

# Peace and Beyond

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## Conference programme

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# Introduction

Welcome to Peace and Beyond, a conference that marks the 20th anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement by convening policymakers and peace practitioners from around the world to share reflections and case studies on building effective, inclusive and sustainable peace.

Through a series of plenary sessions, workshops, site visits and cultural events, Peace and Beyond will create an open, inclusive and safe space for international dialogue to reflect upon the experience of peace processes across the globe.

Bringing together political leaders, academics and community activists from around the world, we aim to engage a global audience in this vital dialogue, inspire innovative thinking and practice, and activate a new generation of peacebuilders globally.

Peace and Beyond is organised by the British Council in partnership with Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University, in association with the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building.

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# Programme at a glance



## Tuesday 10 April

### Belfast City Hall

13.00–17.00	Conference registration
19.30–22.00	Conference opening and civic reception

## Wednesday 11 April

### Titanic Belfast

08.00–09.00	Registration
09.00–10.45	Opening plenary
10.45–11.30	Coffee and networking
11.30–13.00	Cities in transition: leadership and resilience
	Engendering the peacebuilding process
	Social trust
	When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?
13.00–14.15	Lunch
14.15–15.45	From conflict to rule of law
	Arts in the aftermath of conflict
	Peace, technology and innovation
	Inter-generational issues in post-conflict settings
15.45–16.15	Coffee and networking
16.15–17.30	Closing plenary
19.00–23.00	Drinks reception and dinner

## Thursday 12 April

### Various venues

09.00–10.00	International perspectives on reconciliation	Belfast City Hall, Banqueting Hall
10.30–12.30	Bringing peace to the troubled mind	Skainos
	Building prosperity in post-conflict society	Girdwood Community Hub
	Culture, change and reconciliation	Ulster Museum
	Embracing our most marginalised	Innovation Factory
13.00–14.30	Lunch – education, economic development and employability	Belfast Metropolitan College, E3 Campus
15.00–17.00	Sport for all	The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park
18.00–20.00	Closing plenary and drinks reception	Ulster University

# Conference day by day

## Tuesday 10 April

Registration for the conference opens at 13.00 in Belfast City Hall, the city's main civic building located in the city centre. Information will be available on wrap around activities and guests will have the opportunity to refresh and explore before the evening event.

Before the official opening of the conference at Belfast City Hall at 19.30, we invite early bird delegates to join the Peace and Beyond Arts Fringe.

Departing on foot at 13.30 from Riddell's Warehouse, 87–91 Ann Street, Belfast BT1, Peace and Beyond delegates are invited to join a guided street art walking tour exploring Belfast's historic Cathedral Quarter. The tour culminates at 15.00 at Riddell's Warehouse once again with a rare opportunity to visit this extraordinary building (built 1865). A centrepiece of Belfast's industrial past, the building was acquired during the Troubles by Musgrave Street Police Station to act as a 'security buffer' and becomes the surroundings of the Peace and Beyond Arts Fringe.

From 15.00–16.00 Kabosh Theatre Company presents *Green and Blue* – a celebrated two-hander based on oral archive of serving RUC and An Garda Síochána police officers who patrolled the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland at the height of the Conflict. The theatre production is presented alongside three art installations that reflect and reference Northern Ireland 20 years after the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement.

Delegates will also see an Introduction to Hands of History, a TRACES Artists series: Transforming Long Kesh/Maze Prison and Quotidian's Word on the Street poetry intervention, 'What else ...' with works by Northern Ireland, Ireland and international poets.

Marking the official opening of the conference, a civic reception for delegates, speakers and a wider network of local stakeholders will take place back in the impressive Belfast City Hall on the evening of Tuesday 10 April.

### Peace and Beyond Arts Fringe

All events at Riddell's Warehouse,  
87–91 Ann Street

- Street art walking tour 13.30
- The Kabosh Theatre Co 15.00
- Exhibitions until 18.00



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Beginning at 19.30, guests will be welcomed into The Rotunda for a drinks and canapés networking reception. Guests will then be invited to take their seats upstairs in The Great Hall for an evening of performances including music and spoken word.

Peace and Beyond will be officially opened by Sir Ciarán Devane, Chief Executive of the British Council, along with the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Nuala McAllister, who will welcome guests to Belfast City Hall. The keynote of the evening will be given by Senator George J Mitchell, President Bill Clinton's former Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

This event is due to come to a close by 22.00.

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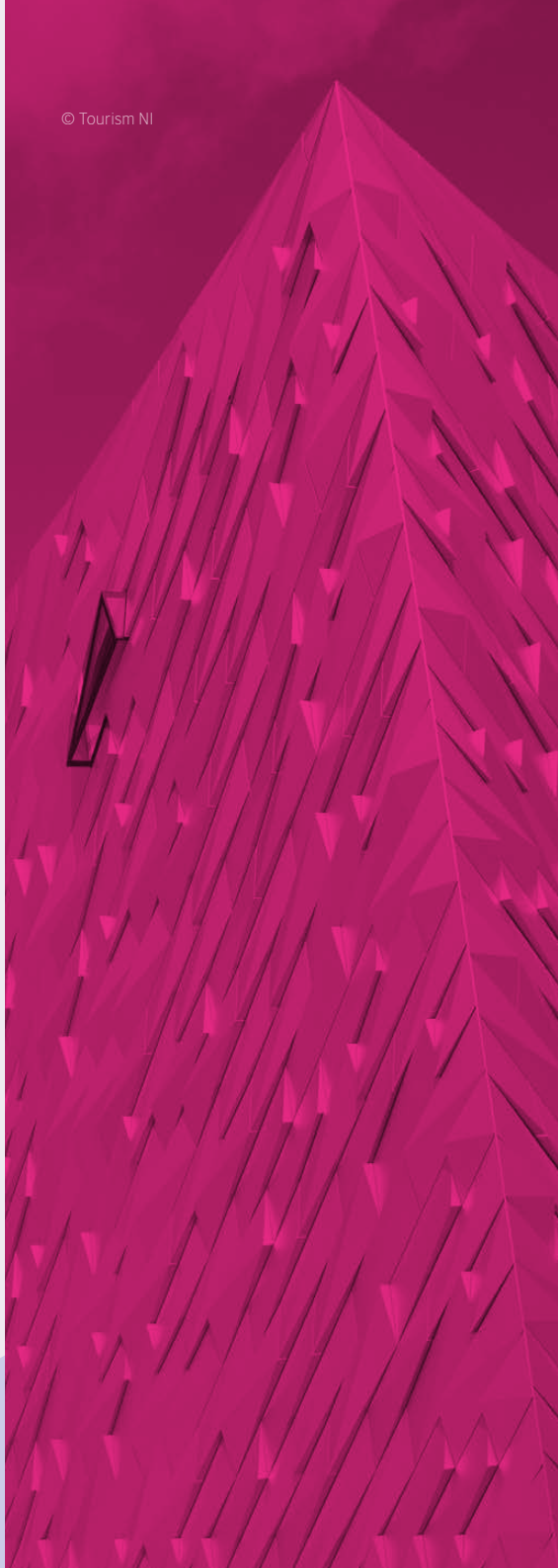
## Wednesday 11 April

