

Healing Arts Scotland – Monday 15th June 2026 Aberdeen

Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZN

Time	HAS Themes 2026	Event	Contributors	Location: Suttie Centre for L&TH, Aberdeen	Blurb
10:30am		Registration and refreshments	Tea/coffee and networking	Foyer - ground floor	
11:00am:		Housekeeping Welcome Keynote	Hayley Durward, Chief Executive Citymoves Dance Agency Nisha Sajnani, Founding Co-Director Jameel Arts & Health Lab Laura Skaife-Knight, Chief Executive NHS Grampian	Lecture Theatre - ground floor	
11:25am:	Arts & Health Across the Life stages	The role/ importance of the arts in Population Health improvement	Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive VHS In conversation with Maggie Hepburn, Chief Executive ACVO	Lecture Theatre - ground floor	Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive of Voluntary Health Scotland and Maggie Hepburn, Chief Executive of Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations, come together for a conversation exploring the role of the arts in Population Health Improvement, Social Prescribing, and Non-Pharmacological Intervention across life stages.
12:15pm					
12:20pm: Panel Conversation - presentation and Q&A		Academia - research and findings	Chair: Chris Fremantle, Arts and Health, Robert Gordon University Dr Leeanne Bodkin, University of Aberdeen Nisha Sajnani, Jameel Arts & Health Lab and New York University	Lecture Theatre - ground floor	A panel diving into the latest research and academic developments in the field of Arts and Health.

			Dr Jill Sonke, Research Director Centre for Arts in Medicine, University of Florida		
1.10pm					
1:15pm		Lunch and Networking		Breakout Space – 1 st floor	
1:45pm					
1:50pm: Creative Workshops - sign up	Arts, Health and the Environment	Art Sessions - How your environment helps you to heal			Art Sessions and Workshops that create opportunities for shared practice and explore how the Environment can Help people heal. Sign-up forms will be in the foyer on the day.
		How to Create a Collaborative Space for Creativity	Yazmany Arboleda, Public Health Artist for NYC	Lecture Theatre - ground floor	
		Walking Arts	Stephanie Whitelaw	Outdoors – meet ground floor reception	
		Creative Writing	Jo Gilbert, Grampian Hospital Arts Trust	Room 223 - 2 nd floor	
		Run Forever at HMP Grampian and ACE Voices	An insight into the Run Forever Project at HMP Grampian with Dr Paolo Maccagno and Alec Miller from ACE Voices	Room 218 – 2 nd floor	
		Slow Art	Alicia Teng, Deputy Director and Yilin Yang, Assistant Manager from the Community and Access team at National Gallery Singapore	Room 402 – 4 th floor	
		Quilt Making	Tamsin Greenlaw and Alexandra McGregor, GHAT Contribute to a piece of the large-scale work being created throughout the city for Scottish Refugee Week	Foyer – ground floor	
2:30pm					

2:35pm	Arts, Health & the Environment	Public Art - making connections	<p>Chair: Dr Dan Allen, Dean Gary's School of Art, RGU</p> <p>Larissa Trinder, Assistant VP of Arts in Medicine NYC Yazmany Arboleda, Public Health Artist for NYC Alicia Teng, Deputy Director, National Gallery of Singapore Graeme Roger, public artist based in Aberdeen Tamsin Greenlaw, Grampian Hospitals Art Trust</p>	Lecture Theatre - ground floor	Panel deep-dive into the intersections of The Arts, Health, and our Environments and how the creation, display, and co-existence with public art affects people's lives and builds connections.
3:25pm		Closing Keynote/Final thoughts and thanks	Jillian Evans, NHS	Lecture Theatre – ground floor	
3.45pm	Arts & Health Across the Life stages	HAS Opening Celebrations 2026	ACE Voices intergenerational choir and Citymoves youth dance groups performance	Foyer - ground floor	The official Launch Celebration of Healing Art Scotland 2026, with performances from ACE Voices intergenerational choir and Citymoves Youth Dance Groups.
4.00pm		Event Close			