

# IrishEcho

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**Venue: Manhattan Manor  
- 201 West 52nd St, New York, NY**

*Hybrid Conference*



30 September:  
6-8pm

Virtual Only  
Cultural Ties that Bind Belfast and the Big Apple

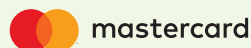
1 October  
7:45am-1pm  
1pm

Business and Investment Conference  
Ireland-US Transatlantic Business  
Ambassadors Luncheon  
3pm  
Rob Walsh's New York: Moynihan Train Hall

Program



Belfast City Council





**Thursday  
30 September  
Virtual Only**

- 6pm Introduction and Welcome**
- 6:10pm Caught between two lenses and two lands: A Irish American Film-maker's Odyssey**  
Maura Kelly has a fireside chat with Colin Broderick (Orangutan: A Memoir, Emerald City, A Bend in the River)
- 6:35pm Culture Counts: How Arts and Culture festivals are leading the Covid recovery on both sides of Pond**  
Chair: John Lee, President Irish Business Organisation of New York, Executive Director Goodman Media International (invited)  
Kevin Gamble, Director Féile an Phobail, Belfast  
Rachel Kennedy, Manager EastSide Arts, Belfast  
Sarah Street, Co-curator Origin 1st Irish Theatre Festival, New York  
Geraldine Hughes, Actor, Playwright, Director, New York
- 7:05pm A Manhattan Minute**  
Onto the Water: A New Community Business on the Lagan  
Natasha Brennan presents Murray Lock House revitalisation project, Belfast
- 7:10pm 'Terrible Beauty: The Art of the Troubles'**  
Multi-award-winning filmmaker Jamie Doran turns his lens away from Afghanistan and Pakistan and towards Andersonstown and Portadown.
- 7:20pm A Manhattan Minute**  
A Bright Future: Queen's University's Pathway Opportunity Programme  
Sorcha Mac Láimhín, Queen's University Belfast
- 7:25pm Flat Out: Remembering Divis Flats with photographers Judah Passow and Frankie Quinn**
- 7:35pm Curtain up on a \$60m Flagship – the New York Irish Arts Center**  
Aidan Connolly, Executive Director New York Irish Arts Center
- 7:45pm Close with Anthony Toner: 'God Look Down to Mrs Boyd'**



# Friday 1 October

**Moderators:** Leo McGuire, Leo P. McGuire, MBA, Sheriff (Ret.), LPM Strategies, LLC and Paul Finnegan, Director of Business Development, The Irish Echo

**7:45am Registration and Breakfast**

(Complimentary fresh bagels, pastries, tea, coffee and juices served)

**8:10am Welcome**

Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Publisher, The Irish Echo

**8:15am A Passport to Tomorrow's Digital World for Youth Left Behind**

Chair: Suzanne Aquino, Global Category Head, Chain IQ, NY

Panel: Koulla Yiasouma, Children's Commissioner for NI, Belfast

Dennis Bree, Co-Founder U&Co., New York, NY

Louise Warde-Hunter, CEO Belfast Met, Belfast (invited)

Devany Báez, Alumna Cristo Rey New York, NY

**8:45am Belfast and New York: New Investment Opportunities in a Changed Landscape**

Chair: Margaret Molloy, Global CMO and Head of Business Development, Siegel+Gale, New York

Panel: Ashleen Feeney, Markets Partner, KPMG Ireland, Belfast

Colin Walsh, Founder and CEO, Crescent Capital, Belfast

Mark Goldstone, Managing Partner, Freyeur & Trogue, New York

**9:15am Official Opening**

Council Member Danny Dromm, New York City Council

Lord Mayor of Belfast, Cllr Kate Nicholl

**9:30am Smarter Cities – Can New York and Belfast Ride Innovation Wave?**

Chair: Andrea Haughian, VP Business Development, Invest NI, New York

Panel: Giancarlo Di Vece, CEO Unosquare, Guadalajara, Mexico

Suzanne Wylie, CEO Belfast City Council, Belfast

Christoph Winkler, Gaelventures Incubator, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY

**10am Is The Best Yet to Come? Driving Belfast's Tech Rise**

Chair: Mary Ann Pierce, Founder MAP Digital, New York

Panel: Tonya McMorrow, Delivery Director, Kainos, Belfast

Ciaran Kennedy, Founder Many Mind Consulting, NJ

Gavan Corr, Founder Qarik, New York

Clare McGee, Co-Founder Awaken Hub, Derry

**10:30am Speeding up the Green Transition – Generating More Electricity from Renewables**

Chair: Erin Rice, Chief of Staff to Senator Richard J. Codey, New Jersey Senate, NJ