The iconic Titanic Belfast forms the backdrop of this day of the conference, when the focus is creating a stage for international dialogue to reflect on peace processes across the globe. With registration opening at 08.00, delegates should arrive by 08.45 at the latest, to take their seats for the opening plenary at 09.00, when British Council Chief Executive Sir Ciarán Devane welcomes speakers to the stage for a panel discussion.

The day features morning and afternoon workshops, before delegates come together again for the closing plenary. This closing session also sees the presentation of the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize, awarded every two years to literary work promoting peace and reconciliation in Ireland, a greater understanding between the peoples of Britain and Ireland, and closer co-operation between the partners of the European Community.

Closing remarks come from Dr Jo Beall, Director Education and Society, British Council. Coaches escort delegates away from Titanic Belfast to refresh at their hotels, before returning by coach to Titanic Belfast, for a drinks networking reception in the Giant Atrium, and the official conference dinner. Performances include the Belfast Youth Jazz Scene.

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## **09.00–10.45**

### **Opening plenary**

#### **Chair:**

William Crawley, BBC journalist and broadcaster

#### **Opening welcome:**

Sir Ciarán Devane, Chief Executive, British Council

#### **Plenary panel:**

Lord Alderdice, Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, University of Oxford and Chair of Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

Helen Alderson, Head of Mission to the UK and Ireland, International Red Cross

Lord Lothian, Former Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office

Candice Mama, Reconciliation Ambassador

## **16.15–17.30**

### **Closing plenary**

#### **Keynote:**

Baroness Onora O'Neill, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge

### **The Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize**

#### **Presented by:**

Kate Ewart-Biggs, Director Global Network, British Council

Roy Foster, Emeritus Professor of Irish History at the University of Oxford and part-time Chair of Irish History and Literature at Queen Mary University of London

#### **Closing remarks:**

Dr Jo Beall, Director Education and Society, British Council

**Wednesday 11 April**

**Morning sessions**

**11.30–13.00**

### **Cities in transition: leadership and resilience**

Building safe and inclusive cities, resilient to social, physical and economic challenges, requires high levels of social capital and a shift in relations between government and civic society. This session will explore the role of city leaders in promoting positive attitudes and values, capacity building, community planning and strengthening the local economy and infrastructure – all necessary to overcome fragmentation and other vulnerabilities of post-conflict societies and respond to challenges of globalisation and political and social restructuring.

**Chair:**

Dr Jo Beall, Director Education and Society,  
British Council

**Keynote:**

Grainia Long, Belfast Commissioner  
for Resilience

**Panellists:**

Bilal Al Ayoubi, Senior Researcher, The Forum  
for Cities in Transition, Tripoli, Lebanon

Ciaran Murray, Pure Derry

### **Engendering the peacebuilding process**

Regardless of the tenets of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which affirms ‘the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts ... and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security,’ men tend to dominate the roles in conflict, in peacebuilding and in the political structures that re-emerge following peace: as combatants, peacekeepers, negotiators, politicians and formal leaders.

Globally, power remains unequally distributed between men and women, and a time of conflict exacerbates that. But even when women have a visible role in a period of upheaval – as in the Egyptian uprising of 2011 – the majority of women do not have a voice in local and national decision-making processes, on the path to peace or when ‘normality’ returns. Old structures reassert themselves and a state of negative peace is re-established, in which social and structural violence may continue. Moving to a state of positive peace requires social, political and economic change; this includes measures to challenge gender inequality. Reforms need to be gender-sensitive, a process that involves men and boys as much as women and girls, in order to design a lasting peace that will be advantageous to the empowerment, inclusion and protection of women and men.

**Chair:**

Professor Monica McWilliams, Emeritus  
Professor, Transitional Justice Institute,  
Ulster University

**Keynote:**

María Emma Wills Obregón, Academic and  
former leader of the Department of Gender  
and Women in the Historical Memory  
Commission, Colombia

**Panellists:**

Michael Potter, Visiting Research Fellow,  
School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy  
and Politics, Queen’s University Belfast

Dr Sanda Rašković Ivić, Former president  
of the Democratic Party of Serbia, and former  
Commissioner for Refugees, Serbia

## Social trust

Trust can be understood as related to the density of the social networks in which people participate; the more we interact with people we know, the greater our social capital, and the more willing we are to take the 'leaps of trust' in an otherwise uncertain and unreliable world.

Trust is the first casualty of conflict. Some would say that trust can also be the first casualty of peace, if deeply embedded suspicions in everyday social relations are left to linger long after institutional political settlement has been reached and as past acts and injustices are re-narrated to reflect current political realities.

In the midst of violence, the drivers of distrust are fear, resentment and anger, making post-conflict reconciliation and compromise exceedingly difficult, particularly for victims. Post-conflict societies are among the most untrusting, especially those perceived as having clear winners and losers.

Levels of trust, therefore, are both a facilitator of, and constraint upon, the development of social capital and reconciliation after conflict. The boundaries of forgiveness, reconciliation and compromise after conflict expand outwards with trust.

