge Cardiovascular and the POPPY (pregnancy) study and get your blood pressure checked!

FREE

11AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS HEAD

A personal story of brain injury and recovery

FREE

11.30AM-12.30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

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2.30PM-3.30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology
Robinson Way

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Cambridge
CB2 0SZ

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TALKS

Join Cambridge Festival to explore over 150 talks sharing the research of the University and our partner organisations. These talks are the place to discover all about our research across the Environment, Health, Society and Discovery!

LISTENING TO YOUR GUT

How do we understand what our guts are telling us? Join Drs Daniele Corridoni, Miles Parkes and Virginia Pedicord to discuss how recent research has shaped our understanding of gut health and disease.

FREE

6PM–7PM ON WED 20 MAR

Jeffrey Cheah Biomedical Centre Lecture Theatre

Puddicombe Way

Cambridge

CB2 0AW

BOOKING REQUIRED

DIVINITY DIVULGED LIVE PODCAST RECORDING

Join us for a live recording for the Divinity Divulged Podcast!

FREE

5PM–6:30PM ON THUR 21 MAR

Faculty of Divinity – Runcie Room

Sidgwick Site

West Road

Cambridge

CB3 9BS

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES IN THE AGE OF AI – NEIL LAWRENCE IN CONVERSATION WITH DIANE COYLE “WHAT DOES AI MEAN FOR OUR IDENTITY?”

Join Neil Lawrence in conversation with Diane Coyle, Co-Director of the Bennett Institute, as they discuss his recent book, *The Atomic Human*, and explore society's fascination with AI, and the often-misplaced fears surrounding an AI-driven future.

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON WED 27 MAR

Cambridge Union Society

Keynes Library

9A Bridge Street

Cambridge

CB2 1UB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

CAMBRIDGE PER DIEM: A DAILY CHRONICLE OF CAMBRIDGE CONNECTIONS

What's special about the 11th March? Come along to Mill Road History Society's talk from Rosie Zanders and discover the unexpected connections between Cambridge events on that date.

FREE

7:30PM–9PM ON TUE 11 MAR

Ross Street Community Centre

Ross Street

Cambridge

CB1 3UZ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHEN IS A STRUCTURE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Adventures in tuned percussion. A pre-concert lecture by Professor Jim Woodhouse

FREE

6:30PM–7PM ON SUN 16 MAR

West Road Concert Hall

11 West Road Cambridge

CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

CONSTRAINTS ON THE PROPERTIES OF PRIMORDIAL PROTOCELLS

Nobel prize-winning Biochemistry & Geneticist, Jack W. Szostak will describe recent progress in the development of a laboratory model of a protocell capable of growth and division, and replication of the genetic material in the absence of any evolved machinery.

FREE

5:30PM–6:30PM ON TUE 18 MAR

Bristol-Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre

Department of Chemistry

29 Lensfield Rd

Cambridge

CB2 1ER

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FLIGHT INTO AUTHORITARIANISM? THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY

'Democratic society is under threat not from its margins, but from its apparently stable centre' (Oliver Decker, 2022).

FREE

5PM–6PM ON WED 19 MAR

Webb Library

West Court

Jesus College

Jesus Lane

Cambridge

CB5 9BL

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MY SELF AND MY BRAIN: THE NEUROSCIENCE OF SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS

What are you and how did your brain create you? Although everyone has (and is) a self, it is not easy to explain how selves came to arise in the world. Most people associate the term 'self' with personality and identity, but what lies at its core – what is its deep biological basis?

FREE

6PM–7PM ON WED 19 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University

East Road

Cambridge

CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

HONEST HISTORIES? UNCOVERING WHERE OUR TASMANIAN TIGERS CAME FROM

Join us for a thought-provoking conversation about how museums in the West built collections of an iconic extinct animal.

FREE

6:45PM–8:30PM ON WED 19 MAR

Museum of Zoology

Downing Street

Cambridge

CB2 3EJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BRAIN BOOST, HEALTHY HABITS FOR A HAPPIER LIFE

Barbara Sahakian and Christelle Langley, University of Cambridge, authors of *Brain Boost*, discuss unlocking your full potential by building habits that improve brain fitness and wellbeing for a happier life.

FREE

7PM–8PM ON WED 19 MAR

Cambridge University Press Bookshop

1–2 Trinity St

Cambridge

CB2 1SZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

MEMORY MATTERS

Join the team from the Memory Clinic for a discussion about brain health and dementia. To meet doctors, nurses and psychologists from the memory clinic, ask any questions, and learn what we do at the Cambridge Memory Clinic

FREE

2PM–3:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Herchel Smith Building

Seminar Room Robinson Way

Cambridge

CB2 0SZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

WHAT IS FASCISM?

Fascism was the most consequential political invention of the twentieth century. And it seems to have returned. But do we understand its motivations, ideas and aims?

FREE

6PM–7PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Little Hall

Sidgwick Site

Cambridge

CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

REPUGNANT TRANSACTIONS AND TABOO TRADES – BARON DE LANCEY LECTURE 2025

Professor Kimberly D. Krawiec from the University of Virginia School of Law will explore “repugnant transactions and taboo trades” – markets that are morally contested and sometimes even prohibited, such as sex work, commercial surrogacy, and the sale of organs, eggs, and sperm. She will ask how we, as a society, decide what is up for sale and what is off-limits.

FREE

5PM–7:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Faculty of Law
LG19
Sidgwick Site
10 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY: A SUBVERSIVE COLLABORATION

Hear artist Alana Jelinek talk about her large-scale site-specific graffiti inspired mural project which has been co-created with museum staff, community groups and visitors to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

FREE

5:30PM–6:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3DZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

DON'T CALL IT CLIMATE CHANGE: THIS IS ALREADY A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Join us for a panel discussion tackling issues from different research and policy areas, including health, pathology, earth sciences, economics, migration, activism, and the media.

FREE

6PM–8:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EXPLORING CAREERS IN EXISTENTIAL RISK: MAKING AN IMPACT ON HUMANITY'S FUTURE

Curious about a career in preventing human extinction and civilization collapse? This event explores study and career options in the growing field of existential risk. Discover how you can make a real impact on the world's most important challenges!

FREE

12PM–1PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Meridian House
53–54 Sidney St
Cambridge
CB2 3HX

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHY WE STUDY SO FEW WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS – AND HOW TO CHANGE THAT

Of all the philosophers you can name, how many of them are women? By examining common challenges to approaching pre-contemporary women as philosophers, we will discuss why and how women have been erased from the history of philosophy – and how we can put them there back again.

FREE

5PM–6:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

ARUK EAST NETWORK PUBLIC MEETING 2025

Taking a public health approach to reduce risk of dementia and music therapy for people with dementia. Available in-person or online.