Panel: Mike Cusick, Chairperson New York State Legislature Energy Committee

Paul Stapleton, Managing Director NIE Networks, Belfast

David Surplus OBE, Founder and Managing Director B9 Energy, Belfast

Christopher Raup, Director, State Regulatory Affairs at Con Edison, New York

- 11am**            **Sustainable Cities: Can Belfast and New York Meet the Climate Change Challenge?**  
Chair: Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner, Belfast City Council, Belfast  
Panel: Kevin McCabe Jr, Chief Resilience Officer, NY State Battery Park City Authority, NY  
Russell Smyth, Corporate Finance Partner, KPMG Ireland  
Grainia Long, CEO Northern Ireland Housing Executive (invited)  
Jill Robb, CMO Origin, Belfast
- 11:25am**        **Message from Tom DiNapoli, Comptroller New York State**
- 11:30am**        **Ultimate Gamechanger: The \$20bn High Speed Rail Line from Belfast to Dublin**  
Chair: David Gavaghan, Managing Director, Aurora Prime Real Estate Ltd, Belfast  
Panel: Conor Murphy, Minister of Finance, Stormont Executive, Belfast  
Alexandra Levin, SVP, Capital Formation and Investor Relations, Brightline West Trains, New York  
Michael George, President, Keel Harbour Capital, New York
- 12noon**        **Ready for the Restart? Ireland's Tourism Proposition Post-Covid**  
Chair: Alison Metcalfe, VP USA and Canada, Tourism Ireland (invited)  
Panel: Michael Morris, International Sales Director, Hinch Distillery, Temple, Co Down  
Pete Boyle, Founder Let's Go Hydro and Promoter of \$20m Cave Hill Cable Car Project, Belfast  
Sarah Gribben, Visit Belfast Ambassador Manager, Belfast  
Howard Hastings, CEO Hastings Hotels, Belfast
- 12:30pm**       **The Black and the Green: United Then Torn Asunder — Paradise Square Parallels**  
Chair: Lori Gatsi-Barnett, Founder JoinHer Network, Belfast  
Panel: Larry Kirwan, Conceiver Paradise Square, Co-founder Black 47, Chicago  
Elinor Tatum, Publisher Amsterdam News, New York  
Miriam Nyhan Grey, Director of Graduate Studies, Glucksman Ireland House, New York  
Leni Sloan, African American Irish Diaspora Network, Lancaster, PA
- 1pm**            **US-Ireland Business Ambassadors Luncheon**  
Hosted by Sophie Colgan  
Welcome Remarks: Eamonn McConville, Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington DC  
Honorees:  
Tiana Sloan, Director Veterans' Success Programs, Manhattan College, New York  
Elinor Tatum, Publisher Amsterdam News, New York  
Elaine Brennan, Executive Director, Global Strategic Partnerships, Northwell Health  
Maura Kelly, Principal, Purple Mountain Media & Senior Advisor, LEAP New York  
Gavan Corr, Co-Founder Qarik, New York  
Giancarlo Di Vece, CEO Unosquare, Guadalajara and Belfast  
  
Presentation of Irish Echo Person of the Year Award to John Fitzpatrick
- 3pm**            **Rob Walsh's New York Fact-Finding Tours: Moynihan Train Hall**



## Honorary Chairs

Andrea Haughian, VP Business Development North America for Invest Northern Ireland  
Bill Cox, Cox Law Firm LLC & Cox  
Det Brian McCabe (rtd.)  
Professor Christine Kinealy, Hamden, CT  
Christine Quinn, President & CEO, WIN  
Council Member Daniel Dromm, Chair Finance Committee, New York City Council  
Dr. Elizabeth Stack, Executive Director, Irish American Heritage Museum, Albany, NY  
Erin Rice, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Codey, NJ State Assembly  
Hon Francine Schott (rtd.), NJ  
Francis Schott, Restaurateur, Stage Left Restaurant New Brunswick, NJ  
Geraldine Hughes, Actor/Writer/Producer  
Ian McLernon, President & CEO Americas, Rémy-Cointreau, New York  
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