### Chair:

Professor Brandon Hamber, The John Hume and Thomas P O'Neill Chair in Peace based at the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE) at Ulster University

### Keynote:

Professor John Brewer, Professor of Post-Conflict Studies and Fellow of the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University Belfast

### Panellists:

Judith Thompson, Commissioner for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland

Enilda Jiménez, Norwegian Refugee Council Area Manager in Colombia

## When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?

In many conflicts, states, international organisations and non-governmental organisations not directly involved have played a prominent role in peacekeeping and in negotiating and supporting settlements.

Drawing on two case studies, this workshop will explore the extent to which international third parties have shaped and underpinned settlements, and the extent to which they complicate or even obstruct settlement through their own international interests.

### Chair:

Fionna Smyth, Head of Humanitarian Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam

### Keynote:

Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia

### Panellists:

Byron Bland, Senior Consultant, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University

Dr Liz Carmichael, Convener, OxPeace

Ziad Saab, President, Fighters for Peace

Christina Foerch, Projects, Trainer biography work, International Relations, Fighters for Peace

**Wednesday 11 April**

**Afternoon sessions**

**14.15–15.45**

### **From conflict to rule of law**

The transition from violence to peace creates inevitable questions of demobilisation, disarmament and reintegration, and transitional justice from the past. How areas of conflict have managed this has contributed to the stability of successor settlements.

This workshop will consider the practical challenges of establishing a rule of law within peace processes through two case studies and consider how the complex demands of justice, reparation and restoration have or have not been resolved.

#### **Chair:**

Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive,  
Co-operation Ireland

#### **Keynote:**

Robert N Peirce, Consultant and  
former diplomat

#### **Panellists:**

Bekim Blakaj, Director, Humanitarian  
Law Center Kosovo

Professor Thuli Madonsela, Chair of Social  
Justice, Stellenbosch University, and  
Former Public Prosecutor of the Republic  
of South Africa

### **Arts in the aftermath of conflict**

There is growing recognition of the contributions of arts and culture to peacebuilding. The arts compel, rather than coerce, people to think differently, to connect and engage in new ways, and to recognise shared pasts and imagine new futures. Cynthia Cohen (2005) notes: 'The arts and cultural work can be crafted to contribute to coexistence and reconciliation – both by facilitating the necessary learning about self and other, and by nourishing and restoring the capacities required for perception, expression, receptivity and imagination ... all of these forms can help former enemies come to appreciate each other's humanity, mourn losses, and empathise with each other's suffering and navigate the complexities of remorse and repentance, letting go of bitterness and forgiveness.'

Arts and conflict is often painted into a corner of storytelling – presenting new narratives, or challenging old ones. But if culture is a central facet of our humanity, then arts and culture is needed in the times when we address what it is to be human, and to live peacefully side by side with others.

In this session we would look to elevate the discussion into what Cohen captures above – appreciation of ourselves, and of others.

#### **Chair:**

Alejandro Castillejo-Cuéllar, Associate Professor  
and Chair, Department of Anthropology,  
Universidad of the Andes, Colombia

#### **Keynote:**

Mona El Hallak Ghaibeh, Architect; succeeded in lobbying for the preservation of the 'Barakat Building' in Sodeco, now known as 'Beit Beirut', which became a museum in commemoration of the city of Beirut

#### **Panellists:**

Professor Paul Seawright, Executive Dean,  
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social  
Sciences, Ulster University, and Head  
of Belfast School of Art

Paula McFetridge, Artistic Director Kabosh

## Peace, technology and innovation

Technology is changing how we engage with the world, offering new challenges and new opportunities for social change. In this session, we will explore how technology can help to foster contact and collaboration in divided societies; create new ways for people to influence or take action to promote peaceful attitudes and overcome polarisation; and how innovation can support healing and reconciliation.

### Chair:

Diana Dajer, Lawyer, Scholar  
and Build Peace Fellow, Colombia

### Keynote:

Sinéad McSweeney, Managing Director,  
Twitter Ireland

### Panellists:

Henry Joseph-Grant, Founder, Peace Tech

Michaela Ledesma,  
Programmes Director, Build Up

## Inter-generational issues in post-conflict settings

In post-conflict societies, the long-term and inter-generational consequences of conflict present ongoing challenges. One of the issues that most exercises people 'beyond peace' is the impact of the conflict on a new generation of young people, particularly those born after violence has ceased and a political settlement been reached.

Victims, veterans and survivor groups in many post-conflict societies highlight the need for research into long-term consequences of trans-generational trauma, specifically among young people and those in areas historically most affected by the conflict.

### Chair:

Professor Joanne Hughes, Director of  
the Centre for Shared Education, School  
of Education at Queen's University Belfast

### Keynote:

Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela,  
Professor in The Senator George J Mitchell  
Institute For Global Peace, Security and  
Justice at Queen's University Belfast, and  
Research Chair and Director of Studies in  
Historical Trauma and Transformation at  
Stellenbosch University, South Africa

### Panellists:

Jackie Redpath, Chief Executive,  
Greater Shankill Partnership

Candice Mama, Reconciliation  
Ambassador, South Africa

## Thursday 12 April

The final day of the conference opens in the Banqueting Hall back at Belfast City Hall for a plenary session on international perspectives on reconciliation, with input from Libya, Afghanistan and Colombia. Delegates then depart for their pre-selected site visit around Belfast, with sessions focusing on the legacy of conflict trauma, cultivating new generations of leaders, the role of cultural expression in dealing with the past and empowering those felt left behind by conflict.

Delegates then meet together again for lunch at Belfast Metropolitan College E3 campus for lunch, and marketplace exhibitions on engaging innovative approaches in education and employability, before heading to The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park. Here, we look at the role of sport in peacebuilding and uniting communities and enjoy a 'Game of Three Halves', an on-pitch spectacle showcasing the sports of rugby, football and Gaelic football.

Ulster University will be the centrepiece for our conference close, with Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Paddy Nixon, welcoming delegates for a drinks reception in the impressive new Belfast campus. Delegates will be invited to their seats to hear Maxine Mawhinney in conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Denis Bradley.

