

RSE virtual events programme continues in August

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is running its second annual summer events programme, Curious, to make us think of the world we live in.

The events are all online and will run between 7 and 30 August 2020.

Fellows from the RSE are world leading experts and they will share their views in the programme of Tea and Talk events. (you have to make your own tea). These are inspired by the coffee house discussions of the Scottish Enlightenment where people, mainly men, would gather to discuss the topics of the day.

There will be talks about teaching robots to speak. what happens after death and how the creatures that exist only in a movie are given a voice. There are also some larger capacity events such as that with Baroness Ashton who will give the RSE's annual MacCormick lecture on the future of foreign policy.

There will also be a panel discussion with author Val McDermid about the representation of science in fiction.

Programme highlights include:



Professor Hilary Critchley FRSE

- **We'll all die one day, so let's try to make sense of it** – Professor Scott Murray FRSE, University of Edinburgh
- **The sounds of movies, games, and TV series** – Orfeas Boteas, Founder and CEO of Krotos studios and RSE Enterprise Fellow
- **Breath and sleep workshop** – Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- **Fact or fiction?** Panel event with Lorna Dawson FRSE discussing the Val McDermid FRSE, Professor Niamh Nic Daéid FRSE and Professor representation of science within fiction.
- **Saving the oceans with law and science** – Professor Marcel Jaspars FRSE, University of Aberdeen
- **Menstrual health: still taboo? Are we making progress?** – Professor Hilary Critchley FRSE, University of Edinburgh

Dr Rebekah Widdowfield, Chief Executive of the RSE, said: “RSE has always been dedicated to ‘making knowledge useful’, and the best way to do this is to share it with the world. We are therefore delighted to be running Curious for a second year, bringing some of Scotland’s leading thinkers and practitioners together with the public for an informal conversation, which this year will be entirely virtual.

“We’ve lined up some incredible speakers covering a diverse range of topics in what promises to be a programme as exciting and thought-provoking as ever.

“Curious times call for curious minds, so grab a drink, join us online and get Curious!”



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Events will take place every day during the three-week run. You can view the full line up and book here www.rse-curious.com