FREE

2PM–5PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Hicks Room
University Centre
Granta Place
Mill Lane
Cambridge
CB2 1RU

BOOKING REQUIRED

VIDEOS AND VOLCANOES

Panel discussion about videos, filmmaking, photogrammetry all within the context of active volcanoes.

FREE

5:30PM–7PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Downing College
Howard Assembly Room
Regent Street
Cambridge
CB2 1DQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

AI AND TRANSLATION: WHO NEEDS TO LEARN A LANGUAGE WHEN WE CAN ALL USE DIGITAL TOOLS?

In this talk we will use a few examples to explore the benefits and limits of AI in translation. We approach the subject as language teachers, not as professional translators, and will focus on the nuances of meaning. Knowing the language opens doors to culture – and cultural knowledge can determine choices in translation.”

FREE

6PM–7PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Allison Richard Building
SG2
Sidgwick Site,
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

IDEAS THAT COULD CHANGE THE WORLD

A panel of Gates Cambridge Scholars talk about their work – from 3D organ printing to growing plants that can adapt to climate change.

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Bill Gates Sr House
17 Mill Lane
Cambridge
CB2 1RX

BOOKING REQUIRED

CLASSICS BEYOND BORDERS: WHY MORE AND BETTER INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE MATTERS

Classics is thriving in Ghana. Join Frisbee Sheffield, Rosanna Omitowoju and Michael Okyere Asante as they talk about Classics Beyond Borders, a new collaboration between Classics at Cambridge, the University of Ghana and the University of Cape Coast which explores the challenges of decolonisation, student numbers and more.

FREE

1:15PM–2PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Faculty of Classics
Room 1.02
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

NEW EPIGRAPHIC DISCOVERIES FROM ANCIENT BACTRIA

Some of the most recently discovered documents and inscriptions in Bactrian, the language during the first millennium CE of the area around the city of Bactra, modern Balkh in Afghanistan.

FREE

5:30PM–7PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Ancient India & Iran Trust
23 Brooklands Avenue
Cambridge
CB2 8BG

BOOKING REQUIRED

CLIMATE INTERVENTION: A DISTRACTION OR A NECESSITY?

An engaging talk that will examine whether climate interventions are a necessary tool in our fight against climate change or if they risk becoming mere distractions from the profound changes we must undertake to reduce carbon emissions.

FREE

6:30PM–8PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Babbage Lecture Theatre
(Through the Pembroke Archway)
New Museums Site
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3RS

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

DESIRING SLEEP: SOMNOPHILIA IN VICTORIAN LITERATURE AND ART

Kelly's talk explores the eroticization of sleep in Victorian literature and art, challenging simplistic theories of male gaze on passive women, and linking the fantasy with mysticism and religious transcendence.

FREE

10:30AM–11AM ON WED 26 MAR

Faculty of English
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MEET A MEDIEVAL ARABIC BEST-SELLER

This session features a 13th C Arabic manuscript, the Maqamat of al-Hariri, held at Cambridge University Library. This large-scale copy includes 99 illustrations that give a glimpse into premodern Arab cities, culture, and taste. The session will include a short talk on the genre and the paintings, readings of the text (in Arabic and English), with some time for the participants to peruse the copy.

FREE

10:30AM–12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FREE RANGE CHEMISTRY – NO ADDED CHEMICALS: A DEMONSTRATION LECTURE BY PROFESSOR PETER WOTHERS

This action-packed demonstration lecture by Professor Peter Wothers features flashes and bangs made only from chemicals found in nature. Adults & children (8+ years) Expect loud bangs! Supported by The Walters Kundert Charitable Trust

FREE

11AM–12PM

4PM–5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry
BMS Lecture Theatre
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING REQUIRED

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE ARCHIVE: AMÉLIE BOSQUET & GUSTAVE FLAUBERT

A talk and mini-exhibition on the untold story of Amélie Bosquet: a novelist and passionately committed feminist striving to make a name for herself in nineteenth-century Paris—all while emerging out of the shadow of her more famous friend, the writer Gustave Flaubert.

FREE

4PM–5:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Alison Richard Building
SG2
Sidgwick Site,
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SOLAR CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGIES: A PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR ERWIN REISNER

Professor Reisner will present emerging solar technologies that use waste as precious resource for a circular economy, and make a case for the valorisation of carbon dioxide, non-edible biomass and plastic waste, powered by sunlight, to produce sustainable fuels and chemicals. He will also show prototypes of devices performing solar chemistry to achieve a net-zero 2050 economy.

FREE

12:30PM–1:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry
Wolfson Lecture Theatre
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DILEMMAS

Dilemmas can be a source of great frustration in both politics as well as in our personal lives, and the way we deal with them shape our political landscape and our personal successes and failures in life. In this talk, philosopher Henrik Schoeneberg will look into philosophical strategies on how to solve dilemmas and how best to live with the results of our decision making.

FREE

2PM–3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

LOVE, ACTUALLY: THE SCIENCE OF THIS THING CALLED LOVE

What is love? And can science ever really explain what it means to be in love? In this talk, Prof Viren Swami, one of the world's leading experts in the psychology of romantic attraction, looks at how understandings of love have changed across human history. Available in-person or online.

FREE

3PM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

'ALL RELIGIONS ARE ONE'? MYTH AND MEANING IN LATE 18TH CENTURY BRITISH ART

The late 18th and early 19th centuries in Europe are often viewed as the climax of the Age of Enlightenment, when discoveries in science and philosophy transformed Europe and America into societies dominated by reason. But much of the intellectual debate of the time still centred on religion and sacred history.

FREE

12PM–1PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WOULD CORPORATE PSYCHOPATHS BANKRUPT THE WORLD ECONOMY TO GAIN A BONUS?

Join Dr Clive Boddy for a talk following on from his 2011 paper 'The Corporate Psychopaths Theory of the Global Financial Crisis' in which he discusses the role that Corporate Psychopaths played in the Global Financial Crisis. This talk will explore the depths of Corporate Psychopathy and how far some individuals might go to gain a bonus. Available in-person and online.

FREE

5PM-6PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

BEHIND THE CLUTTER: PERSPECTIVES ON UNDERSTANDING HOARDING

Join us for a panel discussion bringing together experts in psychology, social care, and individuals with lived experience to explore the complexities of hoarding. This event will delve into the latest scientific insights, therapeutic approaches, and practical strategies for supporting those affected by clutter and hoarding behaviours.

FREE

4PM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

DIABETES AND EXERCISE: FINDING THE PERFECT FIT

Exercise is recommended as way of reducing the risk of both developing diabetes and also the complications that may arise once it develops. But what happens when exercise becomes to challenging due to complications such as neuropathy, ulceration or poor circulation? How do we make exercise possible? Available in-person or online.

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MUSAE REGINALES: CURATOR'S TALK

Curator's talk to accompany the exhibition 'Musae Reginales: Early modern manuscripts in Queens' Old Library' followed by a visit of the exhibition.