### 09.00–10.00 International Perspectives on Reconciliation – Banqueting Hall, Belfast City Hall

#### Chair:

Lynda Bryans, Lecturer, School of Creative and Digital Industries Belfast Metropolitan College and former BBC journalist and broadcaster

#### Panel:

Minister Almahdi Wardami Alamen, Minister of Labour, Libya

Angela Anzola de Toro, Bogota's Secretary for Women and Gender Equality

### 13.00–14.30 Lunch – education, economic development and employability Belfast Metropolitan College, E3 campus

#### Chairs:

Damian Duffy, Director of Development, Belfast Metropolitan College

Dr Joanne Stuart, Director Development, Catalyst Inc.

#### Panel:

Belfast Interface Project

Northern Ireland Prison Service

Lunch and marketplace exhibitions on engaging innovative approaches in education and employability.

**15.00–17.00**

**Sport for all, The National  
Football Stadium at Windsor Park**

Focusing on the role of sport in peacebuilding and uniting communities. Showcasing the sports of rugby, football and Gaelic football.

**Chairs:**

Michael Boyd, Director of Football Development, Irish Football Association

Trevor Ringland MBE, Former British and Irish Lion

**Panel:**

PeacePlayers International

**18.00–20.00**

**Closing plenary and drinks  
reception, Ulster University  
Belfast campus**

**Chair:**

Maxine Mawhinney, international journalist and former BBC presenter

In conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and Denis Bradley.

## Thursday 12 April

### Visits across Belfast

10.30–12.30

#### **Bringing peace to the troubled mind**

Location: Skainos

The legacy of conflict is trauma, both for individuals and groups within society. Trauma is also inter-generational. This session will focus on how to put mental health and well-being at the heart of policy and initiatives to build resilience and reconciliation within our communities.

##### **Chair:**

Professor Deirdre Heenan, Director, Health and Wellbeing Research Centre, Ulster University

Alongside:

- Skainos
- Victims and Survivors Service
- Inspire
- Colin Davidson, Artist

#### **Building prosperity in post-conflict society**

Location: Girdwood Community Hub

The next generation of leaders must have courage and the capacity for the creative development of new understanding to realise lasting peace and prosperity. This session will showcase groups and initiatives which are cultivating and empowering responsible leaders.

##### **Chair:**

Bryan Patten, Executive Director, Washington Ireland Program

Alongside:

- Girdwood Community Hub
- William J Clinton, Leadership Institute at Queen's University Belfast
- Digital DNA
- Active Communities Network
- YouthAction NI
- Global Shapers Belfast



## **Culture, change and reconciliation**

**Location:** Ulster Museum

Changing culture happens through cultural expression. This is especially relevant when dealing with our past. This session will explore how visual arts, storytelling, language and dialogue can contribute to cultural change and reconciliation.

### **Chair:**

Dr Katy Radford MBE, Project Manager and Senior Researcher, Institute for Conflict Research

**Alongside:**

- National Museums NI
- Turas
- Corrymeela
- Nerve Centre

## **Embracing our most marginalised**

**Location:** Innovation Factory

Changing attitudes to reflect new relationships is a major challenge and presents an obstacle to meaningful reconciliation. This session will critically evaluate how to empower those who feel left behind by the peace process and examine the realities of a post-conflict society.

### **Chair:**

Vilma Patterson MBE, Chairperson, Probation Board for Northern Ireland

**Alongside:**

- Innovation Factory
- Northern Ireland Alternatives
- Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Carson Project
- Breathru Dungannon

# Speakers: plenaries



## Sir Ciarán Devane

Sir Ciarán Devane took up the role of Chief Executive of the British Council in January 2015. Ciarán has focused on ensuring that all stakeholders understand and value the contribution that soft power, cultural relations and the British Council makes to security, prosperity and influence, and that the organisation and staff are aligned behind that vision.

Previously Ciarán was Chief Executive of Macmillan Cancer Support from 2007 to 2014. He transformed the scale and impact of the charity, both on its own and in collaboration with other organisations, and raised its profile as an authoritative voice on cancer and on health matters, leading to Macmillan being the UK's 'Brand of the Year' in 2014.

Ciarán was awarded a knighthood in 2015 for his services to cancer patients.



## Senator George J Mitchell

President Bill Clinton's former Special Envoy for Northern Ireland, Senator George J Mitchell has had a long and distinguished career. He served for several years as Chairman of DLA Piper, and is now Chairman Emeritus. Before that he served as a federal judge; as Majority Leader of the United States Senate; as Chairman of peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, which resulted in an agreement that ended a historic conflict; and most recently as US Special Envoy to the Middle East. In 2008 Time described him as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. Senator Mitchell is the author of five books. His most recent books are a memoir entitled *The Negotiator: Reflections on an American Life*, published in May 2015, and *A Path To Peace*, published in November 2016.



## Councillor Nuala McAllister

Councillor Nuala McAllister is Lord Mayor of Belfast and was elected to office on 1 June 2017. She is a graduate of Law with Politics from Ulster University and an alumna of the Washington Ireland Program. The Lord Mayor is a strong advocate for equality, inclusivity and human rights, and is focused on ensuring Belfast is a welcoming, inclusive and open city. As Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Nuala McAllister has a number of duties and responsibilities including presiding over council meetings, encouraging and supporting all aspects of life in Belfast by attending civic and public events, receiving distinguished visitors to the city, acting as a spokesperson to the local, national and international media, promoting Belfast's business, commercial, cultural and social life and promoting Belfast as a place of excellence in which to do business and as a tourist destination.



## Lord Alderdice

As Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland from October 1987, Lord Alderdice played a significant role in all the talks between the political parties and the British and Irish governments on the resolution of the historic conflict in Ireland through to the negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He then became the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, before his 2004 appointment to the Independent Monitoring Commission, tasked by the British and Irish governments with closing down terrorist operations and overseeing normalisation of security activity in Northern Ireland. He also established the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building in Belfast.

His main focus now is as Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) based at Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford, where he concentrates on the problems of religious fundamentalism, political radicalisation and violent community conflict.



