

Brand-new travelling art gallery visits Aberdeenshire

Monday 11th to Friday 15th June

Aberdeenshire will receive a visit from the brand-new Travelling Gallery bus this week, as Scotland's mobile art gallery arrives with a new exhibition 'Build It and They Will Come', showing artwork by six artists inspired by architecture.

The purpose-built art gallery bus, which was launched in Edinburgh on 12th April, has an interior designed by architects Sutherland Hussey and a colourful exterior created by artist Mandy McIntosh. The gallery will be visiting four secondary schools and will be open to the public from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday 12th June at Dalrymple Hall and Arts Centre in Fraserburgh.

Visitors will be able to climb aboard to see intricate cut paper drawings by Cath Campbell, a video which creates a city skyline from bits of rubbish by Donna Conlon, 3D computer animation by Will Duke, perspex wall pieces by Toby Paterson and digital images of Scottish landscape by Susie Wright. Matthew Houlding has created a collaged 3D installation of a tropical building for the gallery.

The new Travelling Gallery was made possible through a National Lottery grant of £173,500 from the Scottish Arts Council, over £100,000 of funding from The City of Edinburgh Council, who have run the gallery since 1997, and additional funding from The Friends of the City Art Centre and the Adapt Trust.

The gallery's visit to Aberdeenshire is part of a twelve week tour to venues throughout Scotland, and has been supported, part funded and coordinated by the Aberdeenshire Arts Education Team at Aberdeenshire Council.

The gallery will visit the following venues:

Monday 11 June	Peterhead Academy
Tuesday 12 June	Dalrymple Hall, Fraserburgh 10am - 5pm (admission free - all welcome)
Wednesday 13 June	Turiff Academy
Thursday 14 June	The Gordon Schools Academy
Friday 15 June	Inverurie Academy

As part of the award-winning Travelling Gallery education programme, pupils at Inverurie Academy will have the chance to create their own artwork inspired by the exhibition during an artist-led workshop.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. The Travelling Gallery is a purpose-built contemporary mobile art gallery that provides greater opportunity for communities throughout Scotland to experience the quality and diversity of contemporary art at first hand. The Travelling Gallery service was introduced in 1978 by the Scottish Arts Council. In 1997 its operation

was switched to the City of Edinburgh Council which continues to operate a national service.

2. The Travelling Gallery service receives Foundation Funding status from the Scottish Arts Council of £140,000 per year. The City of Edinburgh Council support the running of the service in kind. Other income is generated through Hire Fees from other local authorities who book the Travelling Gallery to tour their areas.

3. The new vehicle was built on a Scania 12metre Omni Dekka chassis. The bodywork was built by East Lancashire Coachbuilders in Blackburn and the interior was fitted out by W H Bence Coachworks in Yate near Bristol. The interior was designed by Sutherland Hussey Architects. The exterior artwork was created by Glasgow based artist Mandy McIntosh.

4. Travelling Gallery Education Programme received an engage Scotland Visual Art Education Award in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The programme aims to expand on ideas and skills highlighted in the Travelling Gallery exhibition, and includes education packs, reference materials, worksheets, ideas for pre-visit and follow-up work, as well as artist-led workshops.

5. The Travelling Gallery will tour to the following areas with the 'Build It and They Will Come' exhibition:

12 April - 4 May	Edinburgh
8 - 11 May	Angus
14 - 18 May	Dumfries and Galloway
22 May - 1 June	Inverness
4 - 8 June	South Lanarkshire
11 - 15 June	Aberdeenshire
17 June	Glasgow Mela
18 - 22 June	Perth and Kinross
25 - 28 June	Midlothian
29 June	Edinburgh

6. Images Press images are available for publication on request. Email travgal@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 529 3930

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