



BELFAST: City of Quarters Conference

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BELFAST: City of Quarters Conference

Belfast: City of Quarters Conference will spotlight the vibrant, emerging neighbourhoods shaping the revitalised Belfast. The Library/Cathedral Quarter, anchored by dramatic proposals for a new University of Ulster city-centre campus, the Gaeltacht Quarter cultural hub in West Belfast with the Irish language at its heart, and the Port-Titanic Quarter on the waterfront with one of the largest landbanks in the city, epitomise the new Belfast. This conference will explore these three flagship quarters asking how they can be linked to each other to create more than the sum of their parts and what is required to ensure that their economic benefits are felt in the disadvantaged areas of north and west Belfast. This unique conference will also ask where the funding for these landmark developments will be found.

Speakers will represent political, business and community life and include both national and international contributors of note.

THURSDAY 25 MARCH

Cultúrlann MacAdaim-Ó Fiaich

6:30pm

Registration/Reception

7pm

Opening Address: Sir Reg Empey, Minister for Education and Learning (invited)

Building a Compelling Investment Proposition: Alastair Hamilton CEO Invest NI (invited)

7:30pm

Ní Neart go Cur le Chéile/In Unity is Strength. Mark Hackett, Co-Founder Forum for an

Alternative Belfast

8:00pm

Panel Discussion: More than the Sum of their Parts: Belfast's Quarters

Chair: Howard Hastings, M.D. Hastings Hotels, Chair NITB Professor Richard Barnett, Vice-Chancellor University of Ulster

Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Director Gaeltacht Quarter Board

Mike Smith, CEO Titanic Quarter

9pm

Conference Club in Presidents Club. Snacks/Refreshments/Music.

FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Belfast Harbour Commission Offices

8:30am

Registration

9am

Welcome and Setting the Context of the Changing City: Lord Mayor Naomi Long

Minister Margaret Ritchie MLA, Department of Social Development

9:30am

"All Things Good Flow into the City"

Chair: Terence Brannigan, Non-Executive Director Resource, Chair CBI NI Thomas A. Dunne, Vice-President for Government Relations and Urban Affairs,

Fordham University, New York.

Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board, Member of Board SIB Professor Alastair Adair, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Provost University of Ulster

10:30am

Putting Communities at the Heart of the Changing City

Chair: Cllr William Humphries, Chair Development Committee, Belfast City Council (invited)

Gerry Adams MP

Nigel Dodds MP (invited)

Inez McCormack, former President ICTU, Chair Participation and Rights Programme

John McVicar, Managing Editor Shankill Mirror

Anne Harty, Titanic Quarter

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11:30am Ireland Brothers Building: Where the Quarters Meet. Mark Finlay, Co-Founder and Director

Presidents Club.

11:45am Generation Y and the New Belfast

Representatives of Ulster University, Gaeltacht Quarter, Titanic Quarter

12 Noon: The formula for a successful city:

Introduction: Cllr Tom Ekin, MD Weavers Court Business Park

Barcelona - Dr Antonio Hermosilla, MD GP Destination Management, Barcelona.

Galway - Dr James J. Browne, President NUI Galway.

University of Ulster

12:40pm Tour University of Ulster City Centre Campus

1pm Luncheon University of Ulster. Guest speaker Thomas A. Dunne, Vice-President for

Government Relations and Urban Affairs, Fordham University, New York.

Harbour Commission Offices

2:30pm Culture Counts

Chair: Roisin McDonough, CEO Arts Council NI

Paul McErlean, Chair, Patricia Freedman, Development Officer, Cathedral Quarter Steering

Group

Ciarán Mackel, Chair Gaeltacht Quarter Board, Principal ARD-Ciaran Mackel Architects

Professor Liam Kelly, Professor of Irish Visual Culture, University of Ulster

Representative of Foras na Gaeilge

3:15pm Who will Pay the Piper?

Chair: David Gavaghan, CEO Strategic Investment Board

Minister Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Department for Regional Development Chris Watt, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Author 'Less for More' report.

Representative of Department of Finance and Personnel

4pm Discussion and Closing Comments. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, MD Belfast Media Group

Titanic House

4:30pm Conference Finale: Tour of Titanic Quarter. Visit to Paint Hall studios, Reception in Titanic

House.

7.30pm Gala Conference Dinner

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