FREE

2:30PM-3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Munro Room
Queens' College
Silver Street
Cambridge
CB3 9ET

BOOKING REQUIRED

LIFE IN LILLIPUT - THE MATHEMATICS OF FICTIONAL REALMS

Literature is full of strange worlds where normality is turned upside down. From giants to the tiny Lilliputians of Gulliver's Travels, storytellers have played with ideas of dimension, size, and shape. But could fantastical creatures exist in reality?. In this talk, Prof Sarah Hart will explore what mathematics reveals about extreme sizes—both in fiction and real life.

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences
eminar Room 1
20 Clarkson Road
Cambridge
CB3 0EH

BOOKING REQUIRED

FRENCH IS AN AFRICAN LANGUAGE

As French, increasingly becomes an African language, African literature in French challenges long-standing classifications and poses unique cultural and political questions.

FREE

2PM-3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Alliance Française
Cambridge
1 Red Cross Lane
Cambridge
CB2 0QU

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

NORSE MYTH IN THE SPACE AGE: FROM VIKING TO VALHALLA (DR DALE KEDWARDS)

This talk explores the curious ways in which Norse myth has been used in the space sciences: from the Viking space probes to the Valhalla impact crater, the largest in the solar system.

FREE

3PM-3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Room GR 06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE HOLY HOUND OF FERMOY: MUNSTER'S BERSERKER ABBOT (JORDAN HOPWOOD)

An insight into the Life of Saint Findchú, a warrior-abbot prone to battle frenzy of legendary quality whilst clearly in the mould of an ascetic cleric.

FREE

4:45PM-5:15PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Room GR 06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MARY OF EGYPT: A BLACK SAINT IN ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND? (ALEXANDRA ZHIRNOVA)

This talk will explore how people in Anglo-Saxon England thought about women, sexuality, and race through the story of a saint who challenged the medieval readers' expectations of sanctity.

FREE

4:15PM-4:45PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Room GR 06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHO WAS KING ARTHUR? (KIT TREADWELL)

This talk examines the multiple identities of Britain's most famous ruler, and attempts to unpick the mystery of who King Arthur really was.

FREE

3:30PM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Room GR 06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE COURTSHIP GIFT OF HAIR IN JANE AUSTEN'S SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

This talk traces the narrative arc of gifted locks of hair throughout Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* to explore the courtship gift's role as a source of love and power.

FREE

11AM–11:30AM ON SAT 22 MAR

Faculty of English
GR05
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

A HISTORY OF DISCOVERY OF EUROPEAN SUSTAINABILITY ENDEAVOURS: FROM COLLECTIVE IMBALANCES TO SOCIETAL MAINSTREAMING

This talk by Cristina Blanco Sío-López aims to analyse the historical evolution of the main conceptual premises in the European Community's self-defining dimensions of development cooperation and environmental sustainability as part of the European integration process.

FREE

11AM–12:30PM ON MON 24 MAR

Alison Richard Building
Room SG2 (ground floor)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

VOICE NOTES FROM PALESTINE + PANEL Q&A

Join us for the screening of the powerful 10-minute documentary "Voice Notes from Palestine", where students with disabilities at the Islamic University of Gaza navigate social media to share their stories with the world.

FREE

3PM–4PM ON MON 24 MAR

Donald McIntyre Building
GS5
184 Hills Rd
Cambridge
CB2 8PQ

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW IDENTITY DRIVES LANGUAGE CHANGE

Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner will investigate the most important factors of language change.

FREE

2PM–3PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Woolf Institute
Shasha Suite
Madingley Road
Cambridge
CB3 0UB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

PROMOTING PLAY IN PRESCHOOLERS, WHY IT MATTERS FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Play is protected as a fundamental right for children by the United Nations, but children in recent years are spending less time playing and more time with screens. The types of play children engage in changes as they grow, and in her talk Dr Kathryn Hesketh will focus on play during the preschool period (0–5 years) including recent findings from her research.

FREE

8PM–9PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

AMPLIFYING WOMEN'S VOICES IN RELIGIOUS SPACES

Women have been historically excluded from and marginalized within religious spaces. This panel brings together scholars who have carried out research with women in religious movements and communities connected to Islam, Judaism, and Christianity to shed light on how women experience, and shape, religious spaces connected to these major world religions.

FREE

5:30PM–7PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE MATHEMATICS OF GAME SHOWS: ARE THEY CONTRIBUTING TO 'MATHS MYTHS'?

How is maths presented in popular game shows, and why might this matter? In this talk, mathematician Lucy Rycroft-Smith takes us through some popular TV shows and how they might be contributing to some 'maths myths'.

FREE

5:30PM–6:30PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE ODYSSEY OF THE LUNGS

Even before we are born, our bodies work hard to build our lungs so that we are ready and able to take our first breath. Could a better understanding of this early development help us repair damaged or diseased lungs in adults? Join Emma Rawlins and her team for a relaxed evening of drinks, nibbles, and discussion about the science of lung development.

FREE

6PM–8PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Gurdon Institute
The Henry Wellcome Building
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QN

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

USING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT CANCER

Cancer immunotherapy harnesses the power of our immune system in the fight against cancer.

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

BOOKING REQUIRED

INVESTIGATING CANCER – EVOLUTION AND AGING

Truly multidisciplinary, two research group leaders from the Early Cancer Institute, with different research backgrounds, outline their work towards our mission to "move the world beyond fear of cancer."

FREE

6PM–8PM ON TUE 25 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
Main lecture theatre
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW TO THINK LIKE A MEDIEVAL WRITER: DISCOVERING IDEAS

This talk will introduce some medieval authors and explore some of the different ways that they thought about thinking, writing and remembering – and how they might inspire us creatively today.

FREE

1PM–1:30PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Faculty of English
GR05
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

DIGITISATION, ANALYSIS AND EDITION OF THE MEDIEVAL FRENCH FRAGMENT OF THE STORY OF MERLIN RE-DISCOVERED AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

This talk will show how advanced digitisation techniques allowed the virtual unfolding of the fragment from a manuscript of the medieval French story of Merlin, and increased the readability of the text, proving essential to the production of its edition.

FREE

5PM–6PM ON WED 26 MAR

Runcie Room
Faculty of Divinity
Sidgwick Site
West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9BS

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE HIDDEN MUSIC OF MINERALS AND CRYSTALS

The microscopic structures of minerals tell stories of their formation, growth, and transformation over time. This presentation explores an innovative interdisciplinary approach that merges the fields of geology and music through the creation of soundscapes derived from microscope images of minerals.

FREE

4:30PM–5:30PM ON WED 26 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE FORGOTTEN MANY: CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS IN LIFE AND THROUGH SCIENCE

When we think of exercise physiology, it is generally in relation to high performance athletes pushing the boundaries of human capability. In his Inaugural Professorial Lecture, Dan Gordon will explore how these principles have been adopted to challenge dogma, misconceptions and assumptions for the forgotten many. Available in-person and online.

