

Free event for all the family



On Saturday 6th June, The Macaulay Institute opens its doors to you. In addition to a tour of our research facilities, our family fun day will include insect trails around the grounds, self-guided tours through the arboretum, face painting and storytelling. Make sure you look out for the tanks containing alien species...

Free Soil Testing

If you bring a sample of your garden soil, our soil scientists will tell you its pH. The soil pH indicates how acid, alkali or neutral your soil is and can influence which plants are best suited for your garden.

The guided tour of the research facilities will include:

Health and Environment

Find out about how the environment affects our health, from the minerals in the soil, to how our surroundings can just make us feel better

Analysing our Environment

See what happens in a busy research laboratory and how samples are analysed

Future Climate: Future Environment

Find out about climate change and what research we are doing to prepare for what the future may bring

National Soil Archive

Where you can marvel at Scotland's soil sample collection, maps and meet dirt doctor Dr O.R.Ganic and his soil patient Sandy

Future Landscapes

The Virtual Landscape Theatre, plus aerial photos of Aberdeen, a computerised game for planning land use, and experiences of mountain biking recorded by headcam

Biodiversity Nature's Network

Fun games and lively exhibits will show how the way we live affects the plants and animals around us.

Doors open at 10.30am

Last guided tour of the facilities at 4pm

Disabled access available. Free parking.

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