



UNIVERSITY OF
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Festival of Ideas



19 – 30 October 2011

Free events for young people

Discover music, philosophy, languages, politics, art, history and much more at the 2011 Cambridge Festival of Ideas. Explore the breadth of the arts, humanities and social sciences through dozens of performances, hands on activities, talks and workshops this October.

Join us on the main day of the Festival, Saturday 22 October, or during half-term week for a huge range of talks and workshops suitable for school age pupils from Year 1 up to sixth-form and beyond.

For more information call: 01223 766766
or visit: www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas



Renaissance
East of England

Festival events



Sunday 16 October 2pm – 7pm (Rehearsal), Thursday 20 October 7pm – 8.30pm (Performance)

Dark Sun – August, 1945

West Road Concert Hall, Faculty of Music, Sidgwick Site

This is your chance to perform as part of a large-scale orchestral and choral work during the Festival. The rehearsal is open to all ages and musical abilities, for more information visit:

www.mus.cam.ac.uk/events/festival-of-ideas

To be part of the performance: Pre book tel: 01223

768927 or email: events@mus.cam.ac.uk

To watch the performance: Pre book*

Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October 1.30pm – 5pm
Running the British economy

Faculty of Economics, Sidgwick Site

Could you set interest rates, reduce a large budget deficit and grow the British economy? This interactive computer game lets you try. Designed for teams of three to four players from Cambridgeshire schools.

Hands on, Years 12 & 13, Pre book tel: 01223 335242 or email: ymg21@cam.ac.uk

Thursday 20 October 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tall tales from the Garden

Heffers Children's Bookshop, 20 Trinity Street

An evening of stories, signings and celebrations to mark the launch of a new children's book, written and illustrated at the Botanic Garden by local young carers.

Book launch, All ages, Pre book*

Thursday 20 October 6pm – 7.15pm

The politics of speech-making

Wolfson Theatre, Churchill College, Storey's Way

Find out if politics is all about spin or whether it is possible to be won over by a good argument?

Talk, Ages 14+, Pre book*

Dip into the world of classics series

Museum of Classical Archaeology, Sidgwick Site

Have you ever seen the Museum's collection of six hundred life-sized casts of Greek and Roman statues? Well now's your chance to have a browse round and enjoy a talk:

Thursday 20 October 1.10pm – 1.50pm

Explore the origin of justice with Nick Denyer.

Monday 24 October 1.10pm – 1.50pm

Revisit the Battle of Marathon with Professor Paul Cartledge.

Thursday 27 October 1.10pm – 1.50pm

Find out what's so tragic about tragedy with Dr Rosanna Omitowoju.

Talk, Ages 14+, no need to pre book

Friday 21 October 2pm – 3pm

A philosophical quantum revolution

Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Free School Lane

What happens to an atom if you keep splitting it? How can philosophy have anything to do with the answer?

Talk, Ages 12+, Pre book tel: 01223 330906 or email: hps-whipple-museum@lists.cam.ac.uk

Friday 21 October 1.15pm – 2pm

Peter and the Wolf for schools

West Road Concert Hall, Faculty of Music

Experience the charms of Prokofiev's children's fairytale, *Peter and the Wolf* which has inspired generations of young musicians and is a treat not to be missed!

Performance, Ages 5+, Pre book tel: 01223 768927 or email: events@mus.cam.ac.uk



Saturday 22 October Sidgwick Site



Charlie Higson

Andy Paradise



Capitol Early Dance Society

The main day of the Festival is bursting with free events for the whole family to enjoy. Here are some highlights:

Children's authors and illustrators

11am – 12noon	<i>Midwinterblood</i> with Marcus Sedgwick	Lady Mitchell Hall	Ages 12+
12noon – 1pm	Popcorn Comedy for kids with Holly Walsh and Ed Petrie	West Road Concert Hall	Ages 8+
1pm – 2pm	Charlie Higson's history of horror	Lady Mitchell Hall	Ages 11+
3pm – 4pm	Live drawing with Nick Sharratt	Lady Mitchell Hall	Ages 5+
Pre book*			

11am – 3.45pm

Musical mayhem

West Road Concert Hall, Faculty of Music

The Faculty of Music is opening its doors for a fun-packed day of music sessions for all ages to enjoy. Have a go at the steel pans, gamelan, creating Brazilian beats, singing and much more.

For full details of the programme, visit:
www.mus.cam.ac.uk/events/festival-of-ideas

11am – 1pm

Angels and demons...and scorpions

Cambridge University Library, West Road

Examine the everyday practice of magic in medieval Egypt. Block-print tiny amulets to provide protection from the creepy-crawlies, learn to read the magician's secret code and watch an alchemist attempt to produce gold.