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON WED 26 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

PURCHASE DECISIONS: DO WE REALLY MAKE THEM OR ARE WE BEING MANIPULATED?

This talk on Consumer Psychology will use real world examples to show techniques used by businesses to influence purchase decisions made by consumers. We will look at whether these techniques do indeed change people's purchasing behaviour and how this process happens. The audience will leave with a detailed insight into techniques used to subconsciously make us purchase products and services.

FREE

5PM–6PM ON WED 26 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

LINNAEUS IN LAPLAND

A re-reading of Carl Linnaeus's 1732 diary of a trip through Northern Scandinavia

FREE

3PM–4PM ON WED 26 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FACTORS THAT IMPACT BIRTHING CHOICE IN RURAL APPALACHIA

Caroline Hoover, a current MPhil in Health, Medicine, and Society student, provides a first hand overview of her medical anthropology research focused on women's experience with birth decision making amidst the lack of access to maternal and infant care in rural Appalachia.

FREE

1PM–2PM ON WED 26 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

DIVERSITY IN THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

We are all different and so are our immune systems. Join Professor Adrian Liston and learn just how different our immune systems can be and what makes them so.

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON WED 26 MAR

Department of Pathology
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QP

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW DID THE GREEKS AND ROMANS SEIZE THE DAY?

Join Robert Rohland for a lunchtime talk and discover how people in the ancient world enjoyed life

FREE

1:15PM–2PM ON WED 26 MAR

Faculty of Classics
Room 1.02
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE DISCOVERY FACTORY – 150 YEARS OF THE CAVENDISH LABORATORY

In this demonstration-packed talk, Cavendish physicist, author and science presenter Dr Harry Cliff will take you on a tour of Cavendish's biggest discoveries, recreating some of the historic experiments and exploring the dramatic impact they had on science and the course of history.

FREE

6PM–7PM ON THUR 27 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FOLLOWING THE SCIENCE? TRUST AND TRUTH IN A POST-TRUTH WORLD

Why should we trust a weather forecast, or a climate projection? Professor Penny Endersby, Chief Executive of the Met Office joins The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion to talk to us about how weather and climate predictions are produced, and how new Machine Learning techniques may change this in the future.

FREE

6PM-7PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Emmanuel College
Queen's Lecture Theatre
St Andrew's Street
Cambridge
CB2 3AP

BOOKING REQUIRED

SCIENCE OR ART? ROBERT HOOKE'S DRAWING OF A FLEA

In this highly illustrated lecture, science historian Patricia Fara examines one of her favourite pictures – the drawing of a flea that in 1665 stunned the readers of Robert Hooke's extraordinary new book, *Micrographia*. Isaac Newton's great rival, Hooke spelled out the fundamental principles of experimental research for the new Royal Society.

FREE

3PM-4PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD: ENCOUNTERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, 1500-1900

In the age of rapid globalisation and colonisation between 1500 and 1900, how did Chinese, European, Filipino and Indonesian peoples understand the plants, animals, humans and supernatural beings they encountered in Southeast Asia? Speakers Zh?yù Chén, Mika Hyman, Daniel Margocsy and Alexander van Dijk offer four accounts of how people from different backgrounds experienced the same landscape.

FREE

1PM-2PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

LIVING WITH JANE AUSTEN

Join author and internationally renowned scholar, Professor Janet Todd, for an engaging talk that unpicks Austen's response to the 18th-century fascination with the idea of 'nerves'.

FREE

7PM-8PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Cambridge University Press
Bookshop and Showroom
1 Trinity Street
Cambridge
CB2 1SZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

VACCINES: INTO THE FUTURE

Let's discuss how vaccines work and what we can expect from vaccines in the future

FREE

7:30PM-9:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

St John's College Old Divinity School
All Saints Passage
Cambridge
CB2 1TP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

JESUS AND AUGUSTUS

Join Tim Whitmarsh for a lunchtime talk exploring to what extent the spread of early Christianity was dependent on the emergence of the new world order.

FREE

6PM-7:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Faculty of Classics
Room G19
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO THERAPIES WITH THE HELP OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Lives can be transformed when the strength of academia and business combine.

FREE

4:30PM-5:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

West Hub
East Room 2
JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0US

BOOKING REQUIRED

RAISING THE BAR FOR GLOBAL HEALTH: WHY GLOBAL HEALTH IS LOCAL HEALTH

Hear from the people involved in global health partnerships that are changing practice and attitudes and find out why reciprocal learning is key to improving health outcomes for everyone.

FREE

6:30PM-8:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

The Cambridge Brew House
1 King Street
Cambridge
CB1 1LH

BOOKING REQUIRED

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD AT EDDINGTON

Join a panel discussion that explores sustainability in neighbourhood planning at Eddington. The event explores the sustainability ambitions of Eddington including the infrastructure, quality of homes, and natural environment, as well as the future strategy underpinned by three key principles: fostering healthy living, reducing wholeplace carbon footprint, and designing for today and the future.

FREE

6:30PM-7:30PM ON WED 27 MAR

Storey's Field Centre
Eddington Avenue
Eddington
Cambridge
CB3 1AA

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE MODERNIST PARTY

You're warmly invited to our modernist party to celebrate the centennial of Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*! Come and explore the dynamics at parties in modernist literature – RSVP for your spot!

FREE

3PM-4PM ON THUR 27 MAR

Faculty of English
GR06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

SLEEP, CONSCIOUSNESS & COGNITION

This panel discussion brings together neuroscientists, clinicians and philosophers to explore the edge of consciousness – at the start of life, during sleep and following acute brain injury. What can we learn about the human condition through exploring these conditions? And is consciousness exclusive to human beings – or is it more widespread across the animal kingdom and beyond?

FREE

6PM–7:30PM ON THUR 27 MAR

McCrum Lecture Theatre, Corpus Christi College
McCrum lecture theatre, located behind the Eagle pub on Bene't Street. Access via cobbled yard. Ground floor, with wheelchair lift to auditorium. Stage and one section of seating are accessible. Disabled toilet.
Bene't St
Cambridge
CB2 3QN

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

YOUR DATA CAN SAVE LIVES: THE POWER OF AI IN HEALTH DATA SCIENCE

Discover how public health data, combined with AI and data science, is transforming healthcare. Available in-person or online.

FREE

5PM–6PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Homerton College
Hills Road
Cambridge
CB2 8PH

BOOKING REQUIRED

CYCLES OF CIRCULATION

Jamie Allen explores the fascinating world of cycles and circulations in our planet's systems, from nature's rhythms to economic loops. Through interactive insights and creative storytelling, we delve into how cycles shape our world and what they mean for our future.

