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why countless US and other global blue-chip names have chosen to invest and, crucially, to reinvest in Belfast and Northern Ireland.

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Our annual trip to the New York New Belfast conference is one of the highlights of our year.

It serves to strengthen the deep ties which run between our two great cities and allows us to explore how we can collaborate to ensure a successful future for all.

We arrive in New York this year at a time when trading relations across the globe are being reset – including between the UK/US and UK/EU - so the importance of this year's New York-New Belfast event can't be underestimated.

Certainly, the Belfast and wider Northern Ireland region's proposition has been bolstered further since last year.



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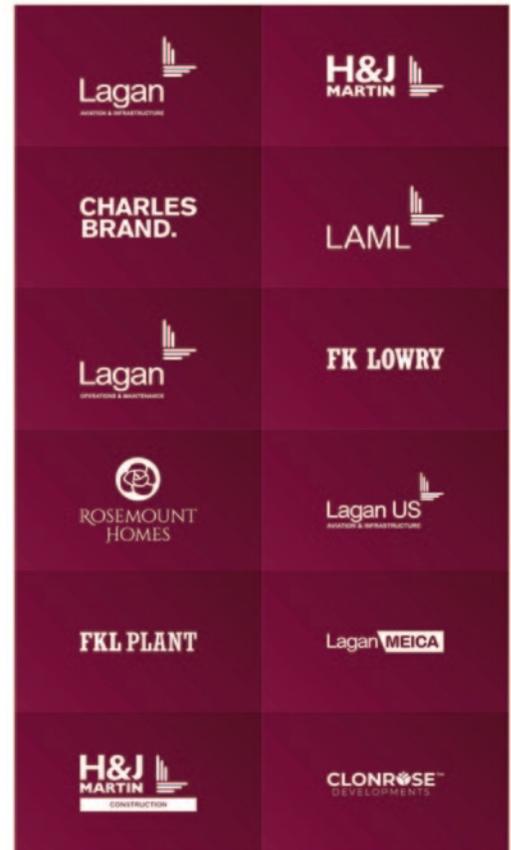
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NYNB Marks Sixteen Sweet Years

By Ray O'Hanlon

We live in a world of connection and connectivity. Connections between people around the globe amount to countless billions of interactions with each passing moment.

These times, the bulk of connections are along the varied technical lines of the World Wide Web. Much is accomplished. No, an astounding amount is accomplished. Best not think about it too much. So, slow down a bit; step back into the world of connection that has been around as long as, well, the world.

We're talking here about face-to-face connection, meeting people and spending a little time with them to discuss this or that.

The New York/New Belfast conference, now in its sixteenth year, is such a gathering.

And given that there have been fifteen such gatherings, with this week indeed witnessing number sixteen, this is confirmation that NY/NB is a valued opportunity for getting good stuff done and at a pace that has nothing to do with instant connectivity.

It is a more leisurely version, personal and personable exchanges, even if the subject matter for discussion is of considerable importance to the conference participants.

Since 2010 the New York-New Belfast conference has been bringing together the leaders of Béal Feirste and the Big Apple, all with the shared goal of building bridges

of community, culture and commerce.

Firmly established as the premier event for the Northern Irish diaspora in New York, the conference luncheon - being held again this year in the prestigious New York Athletic Club - provides time in a splendid space for the visiting Belfast delegation to showcase the groundbreaking changes born out of 27 years of peace and

The panel will be comprised of Clare Guinness, CEO Belfast Chamber of Commerce; Mike Stamatis, CEO Red Hook Terminals, New York; Bernard McGuire, Jr. Managing Director, 57 Stars, Washington, D.C., and Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy, Belfast City Council.

The next component will be entitled

Belfast City Council, conference attendees will be invited to meet "the Belfast Makers." The moderator for this segment will be Ashleen Feeney, Partner, KPMG Ireland.

And those "Makers" will be Hugh Cormican, CEO and Founder Cirdan; Liam McStravick, CEO and Founder TeamFeePay; Matthew Nesbitt, Founder, HALOS, Belfast, and Harley Semple, Director Data Solutions, Options Technology, New York.

There will follow a "Tourism Fireside Chat: The Experience Makers: Fueling Food Tourism in Belfast."

The moderator will be Maura Kelly, Principal, Purple Mountain Media and the speakers will be Alison Metcalfe, Head of North America, Tourism Ireland, and Phil Irvine, Founding Director, Taste & Tour Belfast.

The conference proper will be followed by a walking tour with the theme "An Artist's Eyrie."

This will entail a visit to the 30,000 square foot Studio of Belfast Painter, Film-Maker and Jazz Pianist Marcus Robinson on a top floor of Tower Four of the World Trade Center.

A "Farewell Finale" will follow at The Dead Rabbit, rather lower down on the third floor, 30 Water Street, in Lower Manhattan.

It promises to be a full and rewarding day, a tribute to two great cities, New York and Belfast, and their enduring and ever evolving relationship.

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progress, both political and economic, in the city by the River Lagan.

A full program is promised for the 2025 conference, set for Thursday, June 12.

The conference format features a series of panel discussions.

First up will be "Fostering Sustainable Transatlantic Partnerships" with Chair Suzanne Aquino, Global Category Head – Professional Services, Chain IQ, New York.

"Belfast and New York: An Anchor Relationship in Changing Times" and will feature the newly elected Lord Mayor of Belfast.

Next up, the conference will be addressed by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, who will speak to "Marking A Standout Year of New York State Investment in Peace and Progress." Introduced by John Walsh, CEO of

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Matthew Nesbitt

Founded in Belfast, Northern Ireland, HALOS has expanded its global footprint, now operating in 31 countries across five continents. The company maintains offices in Belfast, Dallas, Dublin, and Dubai, supporting a diverse clientele and addressing real-world challenges with innovative, scalable solutions.



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Who doesn't love the sport of football? It is the largest grassroots participation sport worldwide for children aged 5–18 and its mobilised by a body of generous volunteers that give their life to the game. Running a grassroots football club is about passion, belonging, and building community — not paperwork. These volunteer-led clubs are facing mounting challenges with rising costs, increasing regulation, and time-consuming tasks like collecting fees, onboarding volunteers, safeguarding, fundraising, securing sponsorship, and ensuring compliance."

This is where **TEAMFEEPAY** steps in. We are the only football-specific platform provider in the world, built by footballers and coaches who understand the unique needs of the game. TeamFeePay removes these



burdens with a complete club development solution that delivers real impact. At the club level, there's more money in the bank, a clear vision for growth, and less time spent on admin. Coaches and volunteers can focus on the pitch, developing this beautiful game, while parents enjoy simple, clear communication about where to be, what to pay, and how their child is progressing.

TeamFeePay isn't just a tool to manage volunteer-run clubs — it's the engine room that powers the growth,



Liam McStravick

governance and sustainability of the game.

TeamFeePay was launched in August of 2021 and the company is now the fastest growing in the world and the largest in Europe. The

company will process approx £100mil through its platform this year and it has purposely chosen Belfast as its world headquarters. 50 of the companies employees are based at its office in Titanic Quarter with the other 20 staff spread across Europe.

Over the next 5 years the company has targeted annual revenues in excess of £125mil and its staff team will exceed 400 people (300 based in Belfast). The company is raising its Series B round of investment in Q4 of 2025.

Founded in 2010 in Lisburn, N. Ireland, **CIRDAN** is a global digital health company specialising in the transformation of diagnostic clinical pathways, with a primary focus on pathology. Driven by the vision to "improve wellbeing through innovation," Cirdan is committed to accelerating diagnosis and treatment, helping clinicians deliver faster and more accurate results that ultimately save lives.

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In addition to the LIS, Cirdan offers



Dr. Hugh Cormican

mobile solutions that enhance specimen collection, improve clinician access, and enable patients to take a more active role in managing their healthcare.



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By Peter McDermott

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"I'm never the smartest person in the room, but I'll always be one of the hardest working and that will take you far in any life."

So said Philip F. Anderson, a consultant in financial services with KPMG in Manhattan.

When, as sometimes happens, he's asked to give more specific advice about how to navigate the business world in New York, two things top his list. First, he tells people, never underestimate the importance of networking.

Anderson, who grew up on a farm near Newtownards, Co. Down, said, "Relationships are incredibly important. They could be your first job, your next opportunity, a new client, or just a friendly face in a crowded room.

"In my experience people are always willing to give you their time and advice, particularly when you are young and starting out," said the University of Ulster graduate, "I had the pleasure of meeting with the CEO of a couple of companies, [due to] being young, enthusiastic and leveraging the Irish connection."

The second piece of advice he summarized this way: "Do something you enjoy, or at least like, and everything else will come more naturally. Too often people chase money or status, doing something they don't enjoy and end up being miserable.

"For me, I found that digital transformation work is something I enjoy and it had good opportunities for growth and I stuck with that," he said.

For a time, Anderson's plan was to take over the family business in Bangor, Co. Down. "My dad ran a local gas station and fuel-delivery business," he said.



KPMG's Philip F. Anderson. PHOTO BY PETER MCDERMOTT

The city that never slows

First, though, he would get an education. As part of his business studies degree at UU, he spent a year-long internship with Citibank in Dublin.

"I enjoyed the change of pace, living in a city and working with other talented people," he recalled.

"After that, I wasn't ready to settle down into the family business just yet. I applied to the inaugural year of the USNI mentorship program and was one of 20 people offered a position to come to the U.S. and work with AXA Equitable.

"It was a one-year program, so I had always planned to go home. But then life in

New York sort of took over. I moved to KPMG to stay another year, and then it was a snowball effect."

Anderson believes that New Yorkers admire people who've been willing to move from another continent. "They see an openness to other cultures, to what's happening in the world, willing to be independent, to put yourself out there, push yourself," he said. "People value that, they respect that."

He views his own immigration to the U.S. as a career highlight.

"It was a pretty significant move to somewhere I had never been as an adult and knew nobody," Anderson said. "I sort of sofa-hopped for the first few weeks, staying with a relative of someone my sister knew, then on the sofa of a barman that person knew, and then finally into an apartment with some other people from Northern Ireland who were out on their first year in New York.

"I've had a great career with KPMG, almost 13 years so far," said Anderson, who is soon to be married. "I'm very proud of everything that I've accomplished and incredibly grateful for all the people that have helped me get to where I am today."

Anderson lives in Hoboken with his fiancée, Sarah, a New Jersey native.

He has a 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. workday, and 30-minute, door-to-door commute — by ferry in the mornings and PATH train in the evenings. He added, "Some days you're meeting people, you're having conversations. It's not head down in a spreadsheet all the time."

And, of course, it's New York with all of its excitement. "It's extremely fast paced and full of incredibly talented and smart people," he said, "which is something I underestimated when I first moved here.

"Things move fast in New York — the entire city moves fast — the people, business, life, it can be a blur but you've got

to move with it or you'll get left behind."

As for relaxation, Anderson is a long-time enthusiast of motor sports. But he's acquired other passions in this country. "Traveling and food are two things that keep us occupied in our spare time," he said. "New York provides endless possibilities to eat and drink and they're great ways to experience different cultures from your own backyard — or to kick up inspiration for our next trip.

"We love trying out new bars and restaurants, the city has an incredible atmosphere and a clashing of cultures that provide an incredible food scene with endless options."

He added, "I get back home at least once a year to see my family [his two sisters and a brother all live within 15 minutes of his parents] and then try to squeeze in a couple of other trips either in the U.S. or further afield. We managed to get over to southeast Asia — Singapore, Bali, Thailand — last year and it was an incredible experience.

"One thing I love seeing when I'm back home is how much the food scene has evolved. Belfast has progressed a lot over the past 10-15 years," Anderson said.

Belfast has long been a focus for him, as someone who grew up 30 minutes outside of it. He hung out there as a teenager and went drinking there as a young adult. "Now, it's usually a meeting point to have dinner with friends when I'm home," he said, "or where you'll find me a few days before Christmas doing all of my last-minute shopping."

Anderson's father sold the business and his son is pleased that he's enjoying his retirement after a career that involved a seven-day work week.

"There wasn't pressure to take over the family business," he said, "but there was inherent pressure from Mum, you know, an Irish family, to come back and be with them. But they're always happy to see me pursue my career and be successful."

Now, the family is readying to gather for a special event later this month — his and Sarah's wedding.

Anderson said, "The ceremony and reception itself is just outside Belfast, but we chose Belfast as our central point for everyone to stay and will host a couple of events the day before and after the wedding in the city. I'm really looking forward to getting back and showing everyone what Belfast has to offer. Now I just need the weather to come through for me on the day and we'll be set!"

Before all that, though, Anderson will be an honored guest at this year's New York New Belfast Conference.

He first attended an NYNB event around 2011 and for several years after that was a guest of either Invest NI or Tourism Ireland; he dropped away for a while because of other commitments and the pandemic.

"But I couldn't be more happy to be involved again to share our culture and support connectivity and commercial opportunities between the U.S. and Northern Ireland," Anderson said.

Hear the leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and artists of New Belfast tell their tales on the award-winning Irish Stew podcast in the 11-episode "Lost in Belfast" series, available on all major podcast players and with the QR code.

