

# The Homecoming & Belfast One City Conference 2014

An Teacht Abhaile – Comhdháil Aon-Chathrach Bhéal Feirste

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## CONFERENCE

DUNCAIRN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE.

5:30pm **Opening Reception and Registration**  
Music by City of Belfast Youth Orchestra.

6:15pm **Opening Notes**

The red carpet treatment from North Belfast: Carál Ní Chuilín MLA, Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure

A Céad Míle Fáilte to the Diaspora: Howard Hastings, Chair Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Welcome to Compassionate City Belfast: Rev Bill Shaw, Director Duncairn Arts and Cultural Centre.

Diaspora Response: Mayor of Boston, Marty Walsh

6:35pm **'Ring the Bells which still can Ring': Building a Capital of Culture**

**Chair:** Joan Burney-Keating  
Xabier Paya, Director Donostia 2016 San Sebastian, European City of Culture   
Bronagh Lawson, Artist and Founder of Creative Change NI

Gerry Ó hEara, Director Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Derry, and Co-Ordinator of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann during Derry-Londonderry City of Culture 2013.

7:15pm **Belfast's Trajectory: Time To Choose**

Mark Hackett, Co-Founder Forum For Alternative Belfast

7:35pm **BOARDROOM DIALOGUE SESSIONS**



### THE BALCONY

#### Rebranding Belfast

**Chair:** David Lyle, Director Lyle-Bailie International  
John Keane, CEO Ardmore  
Gerry Lennon, CEO Visit Belfast  
Howard Hastings, Chair Northern Ireland Tourist Board  
Nisha Tandon, Executive Director Arts Exta  
Richard Wakely, Director Belfast Festival at Queen's  
Karen Delgado, Marketeer and Homecomer  
Joe Nawaz, Féile an Phobail

### THE CAFE

#### City Centre AND Neighbourhoods. Can we have it both ways?

**Chair:** Colin Mountstephen, Deloitte  
Wendy Langham, Connswater Greenway  
Sammy Douglas MLA  
Paul McMahon, President Belfast Chamber of Commerce  
Gerry McConville, Chair West Belfast Partnership Board  
Nikki Johnston, Belfast South Community Resources  
Garnet Busby, BSCR  
Francis Schott, Restaurateur,   
New Brunswick, New Jersey

### THE GREEN ROOM

#### The Gaeltacht Quarter as an Engine of Reconciliation and Regeneration

**Chair:** Gabrielle Nig Uidhir, St Mary's University College  
Nuala Ní Néill  
Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Cultúrlann Pilib Ó Rúanaí, Iontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta  
Declan Hill, FAB  
Bill Smith, Chair Ulster-Scots Academy Group

8:20pm **Snapshots**

**Anbitious plan for a new Belfast Islamic Cultural Centre**  
Dr Raied Al-Wazzan

**EuroPride in Belfast: From Dream to Reality**  
Seán Ó Néill

8:30pm **Presentation of Spirit of Belfast Award/Spiorad Bhéal Feirste**

Tony McCusker, Chair Community Foundation NI. Honoree:  
Anna Lo MLA.

9pm **Conference Club: Dirty Onion, Cathedral Quarter**

## FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

ANDREW'S GALLERY, TITANIC BELFAST

7:45am **Continental Breakfast and Registration**

8am **Breakfast Sessions**



9am **Welcome to a City Reborn**

9:05am **Future Cities**

### **A Compelling Narrative: Sustaining Belfast's Business Rise (8am-8.25am)**

**Chair:** Peter Dixon, Chair Phoenix Natural Gas. **Panel:** Paul McMorrán, CEO Crosslé Cars, Andrew Brammer, Head of Allen & Overy Belfast, Jayne Brady, Partner, Kernel Capital, Stevie Morrow, Partner Loughshore Investments and SVP Options,

Ellvena Graham, Head of Ulster Bank Northern Ireland

**Introduction:** Bro McFerran, MD Allstate Northern Ireland  
Mayor of Boston, Marty Walsh   
Joe Anderson, Mayor of Liverpool 

### **Forging a New Alliance Between Dublin and Belfast (8.25am-8.50am)**

**Chair:** David Horgan, CEO Petrel Resources. **Panel:** Michael Black, General Manager Intel, Belfast, Peter Finnegan, Director Economy and International Relations, Dublin City Council. John McGrillen, Director of Development Belfast City Council

Lord Mayor of Belfast Nichola Mallon


9:50am **Putting Belfast To Work - The Berridge Report**

**Chair:** Jackie Henry, Senior Partner Deloitte Trevor Annon, MD Mount Charles Cllr John Kyle, PUP

Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board  
Tom Gray, CTO Kainos

10:25 **Game-changers: The People and Projects Transforming Belfast**



**Chair:** Karen Delgado, Marketeer and Homecomer James Eyre, Commerical Director Titanic Quarter Alastair Adair, Pro-Vice Chancellor and

Provost, University of Ulster James McGlennon, EVP & CIO Liberty IT,  Boston Mark Doherty, Property Manager, Belfast Harbour

11:00am **Moving Up A Gear: Business Growth in a Connected World**

**Introduction:** Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Diaspora: 'A Business Partnership with the Irish Abroad'


**Panel Discussion.** **Chair:** Richard Ramsey, Chief Economist NI, Ulster Bank Séamus McAteer, Founder Datasnap.io (Silicon Valley, California) 

Liam Lynch, Member New York Angels and shareholder Broadway.com (New York)   
Minister Jimmy Deenihan TD Marco Pagni, Chief Global Counsel Alliance Boots 

