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Belfast Homecoming-One City Conference

Honorary Chairs to include Sammy Douglas MLA, Alderman Tom Ekin, Howard Hastings, Sorcha Wolsey, Geraldine McAteer, Roisin McDonough, Paul Maskey, Tony McCusker, Peter Dixon.

Launch: Wed 17 September

9:30am Launch of Belfast Homecoming-One City Conference at Delta Print & Packaging boardroom, Belfast, by State Senate President of Massachusetts Therese Murray and tour of new \$60m expansion.

Delta Print and Packaging is the biggest manufacturing employer in West Belfast and, led by local entrepreneur Terry Cross for four decades, has just made its biggest-ever investment leading to the recruitment of 100 new staff from across the city. Delta Print's success is built on longstanding business relationships with US companies, including McDonald's and KFC, who can attest to the company's reputation for speed, quality and keen price. State Senate President Murray traces some of her ancestors back to the Harrolds who left Belfast in the nineteenth century.

Presentation of Homecoming Hero Award to State Senate President Murray

Wed 24 September

Opening Ceremony

7pm. Pop-Up Homecoming-One City Banquet

Venue: Titanic Drawing Rooms

Chef: Niall McKenna, James Street South/Hadskis's.

With Belfast Community Gospel Choir.

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10pm Conference Club Dirty Onion

Thursday 25 September

10am Folktown Revisted, Belfast's newest public performance space. Berry Street Presbyterian Church and Bank Square.

Noon: East-Side Reborn.

Venue: Strand Cinema. With the emergence of the East Belfast Arts Fest and the CS Lewis Festival, there are ambitious efforts in train to rebrand the resurgent east of Belfast.

Delegates are invited to hear more about the excited Eastside offering. Light lunch served.

Host: Maurice Kinkaid, East Belfast Partnership Board

2:30pm An Chultúrlann, An Cheathrú Ghaeltachta. Presentation on Abhainn Bheo na Fearsaide/The Living Farset and tour of Gaeltacht Quarter.

5:30pm Registration Duncairn Arts and Cultural Centre.

6pm Opening Reception and book launch with artist Rita Duffy.

Music by City of Belfast Youth Orchestra.

6:30pm Welcome to Compassionate City Belfast: Rev Bill Shaw, Director Duncairn Arts and Cultural Centre.

Welcome to North Belfast: Nigel Dodds MP

Diaspora Response: Mayor of Boston, Marty Walsh

6:45pm 'Ring the Bells which still can Ring': Building a Capital of Culture

Chair: Joan Burney-Keating

Xabier Paya, Director Donostia 2016 San Sebastian, European City of Culture

Mark Carruthers, Chair Lyric Theatre

John Kindness, artist

Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Director An Chultúrlann

Representative of Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Derry, hosts of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2013.

7:30pm Belfast's Trajectory: Time To Chose. Mark Hackett, Forum For Alternative Belfast

7:50pm Boardroom Dialogue Sessions

ReBranding Belfast

Chair: David Lyle, Director Lyle-Bailie International

John Keane, CEO Ardmore

Gerry Lennon, Visit Belfast

City Centre AND Neighbourhoods. Can we have it both ways?

Chair: Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board

Harry Connolly, Fáilte Feirste Thiar

Wendy Langham, Connswater Greenway

Sammy Douglas MLA

Gerry Carlile, Fáilte Restaurants

City of Minorities. Celebrating a diverse Belfast; pushing forward?

Chair: Nisha Tandon, Arts Exta

Gabrilie Nig Uidhir, St Mary's University College

8:30pm Snapshots

New Islamic Centre for Belfast

PRIDE

8: 45pm Presentation of Spirit of Belfast/Spiorad Bhéal Feirste Award

Tony McCusker, Chair Community Foundation NI. To Anna Lo MLA.

9pm Conference Club: Dirty Onion

Friday 26 September

7:45am Continental Breakfast and Registration

Breakfast Sessions:

A Compelling Narrative: Sustaining Belfast's Rise

Chair Peter Dixon. Panel: Paul McMorran, Crosslé, Andrew Bamber, Allen & Overy,

Jayne Brady, Kernel Capital, Danny Moore, Loughshore

Forging a New Alliance Between Dublin and Belfast.

