

## **CITY HALL REOPENING CELEBRATIONS**

### **Proposed dates:**

**Saturday 17 – Saturday 31 October 2009**

These dates have been proposed to tie in with Belfast Festival at Queen's (which opens Friday 16 October and closes Friday 31 October). By collaborating with this major event, Belfast City Council stands to benefit from added media and marketing platform exposure with established audiences, building on existing events to provide greater impact. The following events outlined are proposals at this stage. Key elements are:

### **FAMILY**

- Beat Initiative Carnival Workshops and opening procession
- Wheelworks Art Cart Digital music making workshops
- Family Fun day with Belfast Children's Festival
- Family screenings programmed with Belfast Film Festival
- Multicultural celebration of Diwali & Samhain
- Barry Douglas & Camerata Ireland family cushion concert

### **YOUTH**

- Youth Champions 'Belfast: how we see it' Q&A event in Council Chamber run by Youth Forum
- Great Hall Music gig potentially in partnership with OhYeah! and BBC NI Across the line
- Well being event with hip hop and boxercise
- Belfast Fashion Week events
- Flickr Photography meet
- Belfast Music Tour
- Youth screenings programmed with Belfast Film Festival
- Red Bull outdoor DJ session / Skate Park demonstration

### **OLDER PEOPLE**

- Gardening event with Parks Department
- WellBeing event with Older People's Forum / Leisure
- Fashion through the Decades Fashion event
- NI Screen Archive potentially located in new Café area
- Literary walking tour
- Art Tour
- Living History walking tour
- CS Lewis walking tour
- Reminiscence screenings programmed with Belfast Film Festival
- Belfast Story Exhibition

### **CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

- Fashion & music events

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

- Cultural Diversity screenings programmed with Belfast Film Festival with guest speakers to introduce a selection of films
- Multicultural celebration of Diwali & Samhain in partnership with ArtsEkta
- Irish & Ulster Scots evenings
- Urban Hymns: exploration of spirituality through song

## **LABOUR HISTORY**

- Performance of STRIKE! play and dedication of Fountain

## **CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP**

- Civic dinner to celebrate civic engagement & partnership working in the City