

### Proposed shortlist of names – Bridge at Lagan

Shortlisted Name	Rationale
<b>Mary O'Malley Bridge</b>	Huge contribution to the area and wider Belfast; she was the founder and director of the nearby Lyric Theatre which has been central to the cultural life of Belfast for over fifty years.
<b>Mary Ann McCracken Bridge</b>	Outstanding contribution to the whole of Belfast as campaigner against slavery and poverty; In the run up to the 1798 Rebellion she was thought to have attended meetings in Molly Ward's tavern.
<b>Bridge of Hope</b>	As the last year was dominated by the pandemic, building the bridge was seen as a signal of hope and positivity. After a very challenging year it is important to be reminded that there is hope.
<b>Friendship Bridge</b>	Symbol for all the people using both sides of the Lagan and the bridge as a connecting element of two communities; bringing people together
<b>Kingfisher Bridge</b>	Beautiful, colourful bird that can sometimes be seen in the area; the image of a kingfisher will also be part of the pier murals. As the symbol for Lagan Valley Regional Park, the Kingfisher is the iconic fauna of the area.
<b>Lagan Gateway Bridge</b>	As the bridge is over the Lagan and forms the gateway into Lagan Valley Regional Park and Belvoir Forest Park.
<b>Stranmillis Bridge</b>	The bridge is located at Stranmillis; the Irish name An Sruthán Milis meaning 'the sweet stream' gives its name to Stranmillis.
<b>Bredagh Bridge</b>	It represents the wider areas of Newtownbreda and Knockbreda that will benefit from this new access to the towpath and Lagan Gateway.