FREE

3PM–4PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EPIDEMIC CRISIS: DENGUE FEVER IN SINGAPORE, 1986 – PRESENT

When epidemics occur, we often think of them in terms of a moment of crisis. But what happens when crisis reoccurs every year?

This talk, given by PhD student Timothy Sim from the History and Philosophy of Science department, examines how the history of epidemic dengue fever in Singapore sheds light on important themes and power dynamics that shape public health across the world.

FREE

1PM–2PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Free School Lane
Cambridge
CB2 3RH

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

CAN ANCIENT DEAD LANGUAGES SAVE TODAY'S ENDANGERED LANGUAGES? A TALE OF IDENTITY AND VISIBILITY

Join Pippa Steele, director of the VIEWS project (Visual Interactions in Early Writing Systems), for a lunchtime talk presenting new research on the use of writing to support endangered languages

FREE

1:15PM–2PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Faculty of Classics
Room 1.02
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

SOCIAL CLASS AND LIFE CHANCES: WHAT SHOULD AND CAN BE DONE TO TACKLE INEQUALITY?

What should and can be done to reduce inequality in Britain?

FREE

1PM–2PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Zoom Video Conferencing
BOOKING REQUIRED

WHY THE VIOLIN IS SO HARD TO PLAY? A PRE-CONCERT LECTURE BY PROFESSOR JIM WOODHOUSE

A pre-concert talk at the Cambridge Festival asks what science can tell us about the question "why the violin is so hard to play?"

FREE

6:30PM–7PM ON SAT 29 MAR

West Road Concert Hall
11 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

DELIVERING EDUCATION IN ARMED CONFLICT AND TELLING THE STORY

Current wars have seen children disproportionately targeted. Not only are they in physical danger, but their futures and access to education are also threatened. In this session, we discuss how to embrace technology to safeguard students in war, protecting their universal right to education and in doing so, their futures.

FREE

6PM–9:30PM ON MON 31 MAR

Queens' College TBC
Silver Street
Cambridge
CB3 9ET

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ANTIQUITY

Join Serafina Cuomo to explore accounts not just in the context of the economy but in the context of politics, considering case studies from different times and places across the Mediterranean to reflect on what accounts can tell us about political culture then – and now.

FREE

1:15PM–2PM ON TUE 1 APR

Faculty of Classics
Room 1.02
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

HIDDEN LITTLE BRAIN

How is the brain built and rebuilt after injury? Why do adult brains struggle to repair themselves after damage or disease? And how could answers to these questions reveal potential treatments? Join Sumru Bayin and her team for an evening of drinks, nibbles and discussion about how stem cells from a small, little-known area of the brain might hold the key to repairing the brain.

FREE

6PM–8PM ON WED 2 APR

Gurdon Institute
The Henry Wellcome Building
Tennis Court Road
Cambridge
CB2 1QN

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ALL IN HER MIND

One in five women in the UK experience mental health problems such as anxiety or depression. But what really is mental illness, and what does it look like day-to-day? Why are so many women still struggling with their mental health? Join Dr Kate Womersley in conversation with authors Dr Linda Gask and Dr Rebecca Lawrence on women, mental health myths, and living with the stigma of mental illness.

FREE

2PM-3PM ON WED 2 APR

Cambridge University Press
Bookshop and Showroom
1 Trinity Street
Cambridge
CB2 1SZ

BOOKING REQUIRED

DIALOGUE IN TIMES OF DISTRESS: INTERFAITH

A talk by Research Fellow, Dr James Sunderland, examining the impact of the war in Gaza and 7th October attacks in Israel on Muslim-Jewish relations in the UK.

FREE

4PM-5PM ON WED 2 APR

Woolf Institute
Shasha Suite
Madingley Road
Cambridge
CB3 0UB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHAT DOES RESEARCH TELL US ABOUT MAINTAINING A HEALTHY WEIGHT?

For the 2025 Cambridge Festival we will be hosting a live webinar all about diet and nutrition and showcasing what our researchers are doing to understand and treat obesity. We'll also be at the Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology family day, bringing back our well-loved puzzle challenge.

FREE

6PM-7PM ON THUR 3 APR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

ISLAMIC APPROACHES TO THE NATURAL WORLD AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Join us (Dr Pettinato and Dr El Yousfi from the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge) to discover how Muslims have traditionally approached the natural world and the natural sciences, and for a guided tour of the Cambridge Central Mosque (Europe's first eco-mosque), to experience how these principles have been translated into practice.

FREE

6PM-7:45PM ON THUR 3 APR

Cambridge Central Mosque
309-313 Mill Rd,
Cambridge
CB1 3DF

BOOKING REQUIRED

LET'S SHAPE RESEARCH TOGETHER!

Do you want to make a change in your community? Are you interested in sharing your opinions to help academics develop ground-breaking research? Join this event to find out how ARU academics and members of the public collaborate at the early stages of research design. Learn about volunteering opportunities with ARU's 'Let's Shape Research Together' programme.

FREE

6PM-7PM ON THUR 20 MAR

5PM-6PM ON WED 26 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EVERYTHING ELSE

Take a look at everything else that is taking place during the Cambridge Festival. From guided walks and tours, to a Wikipedia edit-a-thon – there is something here for all those curious minds.

ROYAL PAPWORTH HOSPITAL OPEN DAY

An open day at the UK's leading heart and lung hospital where people can explore all about what goes into providing world-class heart, lung and sleep care to patients.

FREE

10AM–2PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Papworth Road

Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Cambridge

CB2 0AY

BOOKING REQUIRED

DNA PROFILING: NOT JUST FOR FORENSICS

Use DNA profiling techniques to understand movement of otter families
There will also be a short talk afterwards on a biology theme."

FREE

5:30PM–7PM

7:15PM–8PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Cambridge Regional College

Kings Hedges Road,

Cambridge

CB4 2QT

BOOKING REQUIRED

TIMELESS SCIENCE – CHEMICAL CLOCKS AND UNUSUAL PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS

2 hands on practicals available in Chemistry & Physics at Cambridge Regional College, led by our expert lecturing staff
This will be followed by a short talk with a biology theme.

FREE

5PM–7PM

7:15PM–8:15PM ON TUE 25 MAR

Cambridge Regional College

Kings Hedges Road,

Cambridge

CB4 2QT

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE VALUE OF WATER

This interactive discussion session invites participants into an open space to debate the value of water from different perspectives.

FREE

4:30PM–5:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

The Michaelhouse Centre

Trinity Street

St. Michael's Church

Cambridge

CB2 1SU

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR RESEARCHERS

Researchers at @MRC_TU are finding ways to make our medicines and environment safer! But what does that look like day to day? Follow our researchers in our video series and discover what a day as a scientist is really like!