## Candice Mama

Candice Mama, Reconciliation Ambassador, started her work in forgiveness, reconciliation and trauma after her story of forgiving apartheid assassin and her father's murderer, Eugene De Kock, made international news. Candice has spoken about her story at the Global Leadership Summit, the United Nations Fempro Initiative and at numerous renowned universities worldwide. She is also a radio personality, producer and model.

Candice's acclaimed documentary, *It's A Pleasure to Meet You* is based on her story of forgiveness and Siyah Mgoduka's story of choosing not to forgive. It was showcased in France at The Louis Vuitton Foundation. In 2017 Candice was presented with the Human Beacon of Dignity Award in New York by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Evelin Lindner for her contribution in the field of forgiveness.



## Lord Lothian

Lord Lothian was first elected to the UK Parliament in 1974 and served as a Conservative Member of Parliament until his retirement at the May 2010 General Election. He was subsequently appointed to the House of Lords as a Life Peer.

As Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, Lord Lothian was responsible for the negotiations leading to the Northern Ireland Peace Process, and was the first British minister to meet with Sinn Féin and the IRA for 25 years. He continues to study peace processes and the practice of talking to terrorists today, with particular reference to the Middle East peace process. He has been Vice President of the Anglo-Jordanian Society since 2016.



## Baroness Onora O'Neill

Onora O'Neill, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge, combines writing on political philosophy and ethics with a range of public activities. She comes from Northern Ireland and has worked mainly in Britain and the US. She was Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge from 1992–2006 and Hon Professor of Philosophy in the University of Cambridge. She chaired the Nuffield Foundation from 1998–2010, and has been a crossbench member of the House of Lords since 2000 (Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve). She chaired the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission from 2012–16, and is currently on the boards of the Medical Research Council and the Banking Standards Review. She lectures and writes on justice and ethics, and in particular on the work of Immanuel Kant. Recent publications also address questions about accountability and trust, justice and borders, the future of universities, the quality of legislation and the ethics of communication.



## Dr Jo Beall

Dr Jo Beall, Director of Education and Society and on the Executive Board of the British Council was formerly Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Town with responsibility for academic affairs and internationalisation. Before joining UCT she was Professor of Development Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she directed the Development Studies Institute. She has conducted research in Africa and Asia, specialising on gender and social exclusion; urban poverty and urban governance; and more recently, cities in situations of conflict and state fragility. Since taking up her role at the British Council she has written on international higher education and the relationship between higher education and cities. Professor Beall is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Open University. She is currently Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics.



## Almahdi Wardami Alamen

Almahdi Wardami Alamen is the Libyan Minister of Labour. Since the revolution in 2011, Almahdi Wardami Alamen has made several efforts for reconciliation, especially among the tribes of the Southern region of Libya. He has also participated in political and societal dialogue in Libya since 2015 and was among 14 candidates nominated for the post of Prime Minister of Libya.



## Angela Anzola De Toro

Angela Anzola De Toro is currently Bogota's Secretary for Women and Gender Equality. Formerly she was the High Counsellor for Victims' Rights, Peace and Reconciliation. The High Counselorship's attention centers have provided humanitarian aid to more than 21,800 victims of the armed conflict during 2017. Before this she worked as a researcher at Inter Mediate, a London-based NGO for negotiation and mediation focused on the most complex and dangerous conflicts around the world. Mrs Anzola also worked for Plenipotentiary Negotiator Frank Pearl during the Colombian peace process with the FARC guerrillas. Angela studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of York, Latin American Studies at the University of Oxford and holds a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Oxford.



## Professor Paddy Nixon

Professor Paddy Nixon joined Ulster University as Vice Chancellor and President in July 2015. He leads the overall strategic vision, direction and growth of the university, across core academic delivery and the professional services that enable academic excellence and innovation to flourish. A computer scientist by discipline, he retains a keen interest in his subject, supervising two PhD students in their early research careers.

Professor Nixon's commitment to civic engagement, responsibility and leadership defines a vision for Ulster University that is grounded within its community, with academic excellence at its heart, transforming academic theory and expertise into meaningful social, cultural and economic impact, as Northern Ireland's civic university.

Professor Nixon joined Ulster University from the University of Tasmania, where he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). He has extensive industry and commercial experience, particularly in collaborations with global high-tech firms.



## Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby became the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2013. He was previously Bishop of Durham, Dean of Liverpool Cathedral and a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he worked extensively in the field of reconciliation.

Before he began training for ministry in 1989, Archbishop Justin worked in the oil industry for 11 years – five in Paris and six in London.

Archbishop Justin has three main priorities for his ministry – Evangelism and Witness; Prayer and the Renewal of Religious life; and Reconciliation. He is a member of the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards and a High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation for the United Nations. He is the author of *Dethroning Mammon* published by Bloomsbury.

Archbishop Justin is married to Caroline and they have five children and three grandchildren.



## William Crawley

William Crawley is a journalist and broadcaster with the BBC who presents TV and radio programmes on subjects as varied as news and politics, arts and science, and religion and ethics.

His television work includes the landmark natural history series *Blueprint*, the interview series *William Crawley Meets*, and a three-part autobiographical series documenting life in Northern Ireland: *Sorry For Your Trouble*, *Dying For A Drink*, and *Losing Our Religion*.

William Crawley was born in Belfast and educated at Queen's University, Belfast and Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, taking degrees in theology and philosophy.





## Maxine Mawhinney

Award-winning international journalist and broadcaster Maxine Mawhinney has had an astonishing career spanning over 40 years.

From Belfast, she was a newspaper reporter before moving to broadcasting for BBC, ITN, SKY, GMTV and Reuters based in Ireland, London, Tokyo, Frankfurt and Washington DC.

She became one of the most recognisable BBC TV news anchors presenting BBC News at One, the BBC News Channel and Dateline London.

Among many highlights of her career were covering the Clinton presidency and single-handedly broadcasting across the globe on BBC World TV the night of the death of Princess Diana.