Chair: David Horgan, CEO Petrel Resources. Panel: Philip Cassidy, Vice-President Concentrix, Tom McCusker, Tennents NI, Peter Finnegan, Director Economy and International Relations, Dublin City Council

9am Welcome to a City Reborn: Elvina Graham, CEO Ulster Bank NI

9:05am Future Cities
Lord Mayor of Belfast Nichola Mallon
Mayor of Boston Marty Walsh
Response: Terry George

9:20am Putting Belfast To Work - The Berridge Report
Chair: Jackie Henry, Partner Deloitte
Trevor Annon, MD Mount Charles
Cllr John Kyle, PUP
Cllr Deirdre Hargey, Chair Development Committee, Belfast City Council
Cllr Claire Hanna, SDLP

9:55am Tomorrow's Belfast: Snapshots
CQ Works

10:10am Game-changers: The £100m-Plus Projects Transforming Belfast
Chair: Áine Brolly, Invest NI Vice President West Coast USA
Peter McNaney, Chair Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.
Alastair Adair, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Provost, University of Ulster
Michael Ryan, Vice President and General Manager Bombardier Aerospace
Carál Ní Chuilín MLA, Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure
David Gavaghan, CEO Titanic Quarter

10:50am Moving Up A Gear: Fueling Business Growth
Chair: Seán Hunt, Partner TFC Investment Management, London
Richard Ramsey, NI Economist Ulster Bank Group
Séamus McAteer, Founder Datasnap.ie, Silicon Valley
Liam Lynch, New York Angels
Alastair Hamilton, CEO Invest NI

11:30am Waterfront Convention Centre: A Call to Action for the Diaspora
Alderman Gavin Robinson, Chair Strategic Policy and Resources Cttee,
Belfast City Council

11:45am In the Frame: The Cultural and Commercial Case for New Civic Art Gallery
Chair: Roisin McDonough, CEO Arts Council of NI
Peter Murray, Director Crawford Art Gallery, Cork
Marguerite Nugent, Curator Northern Ireland Collection, Wolverhampton
Art Gallery
Tim Cooke, Director National Museums NI

12: 15pm Boardroom Dialogue Sessions

We have identified three areas with massive potential to transform the economic fortunes of the city of Belfast: the renaissance of a city of Quarters from the Gaeltacht Quarter in the west through Cathedral Quarter to the Titanic Quarter as a tourism Mecca; forging the city's reputation as the fastest-growing knowledge economy in Europe with indigenous start-ups and foreign direct investment; and Glocalisation, a look at how the Diaspora can partner Belfast on a mutually beneficial journey.

Renaissance City

Chair: Ciarán Mackel.

Tim Husbands, Titanic Belfast

Kevin Gamble, Féile an Phobail

Maurice Kinkaid, East Fest

Mandy Patrick, Chair Hotel Federation NI

Michelle Hatfield, George Best Belfast City Airport

Bill Wolsey, Founder Merchant Hotel

Europe's Fastest-Growing Knowledge Economy

Chair: Michael Black, Intel

Mary McCall, TreatTicket

Colin Walsh, Chair CBI NI

Terence Brannigan, Chair Connected Health

Partnering the Diaspora to our Mutual Benefit

Chair: Veronica Munoz, New York

Alan McConnell, Toronto

Ed Lynch, New York

Russell Smith, DehnSmith, North Carolina

Tim Brundle, University of Ulster

1pm Homecoming-One City Networking Luncheon and Belfast Business Top 50 Awards Presentation

Compere: Paul McErlean, Chair Cathedral Quarter Trust

Guest Speaker: Simon Hamilton MLA, Minister of Finance and Personnel

Presentation to Mayor Marty Walsh of Boston

3pm Inspirational People Building the Peace: A Presentation to Those who have Come Home

Introduced by Terry George

Alison Pettigraw, Root Soup

Joanne Stuart, US-NI Mentorship Programme

Monica Culbert, Project Children

3pm Start-Up Shooting Stars: Four Belfast start-ups pitch to a select Dragons Den Panel Start-Ups

Panel: Tom Gray, Tim Brundle, Claire Gheel, Deloitte, Ulster Bank, Cybersource

4pm Game of Thrones Visit

5pm Conference Club: Stix and Stones, 44-46 Upper Queen Street, Belfast

6:30pm Farewell Reception at the Residence of US Consul General Greg Burton and Nana Lee Felding

9pm Conference Club Dirty Onion, Cathedral Quarter, Belfast

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