11:40am **Waterfront Convention Centre 2016: A Call to Action for the Diaspora**


Rachael McGuickin, Director of Business Tourism, Visit Belfast  
Geoff Fenlon, Acting Manager Waterfront Hall

11:50am **In the Frame: The Cultural and Commercial Case for a New Civic Art Gallery**

**Chair:** Roisín McDonough, CEO Arts Council of NI Peter Murray, Director Crawford Art Gallery, Cork Marguerite Nugent, Curator  Northern Ireland Collection,

Wolverhampton Art Gallery  
Kim Mawhinney, Head of Art, National Museums NI  
Paul McErlean, CEO MCE Communications

12:25am **Rebuilding the World Trade Centre;**

Marcus Robinson,  ex-pat, artist and BAFTA-award-winning film-maker. 'Rebuilding' went out on the History Channel in

the US on 9.11 this year as a two-hour special. Introduced by Andrew Cowan, CEO NI Connections

## BELFAST BUSINESS TOP 50 AWARDS

### TITANIC DRAWING ROOMS

12:45pm **Tenth Annual Belfast Business Top 50 Awards luncheon**

The tenth annual Belfast Business Top 50 listing recognises the cream of our entrepreneurs, ranging from corporate titans to irrepressible start-up founders.

**Compere:** Aidan Browne, UTV  
**Guest Speaker:** Simon Hamilton MLA, Minister of Finance and Personnel  
Presentation of first Homecoming Ambassador Award to Mayor Marty Walsh of Boston.

**THAW: Artist Rita Duffy profiles her latest initiative, Thaw.**

2:30pm **BOARDROOM DIALOGUE SESSIONS**

We have identified three areas with massive potential to transform the economic fortunes of the city of Belfast: the renaissance of a city of Quarters from the Gaeltacht Quarter in the west through Cathedral Quarter to the Titanic Quarter as a tourism Mecca; forging the city's reputation as the fastest-growing knowledge economy in Europe with indigenous start-ups and foreign direct investment; and a look at how the Diaspora can partner Belfast on a mutually beneficial journey.

#### THE EDUCATION SUITE TITANIC BELFAST

##### Renaissance City

**Chair:** Ciarán Mackel  
Conal Harvey, Deputy Chairman Titanic Quarter Ltd  
Bríd Ní Ghallchóir, Aisling Ghéar  
Gerry Carlile, Fáilte Restaurant  
Peter Shields, Project Manager, ETAIN  
Brenda Burns, Strategic Advisor and Development Director for Colin Centre, Strategic Investment Board  
Dorcus Crawford, Belfast Hour  
Andrew Haley MD, Paul Hogarth Company  
Glyn Roberts, NIIRTA  
Dr Peyman Ghaffari, Aqua Group


#### DRAWING OFFICE 2

##### Europe's Fastest-Growing Knowledge Economy











**Chair:** Patricia O'Hagan, CEO Core Systems  
Mary McCall, TreatTicket  
Terence Brannigan, Chair Connected Health  
Barry Smyth, MD MCS Group  
Rónán Heenan, CEO People 1st  
Briega Arthurs, CEO South Belfast Partnership Board  
Cllr Tim Attwood, Leader SDLP Group Belfast City Council

#### THE ANDREWS GALLERY TITANIC BELFAST

##### Partnering the Diaspora to our Mutual Benefit: Inspirational People Building the Peace

Introduction by Brigadier General (rtd) Rick O'Meara   
**Chair:** Anne McReynolds, CEO The Mac  
*With Showcase Presentations by*  
Carol Fitzsimons, CEO Young Enterprise  
Peter Edgar, US-NI Mentorship Programme  
Monica Culbert, Project Children  
Co-Operation Ireland  
Dr Dolores O'Reilly, Chair Ciste na Gaeilge

##### Participants

Alan McConnell, Fink & Bornstein, Toronto   
Steve Lenox, Joint President Irish Network USA   
Marco Pagni, Group Legal Counsel and CAO, Alliance Boots   
Ed Lynch, New York   
Russell Smith, SmithDehn, North Carolina   
Tim Brundle, University of Ulster  
Andrew Cowan, CEO NI Connections  
John Foley, Irish Cultural Center of New England   
Stewart Matthews, First Secretary, NI Bureau, Washington DC   
Thomas J Burke Jr, The Burke Law Firm, Denver, Colorado  
David Barlow, London Irish Centre   
Peter McKittrick, Public Affairs, United States Consulate General   
US Consul General, Gregory Burton  
Sean Moynihan, President Irish Network Boston   
Mervyn Green, CHQ

5pm **Conference Club: Stix and Stones** 44-46 Upper Queen Street, Belfast

6:30pm **Farewell Reception** At the Residence of US Consul General Greg Burton and Nana Lee Felding  
Welcome: US Consul General Gregory Burton  
Colin Anderson, Chairman and CEO ASG  
Group: 'Future Belfast and Homecoming 2015: A Call to Action'  
Farewell Reception:  
**Music by Gráinne Holland.**

9pm **Conference Club Dirty Onion** Cathedral Quarter, Belfast

## SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

**Morning/Afternoon** Golf Tours  
Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre

**Evening** Breaking Bread. Our visitors are invited to join key conference champions for dinner at their homes.

**Courtesy of our partner Tennents NI, we have four tickets for the All-Ireland Hurling Final replay in Croke Park on Saturday 27 September. All those coming in to the conference from outside the city have been entered into a draw for a double set of tickets. Fingers crossed.**