

2023 Programme

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In association with
Northern Irish
Connections

Wednesday 27 September

Community Reception West Belfast
6:30pm-8pm
Áras Uí Chonghaile

Thursday 28 September

Community Reception
10am-11am
Skainos, East Belfast

**Belfast International Homecoming
Gala Dinner**
6pm-11pm
Titanic Hotel Belfast

Includes:
Fireside Chat – Mike Nesbitt MLA with
E. Neville Isdell, Founder EPIC Irish Emigration
Museum & Director World Wildlife Board.

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
Steve Harper, Executive Director International
Business & Skills, 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 HQ

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.

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 Loughlin, 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
Venue tbc

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