

Belfast One City Conference

Comhdháil Aon-Chathrach Bhéal Feirste

Lifting the City

May 9 2013 | e3

May 10 2013 | Titanic Belfast



On 9-10 May 2013 The Belfast Media Group will join with our Honorary Chairs to host the fourth annual **Belfast One City Conference** spotlighting the vibrant city of Belfast. An international roster of speakers and delegates from every corner of Belfast will tackle the pressing challenges of the day and debate how the city can best speak with one voice.

The conference will open on the evening of Thursday May 9 at e3 in West Belfast and will move the following morning, May 10, to Titanic Belfast for a series of provocative and timely sessions. At Titanic Belfast, delegates will gather for **The One City Networking Luncheon** and breakout Boardroom Dialogue sessions before touring the Crumlin Road Jail development. Conference will close with a farewell finale reception at the residence of the US Consul General.



Prices: Student/Community Rate: £90.00 • Full Delegate Rate: £135+ VAT

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10am Folktown — A Reborn Market Place in the Heart of Belfast.

Venue: Berry Street Presbyterian Church
Belfast's Folktown area (Castle St, King St, Berry St, Marquis St, Bank Sq and Chapel Lane) is being regenerated and re-imaged through the provision of community-based cultural events (market, festival, art work, etc) to encourage inclusion of an emerging diversity of cultures and tradition, thereby encouraging community involvement, increasing footfall, tourism and trade in the area

Noon Skainos — A dynamic hub at the very heart of East Belfast.

Venue: Skainos, Newtownards Road
The Skainos Project is an urban regeneration development in inner East Belfast providing shared space for community transformation and renewal. Growing out of the work of the East Belfast Mission, it brings together a range of strategic partnerships which will contribute to the holistic regeneration of one of the most economically and socially deprived communities in Northern Ireland.

5:30pm e3, Belfast MET. Registration

6pm An Opening Reception in Song & Verse

Joby Fox 'Belfast'. Michael McKernon will read from 'Sea - 60 Years of Poetry', the latest anthology of Pádraic Fiacc, at 89, still Belfast's poet laureate

6:25pm A Warm Welcome to the West

Paul Maskey MP

6:30pm Opening of Conference

Naomi Long MP: 'Lifting the City'

6:40pm Bridging the Gap: Peace, Prosperity and Our Inner-City Communities

Debate in recent months has focused on the peace dividend for working class communities. How can we guarantee that the educational, economic and social benefits of the peace are felt across Belfast and in every section of society?

Chair: Alan McBride

Paul Nolan, Community Relations Council

Cllr Jim McVeigh, SF

Cllr John Kyle, PUP

Cllr Tim Attwood, SDLP

7.20pm Re-Stitching the City

Mark Hackett, Forum for an Alternative Belfast

(Introduced by Alderman Tom Ekin: 'A City Architect for Belfast')

7.35pm An Ambitious Agenda for Belfast

Minister Carál Ní Chuilín MLA

7.50pm Democratising the Arts

Belfast has enjoyed a renaissance of the arts in recent years with The Mac, Ulster Museum, An Chultúrlann and The Lyric leading the way but how do we ensure that everyone has access to and enjoys the arts?

Chair: Lucy Caldwell, Author

Jim McGreevy, National Museums NI

Martin Lynch, playwright

Jenny Elliott, CEO Arts Care

Ciarán Mackel, Chair Gaeltacht Quarter

8.40pm Spirit of Belfast/Spiorad Bhéal Feirste Award

Recipients: Féile an Phobail and East Belfast Arts Fest. Presented by Tony McCusker, Honorary Chair of Conference and Chair Community Foundation for NI.

9pm Conference Club: Dánlann Dillon, An Chultúrlann

Céad Míle Fáilte to Juan Karlos Izagirre Hortelano, Mayor of Donostia-San Sebastian with live Music and Sean-Nós Dance performance. (Complimentary transport from e3 to Cultúrlann)

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8am Continental Breakfast and Registration

9am A New Chapter for Belfast

Lord Mayor of Belfast Alderman Gavin Robinson

9:10am The Cristo Rey Secret Sauce

Fr Joe Parkes, SJ, President Cristo Rey School New York

9:20am From Vacant Sites to Hubs of Wealth-Creation

How can we view our many vacant building sites and buildings — a hangover from the Great Recession — as an opportunity

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rather than an obstacle to growth? Who will 'sell' these sites, identify the funding sources and champion the game-changing ideas to make a compelling proposition for, for example, Sirocco Quays, the Obel or the derelict sites along our main shopping thoroughfares?

Chair: Terence Brannigan, Chair Maze-Long Kesh Dev. Corporation
Minister Alex Attwood MLA (Session Introduction)
Richard Barnett, Vice-Chancellor University of Ulster
Alderman Christopher Stalford, Chair Development Committee, Belfast City Council
Stephen McMurrough, NI Director Capstone Development Partners USA

10:10am Tomorrow's Belfast: Snapshots

Rev Dr Fred Munce MBE, Agape Centre, South Belfast
Bill Shaw, The 174 Trust, Antrim Road, North Belfast

10:25am Investing for Tomorrow

Belfast needs to attract foreign direct investment and build its indigenous companies, boost small businesses, use education as a springboard to success and develop the city in a strategic fashion. Our panelists have all those bases covered and our chair has been driving the economy here for two decades and counting.