FREE

9AM DAILY FROM SUN 9 MAR

UNTIL FRI 4 APR

Online

www.youtube.com/channel/UCyyZgsNF90-7kMrjPGUofEQ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SHADOWS AND LIGHT: EXPLORING DEATH THROUGH ART

A drop in art workshop looking a death art from around the world

FREE

11AM–3PM ON SAT 15 MAR

Cambridge Museum of Technology

The Old Pumping Station,

Cheddars Lane

Cambridge

CB5 8LD

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

INSIDE THE MIND: EXPLORING THE HUMAN BRAIN

A fun and educational evening at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit (MRC CBU), exploring research in psychology and neuroscience through interactive hands-on activities and experiments, tours of the Unit's MEG and MRI facilities, followed by short talks on current research studies, delivered by our team of expert scientists.

FREE

6PM–8:30PM ON WED 19 MAR

MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit

15 Chaucer Road

Cambridge

CB2 7EF

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

STEP INTO OUR SCIENCE: HOW ANIMALS CAN HELP SCIENTISTS EXPLORE HUMAN HEALTH AND AGEING

We are opening up our Biological Support Unit (BSU) to the public to explore from the comfort of their homes! This newly developed 360o virtual tour allows you to step into our building and explore how our research involving the use of mice is carried out like never before.

FREE

10AM ON WED 19 MAR

Online via Babraham Institute website

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ACADEMICS AND ARTISTS ADDRESSING SOCIAL CHALLENGES – INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Academics and Artists addressing Social Challenges' was launched in 2024, pairing academics with cartoonists to convey recent research on some of societies biggest challenges through six pieces of art. These works are displayed alongside a workshop by a professional artist for school students to think about what social issues matter most before producing their own pieces.

FREE

1PM–3PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Alison Richard Building

Room SG1 (ground floor)

Sidgwick Site

7 West Road

Cambridge

CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

SEPHARDI OTTOMAN MAJLIS: LISTENING PARTY FROM THE FOREMOST OTTOMAN SEPHARDI 78 COLLECTION

Joel Bresler has been collecting 78s from the Ottoman Empire's Sephardi communities for 40 years. Together with Vanessa Paloma Elbaz and Ioanna Sitaridou this event traces the networks of recording & technology together with linguistic information & shifts, and the politics of voice & listening in this period, alongside the chance to hear previously unavailable recordings from Bresler's collection

FREE

8PM–9:30PM ON THUR 20 MAR

Peterhouse

Trumpington Street

Cambridge

CB2 1RD

BOOKING REQUIRED

MARGARET MASTERMAN'S PANORAMIX GAME

Named for the character in the Asterix comics, the Panoramix Game was invented by Cambridge computational linguist Margaret Masterman in 1975, as a playful way of evaluating arguments about women in academia. Join Cambridge Digital Humanities to replay the game 50 years later, and see what it can tell us about the university, sociological computing, and even artificial intelligence today.

FREE

6PM–7PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Lucy Cavendish College

Woodleigh Room

Lady Margaret Road

Cambridge

CB3 0BU

BOOKING REQUIRED

DRAWING CANCER

Dr Eleanor Dare shares their experience as an artist and researcher, documenting their journey with cancer through drawing. They'll discuss how their embodied drawing practice connects with their research on AI Forensics, countering the idea that art can always be created from prompts. Join in guided activities involving drawing and movement, with accommodations for those with limited mobility.

FREE

2PM–4PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Faculty of English
GRO3
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

DATA QUIZ AND STATISTICAL KARAOKE

Join us for a relaxed and fun evening of quizzing and karaoke. Test your knowledge of how our data is used and warm up your vocal chords to take part in karaoke with a statistical twist. Nibbles provided and bar available.

FREE

6:30PM–10PM ON FRI 21 MAR

The Frank Lee Centre
Hexagon Room
The Frank Lee Centre
Addenbrookes Hospital
Hills Road
Cambridge
CB2 0SN

BOOKING REQUIRED

CAMBRIDGE WEST BIODIVERSITY WALK

Discover the nature and wildlife of Cambridge West.

FREE

9AM–10AM ON FRI 21 MAR

West Hub
JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0US

BOOKING REQUIRED

WOLFSON GARDENS DISCOVERY TOUR

Enjoy the beauty of early spring in the Wolfson College Gardens and discover the wonders of plant science with our gardening team.

FREE

1:30PM–2:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

Wolfson College
Barton Road
Cambridge
CB3 9BB

BOOKING REQUIRED

CHaOS TALKS AT CRASH, BANG, SQUELCH!

Join us for a series of exciting talks and demonstrations on all things science, given by our amazing student volunteers. Discover all sorts of weird and wonderful science from the world around you, including how you would look to a dolphin, and the chemistry of our planet.

FREE

10AM–10:30AM

11AM–11:30AM

12PM–12:30PM

1PM–1:30PM

2PM–2:30PM

3PM–3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemistry
Pfizer Lecture Theatre
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE STORY MAKERS

This story writing workshop is aimed at all ages—at anyone interested in discovering and inspiring stories, be they family stories, travel stories or adventure stories. By the end of the Cambridge Festival, our goal is to have a series of stories printed out for all participants to take home!

FREE

10AM–11:30AM ON SAT 22 MAR

Alison Richard Building
Room S1 (first floor)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BUILDING DIAGNOSTICS

Diagnosing diseases accurately for effective treatment is a major challenge, especially in low-resource settings. Bioengineers at the University of Cambridge are developing cutting-edge technologies to address this. Join our hands-on workshop to explore these innovations and conduct your own lab experiment! Hosted by EngBio IRC and Synthetic Biology Society.

FREE

12:30PM–2:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

3pm–5pm
Department of Plant Sciences
Teaching Labs
Downing Site
Downing Street
Cambridge
CB2 3EA

BOOKING REQUIRED

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE: A WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON

This edit-a-thon provides an accessible space to help new and returning Wikipedians share their expertise. We'll begin with a brief presentation on neutrality and critical reading before editing. We can help you set up an editorial account, too. The goal of this workshop is to improve media literacy and help all participants share their expertise to diversify knowledge in our global community.

FREE

11AM–1PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Alison Richard Building
SG2
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DT

BOOKING REQUIRED

CRYSTAL ADVENTURES

Explore the wonders of crystals and structural chemistry surrounding you in your daily life, including chocolate, lemons and sweets.

Expect impressive visualisations, fun hands on activities and games for all the family! These activities are designed by the curators of the Cambridge Structural Database, a resource created in Cambridge and shared worldwide for education and research.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemistry
Todd-Hamied Room
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

CRAFTS FOR LITTLE VIKINGS

Fun crafts for kids with a Viking twist – come and join us in the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic to make some Viking goodies!

FREE

1PM–2:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Room GR 06/07
9 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

FAIRY-TALE MIRAGES: A CREATIVE WRITING AND STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

In this workshop, participants will dive into fairy tales rooted in the Mediterranean sea, while reflecting on the power of creating new stories.