## Helen Alderson

Helen Alderson is International Committee of the Red Cross Head of Mission to the UK and Ireland. Helen began her career with UNICEF in Africa. She then joined the ICRC where she held a number of positions in Asia, the Middle East and at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. She left the ICRC in 2000 to work for the Ethos Investment Foundation for Sustainable Development as a senior analyst and then, in 2002, joined the World Heart Federation. In 2010, she returned to the ICRC to join the Executive Team as Director of Financial Resources and Logistics. In October 2017, she took up her current role as Head of Mission for the UK and Ireland. Helen holds a degree in Political Sciences with International Relations and a Master's in Business Administration. She lives in London with her husband and has two student sons.

## Denis Bradley

Denis Bradley is a former vice-chairman of the Northern Ireland Policing Board, which oversees the running of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). Born in Buncrana, County Donegal, Bradley is a freelance journalist and a former priest. He was formerly a member of the NI Drugs Committee and the BBC Broadcasting Council; he also helped set up the Bogside Community Association. In mid-2007 he was appointed co-chairman, along with Robin Eames, of the Consultative Group on the Past in Northern Ireland.

## Lynda Bryans

Lynda Bryans spent three decades as a professional journalist in radio and television in a career that began in the BBC Northern Ireland newsroom at the height of the hunger strikes of 1981. Lynda is now a lecturer in Journalism, Television and Film at Belfast Metropolitan College and is a mental health advocate, speaking publicly about her own experience of depression. She is married to Michael Nesbitt, the Ulster Unionist MLA for Strangford and former Party Leader.

# Speakers: panels



## **Alejandro Castillejo-Cuéllar**

Wednesday 11 April  
Arts in the aftermath  
of conflict

Alejandro Castillejo-Cuéllar is Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. His work deals with the impact that different forms of violence have had on the existential landscape of human experience including fieldwork in Colombia and South Africa among victims' and social organisations and former combatants. Since 2011, he has also led the Critical Studies Program on Political Transitions (PECT), an interdisciplinary academic initiative and network of researchers from the global South interested in the study of the social worlds that emerge during the aftermath of violence.



## **Bekim Blakaj**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
From conflict to rule of law

Bekim Blakaj studied Organizational Sciences at Belgrade University. Since 2000 he has worked at the Humanitarian Law Centre Kosovo, firstly as researcher and later as project coordinator in the project Kosovo Memory Book. In 2006 Mr Blakaj became Head of HLC Kosovo leading the organisation towards its independence in 2011 and now serves as Executive Director of HLC Kosovo. Mr Blakaj is co-author of a number of publications and research studies from these fields.



## **Bilal Al Ayoubi**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Cities in transition:  
leadership and resilience

Bilal Al Ayoubi, Senior Researcher at The Forum for Cities in Transition: Tripoli, has previously worked in post conflict projects with the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in the Beirut Southern Suburbs, and for the Office of Transition initiatives/ USAID, mainly working on youth engagement and responding to the Syrian refugee crisis with host communities. Most recently, he held a Senior Technical Advisory position with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue in their Strong Cities Network program to support community Prevention Networks against violent extremism.



## **Professor Brandon Hamber**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Social trust

Professor Brandon Hamber is The John Hume and Thomas P O'Neill Chair in Peace based at the International Conflict Research and Institute (INCORE) at Ulster University and an Honorary Professor of the African Centre for Migration and Society at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. He has participated in peace and reconciliation initiatives in Liberia, Mozambique, Bosnia, the Basque Country and Sierra Leone and written extensively on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the psychological implications of political violence, masculinity, and the process of transition and reconciliation in South Africa, Northern Ireland and abroad.



## Byron Bland

Wednesday 11 April  
When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?

Byron Bland is a Fellow at the King Institute at Stanford University and Senior Consultant for the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation. Byron has worked for over 25 years in Northern Ireland and for over 15 years in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. More recently he has turned his attention to applying what he has learned from his international experience to conflicts within the United States.



## Candice Mama

Wednesday 11 April  
Inter-generational issues in post-conflict settings

Candice Mama, Reconciliation Ambassador (South Africa), started her work in forgiveness, reconciliation and trauma after her story of forgiving apartheid assassin and her father's murderer, Eugene De Kock, made international news. Candice has spoken about her story at the Global Leadership Summit, the United Nations Fempro Initiative and at numerous renowned universities worldwide. She is also a radio personality, producer and model.



## Christina Foerch

Wednesday 11 April  
When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?

Christina Foerch is a member of Fighters for Peace where she is in charge of projects, international relations, and biography work. In 2000, Christina moved to Beirut, working as journalist, documentary filmmaker and correspondent for Deutsche Welle DW TV. She started making documentaries for NGOs as well, and has now inserted herself fully in the civil society sector, where she initiated many projects related to topics concerning the memory of the Lebanese civil war, child soldiers, ex-combatants, and arms control.



## Ciaran Murray

Wednesday 11 April  
Cities in transition:  
leadership and resilience

Ciaran Murray is co-founder of Belfast based agency *Fresh Made Media* and set up *Creative Metrics*, a creative consultancy. He is also a passionate comedy writer, satirist and published author, best known as the writer of *Pure Derry* and co-writer of *The Ulster Fry*. In 2017, Ciaran started *Your Derry* – a social movement which aims to inspire leadership, ambition and belief in his hometown. Ciaran received the award of Northern Ireland Digital Business Person of the Year from Digital Advertising NI in 2016.



## Diana Dajer

Wednesday 11 April  
Peace, technology  
and innovation

Diana is a social entrepreneur working in the intersection between social innovation, citizen engagement and peacebuilding. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Oxford, a Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship Research for Action Awardee, and the director and founder of Policéntrico, a startup to foster sustainable development and peacebuilding in Colombia. Amongst her previous positions she has worked as an adviser on peace for the Colombian Ministry of Interior.



## Eamon Gilmore

Wednesday 11 April  
When and how do  
third parties in conflict  
interventions make  
a difference?

Eamon Gilmore is a former Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Ireland. He is currently the European Union Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia, and an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and Government in Dublin City University. As Ireland's Foreign Minister, he had government responsibility for the Northern Ireland Peace Process. He was named as a 'Leading Global Thinker', by the Washington-based *Foreign Policy* magazine, and was shortlisted for the European Innovation in Politics Award.



### **Fionna Smyth**

**Wednesday 11 April**

When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?

