

## **NEW EXHIBITION OFFERS ATTRACTION FOR OFFSHORE EUROPE VISITORS**

**A new exhibition previewing in Aberdeen tonight (Wednesday, September 2) will offer a unique attraction for visitors to Offshore Europe.**

The *Fabric of the Land* exhibition at the University of Aberdeen features the work of well established and emerging artists whose works have been inspired by the show's theme of Geology and the Scottish Landscape. The result is a stunning collection of more than 70 pieces of original artwork including photography, sculpture, printmaking and jewellery.

Organised by the University's Department of Geology and Petroleum Geology and sponsored by diversified energy services company Senergy, *Fabric of the Land* runs until September 11.

The exhibition coincides with Offshore Europe when thousands of visitors from around the world descend on the city for Europe's largest oil and gas event.

Organisers of the university exhibition expect a large turnout of visitors over the coming 10 days with its show offering a unique geology-inspired environment for networking during Offshore Europe.

The organisers have transformed one of the geology department's classrooms into a state-of-the-art gallery. It is the first time the university has run the exhibition and plans are already underway to repeat it next year. It is also hoped that the show will be taken on tour across venues in Scotland and beyond.

Many of the North-east's best-loved and most distinguished artists have submitted work, which includes pieces by acclaimed sculptor Doug Cocker, Diane Tulloch and newcomers such as Callum Kellie.

Professor Andy Hurst, from the School of Geosciences, said: “We have paintings, sculptures, visual pieces, poems, photographs and even a video entry. It has made for an outstanding collection and we are delighted with the final result. The *Fabric of the Land* explores the links between art and science and we hope this will be a popular venue for visitors coming to Aberdeen for next week's show.

Henry Allen, Senergy’s director of Corporate Social Responsibility, said: “Geology is an integral part of Senergy’s business as a company that is involved in the delivery of energy projects, and we are delighted to support an exhibition that makes the world of art and geology accessible to people from all walks of life.”

A private preview of The Fabric of the Land, which is being staged at the university’s Meston Building, is to take place tonight.

The exhibition is open Monday to Friday, from 1pm-7pm, and Saturday and Sundays from 10am-4pm.

Further information is available

from <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/events/fol/index.php>

## Notes to Editors

The Fabric of the Land is sponsored by diversified energy service Senergy, with additional support from Sterling Resources Ltd, Simmons & Company International, Dana Petroleum Plc, Task Geoscience, Nexus Ltd and HRH Geological Services.

The curator is Sally Moir of Smart Consultants, Aberdeen.

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The exhibition is being held in the University of Aberdeen’s Meston Building which is at the entrance opposite the Fraser Noble Building.