FREE

2PM-3:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Alison Richard Building
Room SG1 (ground floor)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

CHaOS ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS AT CRASH, BANG, SQUELCH

Join CHaOS for robotics workshops packed full of hand-on design and programming. Zero experience is required. We'll teach you all the basics and you can start making your own robots do amazing things in no time at all!

FREE

10:15AM-11AM

11:15AM-12PM

1PM-1:45PM

2PM-2:45PM

3PM-3:45PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemistry
CyberCafe
1st floor
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING REQUIRED

CHURCHILL ARCHIVES CENTRE OPEN AFTERNOON

Home to over 600 collections on the history of modern Britain, Churchill Archives Centre opens its doors for an open day. Visit our reading rooms to see archival treasures chosen from across our collections. Visit our pop-up repair shop to learn about how we look after our archives. Meet the team to learn about some of the research that goes on in the Centre.

FREE

1:30PM-4:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Churchill College
Churchill Archives Centre
Storeys Way
Cambridge
CB3 0DS

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

CRASH, BANG, SQUELCH! CHaOS AT THE CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL

Get to grips with exciting, fascinating and just plain weird science that shows you how the world around us works. On SAT the 22nd of MAR 2025 in the Chemistry department, enthusiastic students from CHaOS will show you what goes on in our experiments, looking at lots of science that goes 'crash', 'bang' and 'squelch'!

FREE

10AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Department of Chemistry
IA labs
1st floor
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ACCESSIBLE RESEARCH: WRITING AND REVIEWING SHORT-FORM ARTICLES

With a focus on real-world applications and collaboration, drop-in to discuss practical skills for writing, reviewing, and sharing research that reaches a broad audience, making a tangible impact on community engagement and policy-making. Perfect for professionals, community leaders, and anyone passionate about democratising access to knowledge!

FREE

10:30AM-5PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SAFE-FALLING WORKSHOP FOR OVER 55S

This Safe-Falling workshop with Dr Katrina McDonald will utilise principles from the sport of judo to teach people how to apply the principles of falling safely.

FREE

2PM-3PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

INTERGENERATIONAL SAFE-FALLING WORKSHOP

This Safe-Falling workshop with Dr Katrina McDonald will utilise principles from the sport of judo to teach people how to apply the principles of falling safely.

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

SAFE-FALLING WORKSHOP FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

This Safe-Falling workshop with Dr Katrina McDonald will utilise principles from the sport of judo to teach people how to apply the principles of falling safely.

FREE

12:30PM-1:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING REQUIRED

HABITATS ACROSS TIMESCALES - EXCURSION TO THE CHERRY HINTON CHALK PITS

Our journey to the Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits and across deep time will show us how habitats and geologies change across different timescales.

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits
Fulbourn Rd,
Cambridge
CB1 9JL
Cambridge

BOOKING REQUIRED

CHEMISTRY IN ACTION IN THE YUSUF HAMIED DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Visit the Department of Chemistry to try some hands-on chemistry experiments and get inside a world of science. Once kitted-out in a lab coat and safety goggles you will be ready to go! Supported by The Walters Kundert Charitable Trust.

FREE

10AM-4PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry
Lensfield Road
Cambridge
CB2 1EW

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ABBEY CLIMATE CAFÉ

Come along to the Abbey Climate Café – a welcoming space to join the conversation about climate change and your local environment. With the growing season soon to begin, join us for discussions about how we can all grow better food for people and planet. Enjoy a hot drink and chat with people in your local community about what matters to you.

FREE

5PM–7PM ON MON 24 MAR

East Barnwell Community Centre
Newmarket Road
Cambridge
CB5 8LS

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MATERIALS SCIENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY: FROM RESEARCH TO REAL-WORLD IMPACT

An interactive activity geared towards senior school students, to enable understanding of the importance of materials innovation for society and the environment.

FREE

10AM–4PM ON THUR 27 MAR

West Hub/Maxwell/MSM TBC
JJ Thomson Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 0US

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ART FOR THE SAKE OF CARE. PUBLICATION LAUNCH

Art for the Sake of Care' is an edited collection of articles contributing to defining the new context of care aesthetics. The launch event will provide a snapshot of the publication edited by Merel Visse (Drew University, U.S.A.) and Elena Cologni (Anglia Ruskin University). This event of linked to the relevant exhibition also included in the festival.

FREE

5PM–7PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Anglia Ruskin University
East Road
Cambridge
CB1 1PT

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

BEYOND LLMS: THE ADVENT OF GEN-AI IN EDUCATIONAL PARADIGMS

Hear insights on the latest development in AI in education

FREE

2PM–3PM ON FRI 28 MAR

Zoom Video Conferencing

BOOKING REQUIRED

NAVIGATING THE PHYSICAL WORLD: THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF ROBOTS

Visit Newnham College to discover how robots are designed using influences from the natural world around us. Dr Chapa Sirithunge, Narges Khadem Hosseini, Dr Yue Xie and Dr Arsen Abdulali will explain and demonstrate how robots are evolving to look, feel and behave in ways that mimic nature.

FREE

10AM–10:50AM

11AM–11:50AM

1PM–1:50PM

2PM–2:50PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Newnham College
Lucia Windsor Room
Porters' Lodge,
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DF

BOOKING REQUIRED

ARTSCIENCE INTEGRATIVES FOR WELLNESS

A dynamic community engagement event delivered virtually by the Centre for Intercultural Musicology at Churchill College. Sharing scientific principles through artistic practices, this exciting symposium and coaching programme is led by a team of multidisciplinary specialists in the fields of art therapy, taichi / qiqong coaching, music and medicine. Details available at www.cimacc.org

FREE

10AM–2PM ON SAT 29 MAR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

SPEAK BACK: CRAFTING EFFECTIVE COUNTERSPEECH

In today's digital age, harmful speech online is a pervasive issue that can have significant negative consequences. This workshop will equip participants with the tools and strategies to effectively counter harmful speech and promote a more positive online environment.

FREE

5PM–6:30PM ON MON 31 MAR

Alison Richard Building
S1 or S3 (to be confirmed)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING REQUIRED

PICTURING CONNECTIONS

A drop in event with creative activities inspired by the 'Picturing Excess' exhibition, co-designed by intergenerational community groups.

FREE

10:30AM–2PM ON TUE 1 APR

Fitzwilliam Museum
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1RB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT: QUEERING THE ARCHIVE

Join the Newnham Queer Archive and the Museum of Classical Archaeology for an evening of re-writing history, exploring queer classicists of the last 150 years.

FREE

6PM–8PM ON WED 2 APR

Museum of Classical Archaeology
Faculty of Classics
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT: THE NEED FOR ANIMALS IN RESEARCH

Join us for a virtual tour of the Babraham Institute's Biological Support Unit to see how this vital work is carried out. Meet the people ensuring animal welfare is our top priority and find out what it's really like working with animals in science!