Hands on, Ages 8+, Pre book*

12.15pm – 3.45pm

Dance extravaganza!

Underneath the Raised Faculty Building

Where else can you enjoy the magic of Chinese lion dance, the energy of the lindy hop and the aerial acrobatics of capoeira? Watch performances by amazing University and community dance groups throughout the day.

Ages 14+, Drop in

Talks for young adults

Ages 14+

11am – 12noon

Faculty of Classics

Where eagles meet and demi-gods shine: explore the ancient Greek world with Dr Michael Scott.

Pre book tel: 01223 748439 or email: cb520@cam.ac.uk

2pm – 3pm

Faculty of Law

Why do languages die?

Pre book*

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Faculty of Law

Is the future of food GM?

Pre book*

10.30am – 4pm

Prehistory day

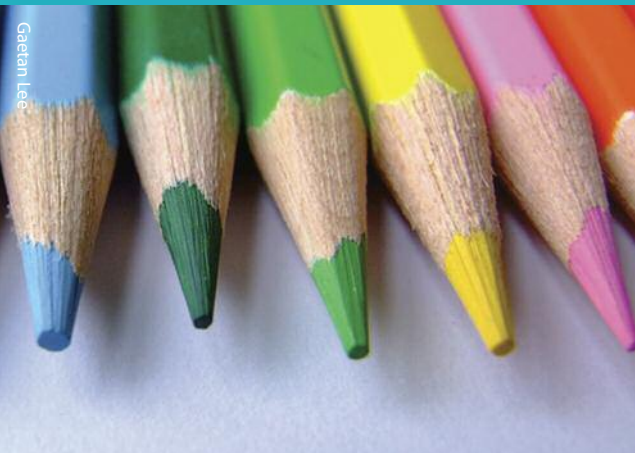
Cambridge Archaeological Unit, Storey's Way

Experience the life of our ancestors, try grinding grain to bake Neolithic bread, 'hunting' with a spear thrower and making your own pottery and rock art.

Hands on, Drop in, All ages



Half-term holiday



Gaetan Lee

Wednesday 26 October 10.30am – 3.30pm
A doggie day at the Polar Museum

The Polar Museum, Lensfield Road

This family activity day will look at how scientists and explorers lived and worked with dogs in a brutal Polar climate. There will be the opportunity to meet some real dogs, talk to experts and enjoy talks and films.

Hands on, All ages, Pre book tel: 01223 336540 or email: events@spri.cam.ac.uk

Wednesday 26 October 12noon – 4pm
Drawing together

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street

Drop in and draw at the Museum with activities and inspiration available from the Fitz Family Welcome Point.

Hands on, Drop in, All ages

Thursday 27 October 6pm – 7.15pm
Internet freedom

Mill Lane Lecture Rooms, 8 Mill Lane

The internet is holding governments to account by creating a platform for leaked information as well as for protest groups to freely talk. Join us to debate whether the internet can and should be controlled.

Talk, Ages 14+, Pre book*

**Saturday 29 October 11am – 12noon,
12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Language and art

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street

Revise and practise Spanish by exploring artwork on display in the Fitzwilliam Museum. Suitable for participants with an intermediate knowledge of Spanish.

Workshop, Ages 14+, Pre book tel: 0845 2713333 or visit: www.angliaruskincommunity.eventbrite.com

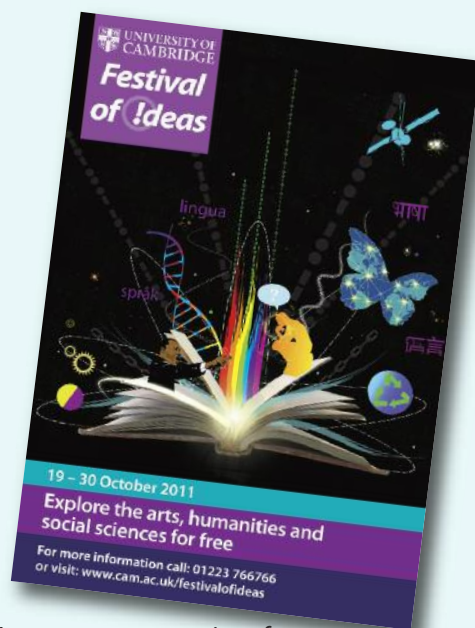
Presented with Anglia Ruskin University

Saturday 29 October 2pm – 4pm
To rhyme or not to rhyme?

Faculty of English, Sidgwick Site

Create your own masterpiece in this poetry workshop with poet and academic Dr Drew Milne.

Workshop, All ages, Pre book tel: 01223 335070 or email: english@hermes.cam.ac.uk



You can request copies of the full Festival of Ideas programme and other publicity materials by telephoning 01223 766766. You can also view all of the events online at: www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas