

12TH ANNUAL  
AN TEACHT ABHAILE  
**BELFAST** 20  
INTERNATIONAL  
HOMECOMING 25  
SAFE HARBOUR



**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**  
**24-26 SEPTEMBER 2025**



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**Wednesday, September 24**

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**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Welcome Reception for delegates to the Belfast International Homecoming**

**Location:** The Residence of the US Consul General to Belfast

**Thursday, September 25**

**8am – 9am**

**West Belfast Small Business Roundtable with Nick Ashmore, CEO Strategic Ireland Investment Fund**

**Host:** Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Tracy Kelly

This business breakfast brings together local entrepreneurs, community leaders, and international guests to explore economic opportunities and community development. (By prior registration only).

**Venue:** The Lord Mayor's Parlour, Belfast City Hall, Donegall Square, Belfast

**11am-12pm**

**Lyric Theatre Curtain Call**

**Host:** Claire Murray, Head of Development and Marketing, Lyric Theatre

Visit the award-winning Lyric, Belfast's premier producing theatre, to hear of their exciting plans for 'The Nest' – a new space dedicated to young people – and proposals to widen their diaspora connections.

**Venue:** Lyric Theatre

**1pm-2pm**

**Business Briefing with Nick Ashmore, CEO Ireland Strategic Investment Fund**

**Host:** Ashleen Feeney, Partner KPMG in NI

**Special Guest:** Nick Ashmore, CEO Strategic Investment Fund.  
(By prior registration only)

**Venue:** The Soloist Building, 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast

**2:30pm – 4pm**

**Port-to-Port Engagement**

**Host:** Michael Robinson, Belfast Port Director

**Special Guest:** Mike Stamatis, CEO Red Hook Terminal, New York

**Venue:** Belfast Harbour Commission Offices

**6pm – 11pm**

**Belfast International Homecoming Gala**

A formal gala dinner celebrating the transatlantic ties between Belfast and its global diaspora and honouring our 2025 Belfast Ambassador Medal Recipients

**Guest of Honour:** Lord Mayor of Belfast, Cllr Tracy Kelly

**Presentation of the Spirit of Diaspora Award: Gary Gilchrist**  
**Presentation of the Belfast Bridge Builder Award: Ben Chrnulich**  
**Presentation of the Safe Harbour Award: Mike Stamatis**

**Fireside Chat:** The Healing Power of Art. Mike Nesbitt MLA, Minister for Health in conversation with Belfast Ambassador Medal Recipients Louise Kennedy, author, and Keith Donald, musician

**Presentation of Belfast Ambassador Medals**

**Venue:** Titanic Hotel Belfast, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast



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Friday, September 26

9:30am - 10:30am

Visit to Catagen Technologies

(Bus will depart from Titanic Hotel at 9:15am)

10am - 12pm

Exchange Visit with Belfast Harbour Police

11am - 12pm

Studio Ulster

A visit to the world's most advanced virtual production facilities showcasing innovation in film, media, and immersive technology. (Bus will depart from Titanic Hotel at 10:40am)

12:30pm - 3pm (arriving at 1pm)

Hinch Distillery

A guided tour and tasting session at one of Northern Ireland's premier whiskey distilleries.

(Transport provided. Prior registration required. Bus will depart Titanic Hotel at 12:15pm.

There will be a second pick up at Grand Central Hotel at 12:30pm)

6:30pm

Farewell Reception

A closing gathering to reflect on the week's events, to strengthen new relationships, and toast to future collaboration.

Special Guest: Paul Maskey MP

Venue: The Roddy McCorley Heritage Centre, Moyard Cottage, 203 Glen Road, Belfast BT11 8BU

(Bus will depart Titanic Hotel at 5:50pm. There will be a second pick up at Grand Central Hotel at 6:10pm)