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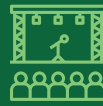
**Belfast
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**STRATEGIC
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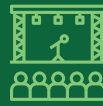
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Titanic Belfast

- 8am** **Registration**
- 8:20am** **Shifting to Sustainable Tourism & Events.**
Chair: Mike Nesbitt MLA
Panel: Shona McCarthy, Director, Edinburgh Fringe
Susan Picken, Director, Belfast Culture Night
John McGrillen, CEO Tourism Northern Ireland
Maša Klemenčič, Project Manager, Research, Development, Innovation
and EU Projects, Slovenian Tourist Board
- 8:50am** **Sustainable Tourism & Placemaking in City Neighbourhoods**
Chair: Harry Connolly, CEO Fáilte Feirste Thiar, West Belfast
Chris Armstrong, Tourism Development Manager, EastSide Partnership, East Belfast
- 9am** **Official Opening of 12th annual Belfast International Homecoming**
Chair: Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for the Economy (invited)
Paul Nairan, US Consul General in Belfast
Response from Diaspora: Shaun Kelly, New York. Chair KPMG Advisory Board,
Belfast & Vice-Chair, Ireland Funds
- 9:20am** **University of Ulster Reborn in Belfast: £250m Campus with Sustainability
at its Core**
Prof Neil Hewitt, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Technologies,
Head of Belfast School of Architecture & the Built Environment, University of Ulster
- 9:30am** **Legislating for a Green Future**
Chair: Amanda Ferguson, Freelance journalist with The Washington Post, BBC & RTÉ
Panel: John O'Dowd MLA, Sponsor of Small Scale Green Energy Bill in NI Assembly
Conor Fegan, Planning and Environmental Law Barrister, at Francis Taylor Building
Chambers, London
Anurag Deb, KRW Law, Belfast



10:00am

Unleashing the Potential of our Ports – All at Sea or Plain Sailing?

Chair: Clare Guinness, Innovation District Director, Innovation City Belfast

Panel: Jerry Hallisey, Head of Business Development, Shannon Foynes Port Authority, Co Limerick

Joe O'Neill, CEO Belfast Harbour

Maria Bos, CEO Plug, Norway

10:25am

A New Era in Green Buildings

Chair: Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner, Belfast City Council

Panel: Patrick O'Gorman, Principal Bywater Properties.

Prof Aoife Houlihan Wiberg, School of Architecture, Ulster University

Grainia Long, CEO Northern Ireland Housing Executive

10:50am

Our €1bn gamechanging investment in solar and battery energy.

Paul Carson, Managing Director, Strategic Power Projects

10:55am

Creating the Green Economy of the Future

Chair: Sam McCloskey, Director of Sustainability & Climate Resilience, Tetra Tech

Panel: Michael McKinstry, CEO Phoenix Natural Gas

Chris Train OBE, Executive and Senior Advisor, CT Energy

Fiacre O'Donnell, Director of Sustainability, Encirc, Co Fermanagh

Ruth Kimbley, Communications Director, Strategic Power Projects

11:20am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

New sustainable modes of travel to the new Ulster University Campus

Active Travel: The new Ulster University campus is already transforming the north inner city centre – and 15,000 students are on the way. How will this influx of students and staff affect local communities in terms of travel and parking? How can sustainable travel be encouraged?

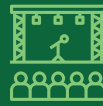
Chair: Prof Duncan Morrow, Director of Community Engagement, Ulster University

Contributors:

Andrew Grieve, Head of Active Travel, Department for Infrastructure

Caroline Bloomfield, Director, Sustrans

Rep from Belfast City Council



Financial and Practical Supports to help your Business Go Green

Meet the potential funders who can help your business go green. To accelerate the green transition, businesses will require assistance from government to decarbonise and adopt energy-efficient strategies. What assistance is available now and what grants are likely to be available when the Department of Economy's new Energy Policy is agreed?

Chair: Carol Fitzsimmons MBE, Chief Executive Young Enterprise

Contributors:

Declan McGarrigle, Special EU Programmes Body

Paul Browne, Policy & Performance Division, Central Procurement Directorate,
Department of Finance

Representative of Department for the Economy.

Representative of UK Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Paul McCormack, Belfast MET

Ciaran Boylan, Partner Locus Management, Author Belfast City Council 'Green
Economy Scoping' report

Representative of NIHE (invited)

11:50am

Are Customers and Investors Ready for Sustainable Start-ups?

✳️ Ulster Bank

Chair: John Ferris, Regional Ecosystem Manager, Ulster Bank

Panel: Catherine Rooney, CMO, Obbi Solutions.

Aidan Donnelly, CEO, SmartWorkPlus. Belfast.

Gary Wickham, Founder Maggrow.com, Dublin.

Helen Keys, Founder, Source Grow.

Carla Tully, CEO & Founder, Earthrise Energy, Washington DC

12:15pm

Dragons Den Pitching Competition

Dragons: Mark Goldstone, Founding Partner Eckuity, New York

Gabi Burnside, Entrepreneur Acceleration Manager at Ulster Bank

Patricia O'Hagan, CEO Core Systems

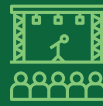
Pitching Start-ups: Peter Marshall, RPM, Belfast

Stephen McPeake, Civic Dollars, Belfast

Tzaritsa Asante, TZARI, Glasgow

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12:35pm

How one US company is revolutionising energy use in construction and creating green collar jobs in Buffalo, NY

Fireside Chat with Jon M. Williams, CEO Viridi Parente Inc, Green Machine Inc

12:50pm

Cities of the Future – Circular, Sustainable, Clean and Green

Chair: Tina McKenzie, Hon Consul General of Finland in Belfast & CEO, Staffline Ireland

Panel: Cllr Kate Nicholl, Lord Mayor of Belfast

Marie Macklin, Founder Halo, Kilmarnock

Assemblyman Mike Cusick, Chairperson New York State Legislature Energy Committee, New York

Pekka Timonen, Mayor of Lahti, Finland, European Green Capital 2021

Cllr Ruairi Kelly, Convenor, Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee, Glasgow City Council

1.15pm

Lunch

2:45pm

Homecoming Fact-Finding Visit to B9 Energy Headquarters, Larne Harbour



**Belfast
City Hall**

6pm

Gala Dinner and Installation of 2021 Belfast Ambassadors

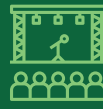
Guest Speaker: Pekka Timonen, Mayor of Lahti, Finland, EU Green Capital 2021
City Hall, Belfast

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Ambassadors 2021

Anurag Deb

Paralegal at KRW LAW LLP and PhD researcher
School of Law Queen's University Belfast

Cllr Ruairi Kelly

Chair of Neighbourhoods
Housing and Public Realm Committee
Glasgow City Council

Conal Harvey

Chair
Titanic Belfast

Conor Fegan

Planning and Environmental Law Barrister
at Francis Taylor Building Chambers, London

Debbie Caldwell

Climate Commissioner
Belfast City Council

Keith Farley

Managing Director and Vice President
Aflac NI

Lori Gatsi-Barnett

Founder
Join Her Network

Nell Watson

Tech Ethicist, Researcher and Reformer

Patricia Canning

Assistant Professor of Forensic Linguistics,
Stylistics, and Rhetoric
Utrecht University

Shona McCarthy

Chief Executive
Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society

Sue Gray

Second Permanent Secretary to Cabinet Office
London

Terry Stevens

Founder and MD
Stevens & Associates Swansea