



8th Sep 2018 to 9th Sep 2018

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Various Locations Renfrewshire

This is a free event

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Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates heritage and the built environment, new and old. Every September, you can explore hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland for free. Some open up once a year, some just once in a lifetime.

Doors Open Days is a national event run by the Scottish Civic Trust. Information about the national programme, including event listings, can be found at www.doorsopendays.org.uk. Doors Open Days, along with Scottish Archaeology Month take place throughout Scotland and are part of European Heritage Days – an initiative which promotes a sense of community and a “common heritage” throughout the continent.

Here are just a selection :

2018 Programme Highlights

Bridge of Weir - St Machar's Ranfurly Church of Scotland

This church building was built in the early Gothic style and completed in 1878, with a gallery added in 1896 and a chancel in 1910. There are a number of beautiful stained glass windows.

Erskine - Erskine Community Allotments

The allotments turn 40 this year and you're invited to help them celebrate this landmark birthday. Join in for the official opening of the community orchard and biodiversity wildlife garden. Pick up some vegetables, jams, chutneys and home baking for a treat when you get home! Do you know your onions? Try our children's quiz and you might snap up a prize. And let our magician dazzle you with up-close magic you won't believe your eyes!

Erskine - Erskine Community Sports Centre

This attractive building of architectural note includes a four court sports hall, a fitness gym, small studio space and a function suite which overlooks the Clyde.

Erskine - Erskine Swimming Pool

Visit this uniquely designed 25m deck level pool. Tours begin on the hour.

Houston - Houston & Killellan Kirk

Built in 1987 and restored in 1938, the Houston and Killellan Church is a result of a merger between the parishes of Houston and Killellan in 1771. View the special stained glass windows and display of pulpit falls. Enjoy organ music throughout the day. Tea, coffee, juice and home baking provided.

Inchinnan - Inchinnan Parish Church

Inchinnan Parish Church celebrated its 50th Jubilee in June. Although the building is only 50 years old, it features splendid furnishings and stained glass windows from the previous 1904 All Hallows Church that was demolished in the 1960s to make way for Glasgow Airport. Find out more about the history of the church and visit an exhibition showing findings from a recent archaeological dig at All Hallows. All Hallows Graveyard open 11am - 4pm. Tea and coffee available. Children can take a quiz on the features of the church.

Johnstone - Johnstone Community Fire Station

Take a tour of the building and see all the fire engines in this operational fire station.

Johnstone - Johnstone Community Sports Hub

Packed full of indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, this community sports hub is well worth a visit. Hourly tours of the facilities are available.

Find out more information at:

<http://www.whatsonrenfrewshire.co.uk/event/003729-renfrewshire-doors-open-days/>

