

2023 Programme

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BELFAST
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BELFAST 2023

In association with
 Northern Irish
Connections

Wednesday 27 September

Community Reception West Belfast

6pm-7:30pm

Áras Uí Chonghaile

76 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6DG

Transport available from Titanic Hotel at 6pm

Thursday 28 September

Community Reception

10am-11am

Skainos, East Belfast

239 Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1AF

Transport available from Titanic Hotel at 9:30am

Belfast International Homecoming

Gala Dinner

6pm-11pm

Titanic Hotel Belfast

United in Common Purpose – New York and New Belfast

New York State Senator Brian Kavanaugh

Chair American Irish Legislators Society

Chair, Committee on Housing, Construction and

Community Development

Includes:

Fireside Chat – Mike Nesbitt MLA with

E. Neville Isdell, Founder EPIC Irish Emigration Museum

Panel Discussion: *Promoting Belfast as Europe's*

Epicentre of American Investment

Chair: Michelle Hatfield,

Chief People and Marketing Officer, George Best Belfast

City Airport

Panel: John Walsh, CEO, Belfast City Council

Eugene O'Flaherty, Partner, Ballard Partners, Wash D.C

Alan Wilson, Head of Investment, Invest NI

Sarah Milliken Head of Talent & Culture, Aflac NI

Presentation of Equality Diaspora Ambassador Award

to Betty Yee, Controller California 2015 – January 2023.

2026 Gubernatorial Candidate in California.

Presentation of Belfast Ambassador Medals.

Short showcase event of Brassneck Theatre Company's

powerful 'PROJECT CHILDREN' by Fionnuala Kennedy,

due to tour North America in 2024

Friday 29 September

Northern Ireland as "the world's most exciting economic zone." (PM Rishi Sunak)

9:30am-10:30am

Invest NI Head Offices

Bedford Square, 1 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7ES

Walking or public transport advised

A Roundtable on the transformational impact of Dual Market Access

Bricks or Sticks Small Business Development Programme.

10am-4pm

The Innovation Factory

With Brian Moran (New Jersey, USA), Founder Small Business Edge Podcast. *Our goal is to help 25 Belfast business owners achieve their goals. The workshop is broken into four separate pillars that make up the foundation of every business, regardless of the size of your company.*

Leaders' Forum: Creating a Roadmap to Successful, Diverse and Just Cities'. (Numbers limited to 35).

1pm-3pm

Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

Corporation Square, Belfast BT1 3AL

Hosted by Amanda Ferguson

1pm - Lunch and Registration

1:20pm - Discussions

Lord Mayor Ryan Murphy

Joe O'Neill, CEO Belfast Harbour

Panel Discussion: *Can Cities have the Best of Both Worlds? Merging influence of our diasporas with vibrancy of immigrant communities?*
Speakers: Kamal Al Solaylee, Author & Professor at University of British Columbia, Betty Yee, Vice Chair Democratic Party California, Moira Loughran, NI Connections, and Neville Isdell

David Grant, CEO, Irish College, Leuven

Panel Discussion: *Moving from Monochrome to Technicolour: How a changing Belfast can leverage economic investment to build a truly global city.*

Speakers: Leigh Meyer, Citi, Marie Doyle, Deloitte, Aislinn McBride, Kainos, Clare Guinness, Belfast Chamber of Commerce

Farewell Reception

6pm-7:30pm

Residence of the US Consul General

Ardnalvey, Shaws Bridge, Belfast

Transport available from Titanic Hotel at 5:30pm

Guest of Honour

Carl E. Heastie, Speaker New York State Assembly

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