

# BELFAST

## One City Conference

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'Unlocking the Potential  
of a City on the Rise'

Cultúrlann McAdam-Ó Fiaich, Waterfront Hall,  
University of Ulster Belfast Campus

10-11 March 2011

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The Conference is being hosted by the Belfast Media Group with the support of business and public sector partners University of Ulster, Titanic Quarter Ltd, The Gaeltacht Quarter Board, and the Cathedral Quarter Steering Group.

The conference will begin on the evening of Thursday 10 March in An Chultúrlann. The main plenary will take place in the Waterfront Hall on 11 March with lunch in the University of Ulster city centre campus. The conference finale reception will take place in the residence of the US Consul General.

Confirmed participants are Rob Walsh, Commissioner of Small Business Services in New York City, Richard Barnett, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster, Roisín McDonough, CEO of the Arts Council of NI and Boyd Robertson, Principal of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye as well as Chris Torch of Intercult, Stockholm, Sweden. A Trustee of The European Museum Forum, Chris is also a member of the Steering Group for the Platform for Intercultural Europe.

The conference will discuss how best to unlock the potential of the changing Belfast while asking what real progress has been made since last year's City of Quarters conference.

Our Tomorrow's Belfast sections will profile, in five-minute presentations, the people, places and projects unlocking the potential of a city on the rise.

## THURSDAY 10 MARCH

### Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

6:30pm Registration/Reception. Fáilteú.

7pm Opening Address: Alex Attwood MLA, Minister for Social Development

7:15pm Culture, Conflict and Shared Space. Chris Torch, Stockholm, Sweden. Presentation from Black/North SEAS ([www.seas.se](http://www.seas.se)), Deutsches Auswanderer Haus/Bremerhaven and more.

7:30pm Six Roads to One Belfast. Mark Hackett, Co-Founder Forum for Alternative Belfast

7:45pm Sabhal Mòr Ostaig: A Vision Realised. Boyd Robertson, Principal Sabhal Mór Ostaig, The National Centre for Gaelic Language and Culture, Isle of Skye.

8:00pm Panel Discussion  
Connecting the Quarters of a Changing City, One Year On.  
Chair: Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board  
Paul McErlean, Chair Cathedral Quarter Steering Group  
Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Director Gaeltacht Quarter Board  
Mike Smith, CEO Titanic Quarter  
Discussion from Floor.

9pm Conference Club in Fáilte Restaurant, 145 Falls Road.



## FRIDAY 11 MARCH

### Waterfront Hall

8:30am Registration

9:05am Welcome To Tomorrow's Belfast: Lord Mayor Pat Convery

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- 9.15am Welcome to Rob Walsh, Commissioner of Small Business Services New York City. Cllr Tom Ekin.
- 9:20am Building the Economy of the One City: 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog.'  
Chair: Alastair Hamilton, CEO Invest NI  
Rob Walsh, Commissioner of Small Business Services New York City  
Pádraig Ó Céidigh, Executive Chair of Aer Arann & former Irish Entrepreneur of the Year  
Hugh Cormican, CEO Cirdan Imaging and co-founder Andor
- 10:20am Tomorrow's Belfast. The People, Places and Projects Unlocking The Potential of a City on the Rise. Chair and Introduction Mark Finlay. The Merchant Hotel (Bill Wolsley). The Mac (Anne McReynolds). Cinemagic (Chloe McLaurin, 16, Ellen McLean, 17).
- 10:35am Sharing the One City.  
Introduction: Roisín McDonough, CEO Arts Council of Northern Ireland.  
Chris Torch, Stockholm, Sweden, Trustee The European Museum Forum, Member Steering Group for the Platform for Intercultural Europe.  
Discussion from Floor.
- 11:15am A City for All?  
Chair and Introduction: Professor Richard Barnett, Vice-Chancellor University of Ulster.  
Jackie McDonald, Belfast South Resources Committee, Cllr Conor Maskey, Chair Development Committee Belfast City Council, North Belfast. Naomi Long MP, East Belfast, Professor Gabrielle Nig Uidhir, St Mary's University College, West Belfast
- 12:15pm Government Stepping Up: Conor Murphy, Minister at Department for Regional Development

## University of Ulster Belfast Campus

- 1pm Lunch at The Academy Restaurant, prepared by students and staff from the Department of Hospitality and Management, University of Ulster. Guest speaker Professor Alastair Adair.

## Waterfront Hall

- 2:30pm Tomorrow's Belfast. The People, Places and Projects Unlocking The Potential of a City on the Rise. Connswater Greenway (Sammy Douglas), Cultúrlann McAdam-Ó Fiaich (Frainc MacCionnaith). Peacelines Progress.
- 2:50pm A Concord Between City and Citizen  
Chair: Terence Brannigan, Chairman CBI Northern Ireland  
Boyd Robertson, Principal Sabhal Mòr Ostaig college, Isle of Skye  
Duncan Morrow, CEO Community Relations Council  
Peter McNaney, CEO Belfast City Council
- 3:50pm Tomorrow's Belfast. The People, Places and Projects Unlocking The Potential of a City on the Rise. Pride in our People (Etain O'Kane), Titanic Building (Ciódhna Craig, CEO Titanic Foundation), The Lyric Theatre (Ciarán McAuley)
- 4:10pm Conference Round-Up and Close. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir (Belfast Media Group)
- 4:30pm Conference Club Kitchen Bar. *the Kitchen Bar*  
BELFAST EST. 1859

# BELFAST One City Conference

6:30pm Conference Finale at Residence of US Consul General Kamala Lakshmi. By registration only.

## **CONFERENCE CHAIRS**

Sorcha Wolsley, Cathedral Quarter  
Seán Mistéil, An Cheathrú Ghaeltachta  
Michael Graham, Titanic Quarter Ltd  
Cllr Tom Ekin, Alliance Party  
Sammy Douglas, East Belfast Partnership Board  
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