Fionna Smyth, Head of Humanitarian Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam, previously held the position of Senior Advocacy Adviser SDGs, at UN Women and was Head of Campaigns at Amnesty UK. During her career she has worked in advocacy and campaigning to address impunity for sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo and worked as the Director of Middle East Gender Hub which delivered programming on gender-based violence, women's access to justice and women's political participation in Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.



### **Henry Joseph-Grant**

**Wednesday 11 April**

Peace, technology and innovation

Henry Joseph-Grant founded PeaceTech in his native Northern Ireland to help create a scaleable peace and economy through entrepreneurship and technology, and is an award winning entrepreneur, writer, mentor and adviser. Henry is Chief Operating Officer at BigDish Ventures, a mentor for HRH The Duke of York's Pitch@Palace and also at Investment Funds Seedcamp, PiLabs and Zinc VC. Henry has interviewed the likes of Twitter founder Biz Stone, Huawei Founder, Ren Zhengfei and is a regular speaker at many of the world's highest profile technology events.



### **Professor Joanne Hughes**

**Wednesday 11 April**

Inter-generational issues in post-conflict settings

Professor Joanne Hughes is Director of the Centre for Shared Education, School of Education at Queen's University, Belfast. She was appointed to a UNESCO Chair on Globalising a Shared Education Model for Improving Intergroup Relations in Divided Societies in 2016. Her main research interests are in the role of education in divided societies, and inequalities in education. She has advised government ministers and officials locally and internationally on the development of policies and interventions to promote good relations in schools. Joanne is an appointed member of the Executive Council of the British Educational Research Association.



### **Dr Jo Beall**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
**Cities in transition:**  
**leadership and resilience**

Jo Beall, Director Education and Society, British Council was formerly Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Town with responsibility for academic affairs and internationalisation. She has conducted research in Africa and Asia, specialising on gender and social exclusion; urban poverty and urban governance; and more recently, cities in situations of conflict and state fragility. Since taking up her role at the British Council she has written on international higher education and the relationship between higher education and cities.



### **Judith Thompson**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
**Social trust**

Judith Thompson was appointed by the First and Deputy First Ministers as Commissioner for victims and survivors of the conflict in Northern Ireland in August 2015. This role was established by legislation in 2006 and its principal aim is to promote the interests of victims and survivors of the Troubles. Judith's commitment to promoting the interests of victims and survivors of conflict and trauma is based on more than 30 years working with victims and survivors, in different roles within the justice sector.



### **Robert N Peirce**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
**From conflict to rule of law**

Bob Peirce is a consultant currently based in Northern Virginia. He was formerly a diplomat, and in the 1980s and 1990s was a principal negotiator of the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997. After the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in Belfast in 1998, Bob worked under Chris Patten's chairmanship as Secretary of the Independent Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland, and drafted the *Patten Report*, which became the basis of policing reform in Northern Ireland.



### **María Emma Wills Obregón**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Engendering the  
peacebuilding process

Since 2013, Dr Maria Emma Wills Obregón has been Advisor to the Director of the Colombian National Center for Historical Memory, an institution aimed at dignifying the thousands of victims of the country's armed conflict and is an engaged scholar on women's rights during conflict. In 2014, amidst the conversations in La Havana between the FARC and the Colombian Government, Dr Wills was designated as the only female amongst 14 scholars, working on an explanatory narrative of the armed conflict.



### **Michaela Ledesma**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Peace, technology  
and innovation

Michaela Ledesma, Build Up Programs Director Ireland, has nearly 20 years of experience supporting the design and implementation of innovative, locally-owned peacebuilding initiatives. A trained mediator, she is passionate about creating and facilitating processes that enable diverse groups to collaborate towards social and political transformation. In recent years, she has led piloting of arts-based approaches to reconciliation and consultation, accompanied partners to embed innovative methods and technology in ongoing peacebuilding work, and mentored first Build Peace Fellows cohorts.



### **Mona El Hallak**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Arts in the aftermath  
of conflict

Mona El Hallak is a Beirut-based architect and heritage preservation activist, and a graduate of the American University of Beirut (AUB) and Syracuse University – Florence Program. She serves AUB as the director of the Neighbourhood Initiative, whose aim is to promote the neighbourhood of Ras Beirut's livability, vitality, and diversity, as well as to promote critical citizenship among the AUB community. She led several heritage preservation campaigns and succeeded in the preservation of the Barakat Building, a museum of memory and a cultural and urban centre.





### **Professor Monica McWilliams**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Engendering the  
peacebuilding process

Professor Monica McWilliams, Emeritus Professor, Transitional Justice Unit, Ulster University, was a delegate to the multi-party peace negotiations leading to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. She co-founded the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and was elected to the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly from 1998–2003. As part of the implementation process of the peace agreement, Monica helped to draft the advice on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland that was handed over to the British government on 10 December 2010. Monica is Emeritus Professor at Ulster University.



### **Paula McFetridge**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Arts in the aftermath  
of conflict

Paula has been Artistic Director of Belfast-based Kabosh since August 2006. The company is committed to challenging the notion of what theatre is, where it takes place and who it is for; giving a voice to site, space and people so we can deal with the legacy of the past. She was recipient of the Belfast Ambassador Award 2014 for her work in using the arts to tackle difficult social issues and is a fellow of Salzburg Global Seminar Session 532 'Conflict Transformation through Culture: Peace-building and the Arts'.



### **Professor Paul Seawright**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Arts in the aftermath  
of conflict

Professor Paul Seawright is a Northern Irish artist and Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Ulster University, and Head of Belfast School of Art. Paul's photographic work deals with the conflict in Northern Ireland and his approach to capturing events in his home city has also informed his work in Afghanistan and how to artistically approach the impact of the Afghan conflict in the USA. His work is defined by a rejection of drama centric imagery and how the methodology of art practice and the space of the museum lends itself to a slower reading of images about war.



### **Peter Sheridan OBE**

Wednesday 11 April

From conflict to rule of law

Peter Sheridan joined the peace-building charity Co-operation Ireland, an all-island community organisation, in 2008 as Chief Executive. In addition to this role, Peter was an Equality Commissioner in Northern Ireland and he is currently a Commissioner with Londonderry Port and Harbour. Peter is a former Assistant Chief Constable with the Police Service of Northern Ireland and (formerly the Royal Ulster Constabulary) and spent 32 years policing in Northern Ireland. Peter was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2008 for services to the community.