FREE

1PM–2PM ON THUR 3 APR

Online

BOOKING REQUIRED

WATER WITH OUR HEAD, HEART AND HANDS

A day of talks, walks, hands-on workshops and films to learn about and connect with water in our catchment.

FREE

10AM–7PM ON THUR 3 APR

Alison Richard Building
Room SG1 (ground floor)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

DISAGREEING WELL: CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION WORKSHOP

Join this workshop run by Dr Elizabeth Philips, Director of Education and Engagement at the Woolf Institute, to hear how to disagree well and transform potentially negative conflict into positive opportunities.

FREE

2PM–4PM ON THUR 3 APR

Woolf Institute
Shasha Suite
Madingley Road
Cambridge
CB3 0UB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

MENSTRUAL SOUNDS

Learning about menstruation neither delights nor captivates; it is difficult, frustrating and lonely. Cycle trackers promise knowledge but encourage solitary engagement, commodify personal data, and provide only a statistical understanding. This workshop explores menstrual cycles through sound, creating a collective space for participants to share the lived experience of menstrual cycles.

FREE

5PM–6:30PM ON THUR 3 APR

Alison Richard Building
Room SG2 (ground floor)
Sidgwick Site
7 West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DP

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

THE REALLY POPULAR BOOK CLUB: 'MR LOVERMAN' BY BERNARDINE EVARISTO

Cambridge's favourite reading group will be taking a closer look at the multi award-winning novel, 'Mr Loverman' by Bernardine Evaristo! Hosted online by Cambridge University Library.

FREE

7PM–8PM ON THUR 3 APR

Hosted online using Zoom

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE HOPES AND FEARS LAB: AI EDITION

The Hopes and Fears Lab is an opportunity for Publics and Discovery Scientists to sit down together for bite-sized conversations about the future we all share. This edition of the Lab has an AI theme.

Free

4PM–8PM ON THUR 3 APR

The Copper Kettle
4 King's Parade
Cambridge
CB2 1SJ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

HEADS, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES: CURATOR'S TOUR OF THE CAST GALLERY

Join Curator Susanne Turner on a journey around the Museum of Classical Archaeology's Cast Gallery

FREE

2PM–3PM ON FRI 4 APR

Museum of Classical Archaeology
Faculty of Classics
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

BOOKING REQUIRED

SPORT: 'ROMANTICISM WITH BOOTS ON'

A walking tour exploring Cambridge's role in the sports/leisure revolution of the 19th century.

FREE

11AM–12:30PM ON MON 3 MAR

11AM–12:30PM ON TUE 11 MAR

Midsummer Common – near Four-lamps roundabout
Maids Causeway
Cambridge
CB5 8DH

BOOKING REQUIRED

WHAT'S UPF DOC?

Chips or chickpeas? Ready meal or roast chicken? Ham or homemade jam? Do you know which foods are ultra processed (UPF), and whether they are healthy or bad for you? Take our quiz and find out about eating a healthier and more sustainable diet

FREE

12:01AM DAILY FROM WED 19

MAR UNTIL FRI 4 APR

Youtube

On-demand

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

HOW TO FEEL BETTER ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE: CHOOSING THE LESS OBVIOUS RESPONSE-PODCAST

A podcast exploring emotions, sustainability and positive action, with Professor Rosie Robison. Feeling overwhelmed by climate change? In the second edition of this podcast, ARU Professor of Social Sustainability Rosie Robison explores why the obvious action may not always be the most helpful one, when it comes to managing our feelings about climate change.

FREE

FROM 9AM ENDING AT 5PM 18 DAYS LATER, ON WED 19 MAR

Online

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

HIDDEN HISTORIES TOUR

Uncover the untold stories of Cambridge with this engaging walking tour that highlights the often-overlooked contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and women throughout the city's history.

FREE

4:30PM–6PM ON WED 19 MAR

1:30PM–3PM ON SUN 23 MAR

Meet outside University Arms Hotel
52–42 Regent St
Cambridge
CB2 1AD

BOOKING REQUIRED

THE CAMBRIDGE PREHISTORY OF PARTITIONS: A WALKING TOUR

Join Dr Erin O'Halloran, author of the new book, East of Empire, to uncover the many intersections of Middle Eastern and South Asian history in Cambridge between 1919 and 1947. Followed by a book signing with the author.

FREE

4:30PM–6:30PM ON FRI 21 MAR

1PM–3PM

4:30PM–6:30PM ON SAT 22 MAR

Trinity College Great Gate (In front)

Trinity Street Cambridge

CB2 1TQ

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

RASPBERRY PI, ARDUINO/ MICROCONTROLLERS AND CAD CLUB NIGHT

Join us for Makespace's weekly outreach meetup for people already doing projects with microcontrollers such as Raspberry Pi and Arduino or computer-aided design (CAD), and anyone who wants to learn more about either. Bring a project along and get help and advice or just turn up to hear more and see how Makespace works with the wider community of technical makers in the Cambridge area.

FREE

7PM–9PM ON TUE 25 MAR

7PM–9PM ON TUE 1 APR

Makespace

Classroom

16 Mill Lane

Cambridge

CB2 1RX

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

ASTRAZENECA DISCOVERY CENTRE – PUBLIC TOURS

Book a tour of the state-of-the-art global R&D facility located in the heart of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

FREE

3:45PM–5PM ON TUE 25 MAR

3:45PM–5PM ON WED 26 MAR

3:45PM–5PM ON THUR 27 MAR

The Discovery Centre

AstraZeneca

1 Francis Crick Avenue

Cambridge

CB2 0AA

BOOKING REQUIRED

HOW DO YOU TAKE VOTING DECISIONS? (BOOKABLE, WEEKDAY SLOTS)

The Cambridge Political Psychology Lab applies insights from psychology to understand political decision making. Join this brief activity, learn about the psychology of voting, and better understand your decision making!

FREE

EVERY 20 MINUTES FROM

10AM–12PM AND 2PM–5PM ON

WED 26 MAR

THUR 27 MAR

FRI 28 MAR

Department of Psychology

Room 400A

Downing Street

Cambridge

CB2 3EB

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

TRANSFORM INTO A CONFIDENT PUBLIC SPEAKER WITH THE HELP OF FREE VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING

Experience a pioneering virtual reality platform that helps individuals conquer the fear of public speaking. On the platform, users steadily build resilience through a self-paced gamified journey where the virtual reality audiences increase as tasks are completed. Try a quick demo and learn how to access the platform for free from the comfort of your own home!"

FREE

11AM–4:30PM ON SAT 29 MAR

12PM–4:30PM ON SUN 30 MAR

Student Services Centre

New Museums Site,

Bene't Street

Cambridge

CB2 3PT

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