Chair: Peter Dixon, CEO Phoenix Energy Holdings Ltd
Mark Ennis, Chairman Invest Northern Ireland
Emma Bricknell, Proprietor Made in Belfast
Derek Mackay, Scotland's Local Government and Planning Minister
Fr Joe Parkes, SJ, President Cristo Rey School, New York

11:15am Tomorrow's Belfast: Snapshots

Liam Lynch, T13
Casement and Windsor Stadia. Tom Daly, Ulster Council GAA
and Geoff Patterson, Project Sponsor IFA

11:30am Lessons in Lifting the City

Introduction: Juan Karlos Izagirre Hortelano, Mayor of Donostia-San Sebastian

Chair: Jackie Henry, Partner Deloitte
Richard Brown, Strategy Director, London Legacy Development Corporation
David Gavaghan, CEO Titanic Quarter Ltd
Anne McReynolds, Chief Executive The MAC

12:15pm A Connected City?

Belfast has green-lighted a £25m super-connected city programme set to transform the city and offer new opportunities for business and communities. But will a digital divide emerge to compound our current divisions?

Chair: Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board
Sinclair Stockman, Executive Director Digital NI
Patricia McKeown, UNISON
Frank McManus, BT

Colin Williams, CEO Sixteen South

1pm

One City Networking Lunch

Compere: Paul McErlean, Chair Cathedral Quarter Trust.
Guest Speakers: Derek Mackay, Scotland's Local Government and Planning Minister and Patrick FN Anderson, Chairman and CEO, Dalradian Resources.

2pm

Boardroom Dialogue Sessions

We have identified three areas with enormous potential to transform the city of Belfast — tourism, jobs, the UU campus in the inner north-city — and invited a number of leaders in those fields to join delegates for a one-hour round table about how best to ensure success. Join the session about Lifting the City which most interests you.

Tourism: Destination Belfast

Titanic Belfast is celebrating record visitor numbers and Belfast City Council has greenlighted a £30m Convention Centre. But how will we ensure our reborn tourism proposition translates into more jobs, fresh opportunities and a new era of prosperity for Belfast?

Caitriona Lavery, Sales Manager Hastings Hotels
Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Director An Chultúrlann,
Noel Rooney, Co-Chair Titanic Foundation
Michael Deane, Restaurateur
Robert Fitzpatrick, CEO Odyssey Arena
Catherine Newhall-Caiger, Business Development Director The Convention Centre Dublin
Glyn Roberts, NIIRTA
Sorcha Wolsey, Beannchor Group
(Chair) Gillian Mitchell, The MAC

Jobs: Emerging Confidently from Recession?

Who will create the jobs to drive economic growth in Belfast, who will provide the funding and will the benefits be felt across the city? There are reasons for optimism: Belfast Harbour has handed over its £50m offshore wind terminal to DONG Energy and ScottishPower Renewables; Citi, Cybersource, NYSE and AllState are at the core of a burgeoning financial services sector; and FG Wilson has committed new jobs to Belfast after recent redundancies. How can we build momentum in the time ahead and keep Belfast competitive?

Jayne Brady, Head Intune Networks Belfast
Tracy Gilligan, Managing Director of Therapie Clinic and Optilase
Rose Mary Stalker, Chair Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
Joanne Stuart, NISP Connect
Justin Edwards, Deputy Chief Executive Belfast MET
Michael McAdam, founder Moviehouse
Garnet Busby, Belfast South Community Resources

Re-Stitching the City: Harnessing the full benefits of the University of Ulster campus expansion

The decision by the University of Ulster to move its student body

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into a massively expanded Belfast campus represents a once-in-one-hundred years opportunity for Belfast but how will we make sure its positive impacts are felt in urban regeneration, community uplift, educational achievement and job creation?

Prof Alastair Adair, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster
 Pauline Hadaway, Director Belfast Exposed
 Cllr Deirdre Hargey, Sinn Féin, Chair Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Belfast City Council
 Cllr Lee Reynolds, DUP, Deputy Chair Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Belfast City Council
 Paul Roberts, Ashton Centre
 Declan Hill, Forum for Alternative Belfast
 (Chair) Patricia Freedman, Director Cathedral Quarter Trust

3pm Freeing our Future

Visit to Crumlin Road Jail

5:30pm Conference Club. The Cloth Ear

7pm Finale Reception in the Residence of the Consul General of the US

Guest of Honour: Fr Joe Parkes, SJ, President Cristo Rey School, New York. With Gráinne Holland. Motion of Thanks to close: Sammy Douglas MLA. Presentation of One City, One Book:

'All the Beggars Riding' by Lucy Caldwell and ballads by Bill Wolsey.

Conference Venues:

Thursday May 9

10am Foltown: Berry St Presbyterian Church, Berry St, Belfast BT1 1FJ

12pm Skainos: 239 Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT14 1AF

5:30pm e3: 398 Springfield Road, BT12 7DU

9pm An Chulturlann: 216 Falls Rd, Gaeltacht Quarter, Belfast BT12 6AH

Friday May 10

8am Titanic Belfast: Queen's Island, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9EP

3:30pm Crumlin Road Gaol: 53-55 Crumlin Rd, Belfast BT14 6ST

5pm The Cloth Ear: 35-39 Waring St, Cathedral Quarter, Belfast BT1 2DY

7pm Residence of the Consul General of the US

Transport Provided:

Thursday May 9th

11.30am Pick up at An Chultúrlann - Skainos

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8.50pm Pick up at Belfast Met e3 - An Chultúrlann

Friday May 10th

3pm Pick up at Titanic Belfast - Crumlin Road Gaol

4.30pm Crumlin Road Gaol - The Cloth Ear

6.30pm Pick up at The Cloth Ear - Consul General's Residence



LUNCHEON SPEAKER
Derek Mackay



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Patrick F.N. Anderson



Mandy Patrick from Park Avenue Hotel, Paul Maskey MP, Tim Husbands, Titanic Belfast at One City Conference 2012



Naomi Long MP Speaking at the Belfast One City Conference 2012



Sammy Douglas MLA taking part in a moderated discussion: 2012