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Belfast Chamber Leads 20-strong Business Delegation to New York

Belfast Chamber is leading a high-level, 20-strong business delegation to New York for a trade mission aimed at forging new commercial connections and unlocking fresh opportunities for trade and investment between Northern Ireland and the United States.

The three-day visit, beginning on 10th June, will see the group, led by Belfast Chamber CEO Clare Guinness, attend a series of meetings, conferences and networking events with significant New York business leaders.

A highlight of the trip will be on Thursday, 12th June, when delegates will attend the 'New York New Belfast' conference, an annual event held at the prestigious New York Athletic Club which brings together leaders from the two cities with the shared goal of building bridges of community, culture and commerce.

Included in the cross-sectoral delegation are representatives from Belfast Exposed, Catagen, Datactics, Davidson & McDonnell, Halo Body Cameras, Hire IQ, Kindred, Lagan Specialist Contracting Group, MKB Law, Nemstar, Rockport School, Tughans, Vanrath, Version One and Wibble.

Clare Guinness, Belfast Chamber



The delegation of Belfast Chamber members attending the annual New York–New Belfast luncheon was hosted at a pre-event reception by US Consul General James Applegate at his residence in Belfast.

CEO, said: "Belfast – and Northern Ireland – has a compelling story to tell, one of transformation, creativity and global competitiveness with a number of our companies leading the way in sectors in which the US market is seeking trusted partners.

"This trip reflects not only the growing confidence and international outlook of our local business

community, but also the value we place on our relationship with the US market. We want to demonstrate that Northern Ireland is open for business - ambitious, outward-looking and continuing to make an impact on the global stage.

"Our New York trade mission will provide delegates with a fantastic opportunity to establish strategic networks, showcase Northern Ireland's strengths as a dynamic and innovative business hub, and strengthen transatlantic partnerships that support growth across key sectors.

"Belfast Chamber is renowned for the depth of businesses and sectors within our membership, with our delegation to New York including representatives from professional services, software development and recruitment to photography, technology and office design.

"At Belfast Chamber, we are always seeking innovative ways to open doors for our members to help elevate their business and enhance the fantastic work they do. This trip is a high-profile example of the platform we provide, and I am hugely excited about the connections we will make in New York."

The trade mission will commence with a welcome reception hosted by Belfast City Council and NI Bureau on the evening of Tuesday 10th June at the Fitzpatrick Grand Central Hotel,

followed by a business and networking breakfast event at Serra Rooftop Garden Eatery New York Flatiron on Fifth Avenue in partnership with Invest NI.

The Chamber has also collaborated with partner organisations in New York to arrange tailored business meetings with New York-based companies on Wednesday afternoon, while Thursday morning will see delegates attend the New York New Belfast conference before the trip officially closes with a networking event at The Dead Rabbit.

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We've developed the city's first Local Development Plan (LDP), setting out a 15 year framework to address Belfast's future economic and social needs. It's complemented by The Belfast Agenda 2035, the city's first Community Plan, establishing an agreed set of ambitious economic, social, and environmental outcomes between public agencies, businesses and communities. Our goal is to deliver significant housing and economic growth, alongside measures to address climate change and biodiversity.

We are also leading on the delivery of the \$1.25 billion Belfast Region City Deal programme of investment; transforming the region's business offer in life and health sciences, the digital and creative industries, and advanced manufacturing. It is also supporting next generation digital capabilities, boosting tourism, and supporting our region's regeneration, underpinned by infrastructure developments and investment in skills to connect people to jobs and services.

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Guests can enjoy varied experiences embedded into each floor of the five-story, 19th-century townhouse, with The Taproom, The Parlor, The Occasional Room, and The Green Room. In fall 2023, the opening of a second concept, The Irish Exit, furthered The Dead Rabbit's continued expansion with their 10th year behind them, and centuries ahead. In summer 2024, the team opened The Dead Rabbit in Austin, TX on the iconic Sixth Street in the Downtown Historic District. The bar was quickly named "Best Pub" in Austin Monthly's 2024 Best of ATX issue.

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It also engages directly with the travel trade and consumers through events, promotions, and partnerships. Tourism Ireland plays a critical role in driving economic growth and supporting local communities. In 2023, overseas tourism generated approximately €5.2 billion in revenue for

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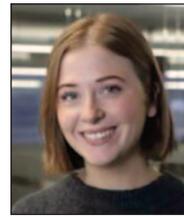
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