

# Belfast One City Conference

Comhdháil Aon-Chatrach Bhéal Feirste

Conference

'A City on the Cusp'

May 10th 2012 | Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

May 11th 2012 | Titanic Belfast



On 10-11 May 2012 The Belfast Media Group will host the annual **Belfast One City Conference** spotlighting the vibrant city of Belfast. An international roster of speakers and delegates from every corner of Belfast will tackle the pressing challenges of the day and debate how the city can best speak with one voice.

The conference will open on the evening of Thursday May 10 at An Chultúrlann on the Falls Road and will move the following morning, May 11, to Titanic Belfast for a series of provocative and timely sessions. At Titanic Belfast, delegates will gather for **The One City Gala Luncheon** before touring the proposed inner-city campus of the University of Ulster. Conference will close with a farewell finale reception at the residence of the US Consul General.

Register online now at [www.belfastmediagroup.com/onecity](http://www.belfastmediagroup.com/onecity)

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MAY 10 | CULTÚRLANN McADAM Ó FIAICH

Opening Evening in association with



6pm Opening Reception/Fáiltiú and preview of Sisk partnership with Gerard Dillon Gallery

6:30pm Opening of Conference  
Alderman Tom Ekin: 'A City on the Cusp'  
Response by Rep Eugene O'Flaherty, Boston USA

6:45pm **The Quarters' Health Check: One Year On**  
Chair: Geraldine McAteer, CEO West Belfast Partnership Board  
Paul McErlean, Cathedral Quarter, Eimear Ni Mhathúna, An Cheathrú Ghaeltachta, Mike Smith, Titanic Quarter

7.30pm **Drawing It Together**  
Mark Hackett, Forum for an Alternative Belfast

7.50pm **A New Narrative for a New Belfast**  
Chair: Roisín McDonough, CEO Arts Council of NI  
Wolfgang Buttress, creator of Rise  
Prof Conrad Atkinson, University of California at Davis  
Steve Orr, Generation Innovation

8.30pm **Tomorrow's Belfast**  
Introduction Ciarán Mackel, ARD Ciarán Mackel Architects  
Raidió Fáilte: Fergus Ó hÍr • Belfast Pride: Simon Rea •  
Angila Chada, Springboard

9.00pm **Conference Club. Caifé Feirste. Music and food**

MAY 11 | TITANIC BELFAST

8:30am Registration

9am **Céad Míle Fáilte and Setting the Scene for a Changing City**  
Lord Mayor of Belfast Niall Ó Donnghaile

9:15am **Conference Official Opening Address: A Better Belfast**  
Alex Attwood MLA, Minister at the Department of the Environment  
(Introduced by Jackie Henry, Partner, Deloitte Belfast)

9:30am **Shaping Tomorrow's Belfast**  
Chair: Peter Dixon, CEO Phoenix Gas  
Danny Moore, Founder Loughshore Investments  
Annie Armstrong, Director Colin Partnership,  
Paul Nolan, Community Relations Council

10:10am **Tomorrow's Belfast**  
Introduction: Sammy Douglas MLA  
SKAINOS. Glenn Jordan • St Comgall's Peace Visitor Centre.  
Gerry McConville

10:25am **Our Time, Our Place?**  
Chair: Howard Hastings, Chair Northern Ireland Tourist Board  
Mandy Patrick, MBE Park Avenue Hotel  
Tim Husbands, CEO Titanic Belfast  
Paul Maskey MP, Chair Fáilte Feirste Thiar

11.15am **Jobs, Growth and Economic Development Getting Us There**

Chair: Naomi Long, MP for East Belfast  
Alderman Christopher Stalford, Chair Development Committee, Belfast City Council  
David Dobbin, Chair Strategic Investment Board, Board Member Invest NI  
Patricia McKeown, UNISON  
Marie-Therese McGivern, CEO Belfast MET



12 Noon **'The Challenge and the Opportunity'**

Chair: Roisín Kelleher, CEO The Irish Language Broadcast Fund/  
An Ciste Craoltóireachta Gaeilge  
Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages  
Professor Iñaki Zabaleta, University of the Basque Country  
Carál Ni Chuilín MLA, Minister at Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

1pm **One City Gala Luncheon in Association with**



Recognising the Heroes of the One City. Guest Speakers:  
Danny Kennedy, MLA, Minister for Regional Development  
Rep Eugene O'Flaherty, Boston USA

3pm **Coming Home University of Ulster, York Street**  
A presentation on the proposed new University of Ulster Campus by Vice-Chancellor Richard Barnett.  
Tour of the new MAC and welcome from CEO Anne McReynolds.

4:10pm **Conference Club. The Cloth Ear. Music and food**

7pm **Finale Reception in the Residence of the Consul General of the US**



Minister Alex Attwood  
Department of the Environment



Rep Eugene O'Flaherty,  
Boston, USA



Lord Mayor  
Niall Ó Donnghaile



Roisín McDonagh,  
CEO, Arts Council



Artist, Wolfgang Buttress  
'Rise'



Minister Danny Kennedy  
Department for  
Regional Development