

CONFERENCE agenda 18 october

Friday 18 October

The Barnett Room, The Belfast Harbour Commissioners

- 7:45am** **Registration**
- 8:10am** **Business Breakfast: An Iconic Waterfront in the Big Picture**
Welcome by David Dobbin, Host, Belfast International Homecoming

Presentations by Joe O'Neill, CEO, Belfast Harbour and Nick Smith, CEO, USP Partners, previously Director of Pinewood Shepperton PLC

Panel Discussion chaired by Shelley Ann Quilty-Lake, Irish Business Organisation, New York
Panellists: Nick Smith, Pinewood Shepperton plc, Studio Consultant Oorlagh George, Oscar-winning Filmmaker, Richard Williams, CEO, Northern Ireland Screen, Joe O'Neill, Belfast Harbour
- 8:55am** **BRIDGEBUILDER:** Sean Kennedy, CEO, London Irish Centre: Rebuilding a New Hub for the Irish in Britain
- 9am** **Official Opening**
Cllr John Finucane, Lord Mayor of Belfast • Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council
- 9:20am** **Building a Bridge to Belfast for International Investors**
Presentation of the Belfast Homecoming Ambassador Medal to Kim Aganimov by Tina McKenzie, Honorary Consul of Finland in Belfast
Presentation by Kim Aganimov, MD Europe Huhtamaki, Finland

Panel Discussion chaired by: Suzanne Aquino, Global Manager, ChainIQ, New Jersey
Panellists: Kim Aganimov, MD Europe Huhtamaki, Jerry Sullivan, President Granite Mountain Bank, Butte, Montana, Steve Harper, Executive Director of International Business, Invest NI, Jack Butler, CFO, MRP, Philadelphia and Tina McKenzie, CEO, Grafton Recruitment
- 10:05am** **BRIDGEBUILDER:** Gareth Graham, Oakland Holdings: The £70m Merchant Square Development
- 10:10am** **My Ask of the Future Belfast**
Mike Nesbitt, MLA *in conversation with the Belfast Young Ambassadors:* Jenny Gregg, Crafted Equestrian, Billie-Jo McDowell, QUB, Kristen Guy, Deloitte, Sophie McDonald, Options, Matthew Thompson, Best of Belfast Podcast
- 10:45am** **BRIDGEBUILDER:** Michael Kelly, MD, Glandore
- 10:50am** **Shaping Up for the City Deal**
Chaired by Simon Hamilton, CEO, Belfast Chamber of Commerce
Panellists: Simon Bedford, Head Deloitte Real Estate, Manchester, Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council, Suzanne Wylie, CEO, Belfast City Council
- 11:30am** **BRIDGEBUILDER:** Giancarlo DiVece, CEO, Unosquare: Invested Belfast
- 11:35am** **Building The Future Belfast: Gamechangers**
Chaired by Andrea Haughian, VP Business Development, Invest NI USA
Panellists: Robbie Fitzpatrick, The Odyssey Trust, Prof Raffi Foli, Provost, Ulster University (Belfast/Jordanstown), Brian Ambrose, CEO, Belfast City Airport, John McGrillen, CEO, Tourism NI
- 12:15pm** **BRIDGEBUILDER:** Martin Craigs, Hinch Distillery
- 12:20pm** **The Pathway Opportunity Programme:** Ian Greer, Vice-Chancellor, QUB, Nathalie Trott, Director of Development, QUB
- 12:30pm** **BUFFET LUNCH**
- 1pm-2pm** **Boardroom Dialogue**
Meeting our Greatest Challenge Head on: Brexit (The Board Room)
Chaired by Aodhán Connolly, NI Retail Consortium. Contributors: Stephen Kelly, Manufacturing NI, Lisa Bryson, Eversheds Sutherlands Colin Neil, Hospitality Ulster, Joanna Robinson, Pinsent Masons LLP, Roseann Kelly, Women In Business
Opportunities of Partnering the Diaspora (The Mooreland Room)
Chaired by John Lee. Contributors: Edward Montgomery, Uleska, Victoria Denoon, Odyssey Trust, Rob McCarron, AICUM, Michael Barry, Toronto Irish Film Festival, James Rooney, The Boston Foundation, Sean Somers, Somers Pubs, Síofra Healy, Community Foundation NI
Belfast's Tech Sector: Innovating for the Future (The Barnett Room)
Chaired by Ed Vernon. Contributors: Giancarlo DiVece, Unosquare, Jayne Brady, Kernel Capital, Tom Gray, Kainos, Colin Mounstephen, Deloitte, Seamus Cushley, PwC, Joe Boyle, SaltDNA, Willie Hamilton, Liberty, Louise Kerr, Allstate, Mark McCormack, Aflac

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