### **Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela**

Wednesday 11 April

Inter-generational issues in post-conflict settings

Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela is professor in the The Senator George J Mitchell Institute For Global Peace, Security And Justice at Queen's University Belfast and Research Chair and Director of Studies in Historical Trauma and Transformation at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Her work focuses on exploring ways in which the impact of the de-humanising experiences of oppression and violent abuse continues to play out in the next generation in the aftermath of historical trauma and the relationship between remorse and forgiveness after historical trauma. Her critically acclaimed book, *A Human Being Died that Night: A South African Story of Forgiveness* (2003–04) explores the interweaving of guilt, shame and remorse on the one hand, and trauma and forgiveness on the other.



### **Dr Sanda Rašković Ivić**

Wednesday 11 April

Engendering the peacebuilding process

Dr Sanda Rašković Ivić is Vice President of the People's Party in Serbia, former president of the Democratic Party of Serbia, and former Commissioner for Refugees (Serbia). She has acted as the Commissioner for Refugees for the Republic of Serbia, and was a Member of Parliament for the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. Her most recent mandate as an MP continues to today as vice president of the recently formed People's Party. She has published over 50 scientific and professional papers on issues of orthodoxy, refugees and Kosovo and Metohija.



## **Sinéad McSweeney**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
Peace, technology  
and innovation

Sinéad McSweeney leads both Twitter's Public Policy and Communications team in Europe, the Middle East and Africa as well as serving as the Managing Director of Twitter's operations in Ireland. Sinéad has been a key leader within the Twitter team since she joined the company in 2012. Prior to Twitter, Sinéad was Director of Communications for An Garda Síochána from 2007 to 2012 and before that was Director of Media and Public Relations for the Police Service of Northern Ireland between 2004 and 2007.



## **Professor Thuli Madonsela**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
From conflict to rule of law

Thuli Madonsela, Chair of Social Justice and former Public Protector South Africa, Stellenbosch University, is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and a lifelong activist on social justice, constitutionalism, human rights, good governance and the rule of law. Named one of TIME100 influential people in 2014 and Forbes Africa Person of the Year 2016, Thuli Madonsela is one of the drafters of South Africa's Constitution and co-architect of several laws that have sought to illuminate South Africa's democracy. She has a global reputation for integrity and fearlessness in enforcing accountability and justice in the exercise of public power.



## **Ziad Saab**

**Wednesday 11 April**  
When and how do  
third parties in conflict  
interventions make  
a difference?

When the civil war broke out in 1975, Ziad Saab received military training in the former Soviet Union and returned to Lebanon as a commander. He held important positions in the military wing and the Political Bureau of the Party until the end of the war. In post-war Lebanon, he started to engage in reconciliation projects with youth and resigned from the Communist Party to conduct projects related to the memory of the Lebanese civil war. He is co-founder and President of the NGO Fighters for Peace.

## Enilda Jiménez

Wednesday 11 April  
Social trust

Enilda Jiménez Pineda, Norwegian Refugee Council Area Manager in Colombia, was raised in a rural area of the Caribbean region of Colombia. As a child and young woman, Enilda was forced to flee her home twice as a result of conflict. Enilda has 20 years of experience working in the humanitarian sector in Colombia. As a regional manager for the Norwegian Refugee Council, Enilda adopts a community approach, promoting respect and equal rights for the victims in Colombia, and has committed herself to the implementation of the current peace agreement.

## Grainia Long

Wednesday 11 April  
Cities in transition:  
leadership and resilience

Belfast Commissioner for Resilience Grainia Long has been Chief Executive of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC), the national child protection charity in Ireland, since 2015. She was previously CEO of the Chartered Institute of Housing, the professional body for people who work in housing.

She is currently Chair of Thames Valley Housing, a housing association building and managing 15,000 homes in London and the South East of England. She was appointed to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 2011 to 2017.

## Jackie Redpath

Wednesday 11 April  
Inter-generational issues  
in post-conflict settings

Jackie Redpath is CEO of the Greater Shankill Partnership, a community based regeneration agency. Since the 1970s, Jackie Redpath has been a front-line community organiser in the Shankill area of Belfast, a district at the heart of Northern Ireland's 'troubles'. Most recently he has led on the designation of the Greater Shankill Children and Young People Zone, committed to generational transformation. Jackie has been awarded an Ireland Fund Leadership Award, an MBE for services to the community and an Honorary Doctorate from Queen's University Belfast.

## Professor John Brewer

Wednesday 11 April  
Social trust

John D Brewer, Professor of Post-Conflict Studies and Fellow of the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University Belfast, also holds the honorary position of Professor Extraordinary at Stellenbosch University (2017 to present). In 2010 he was appointed to the United Nations Roster of Global Experts for his expertise in peace processes. John was active in the Northern Ireland peace process and was Principal Investigator on a Leverhulme funded cross-national, five-year project on compromise among victims of conflict focusing on Northern Ireland, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

## Dr Liz Carmichael

Wednesday 11 April  
When and how do third parties in conflict interventions make a difference?

The Revd Dr Liz Carmichael is an Emeritus Research Fellow at St John's College, Oxford. Originally a medical doctor, she was ordained a priest in Johannesburg in 1992. In South Africa she served on local and regional peace committees under the National Peace Accord, for which she was appointed MBE in 1995. Her book *Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love* was published in 2004. Liz co-convenes the Oxford Network for Peace Studies (OxPeace) and is currently writing on the South African National Peace Accord.

## Michael Potter

Wednesday 11 April  
Engendering the peacebuilding process

Michael is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict, Queen's University Belfast. With research experience in community-based organisations looking at gender issues and minority ethnic inclusion, publications include studies on gender, migrant workers, minority identities and inclusion in conflict areas, primarily Northern Ireland and the Balkan region. A PhD examined dimensions of inclusion and exclusion in political institutions in Northern Ireland and Kosovo.



### **Bryan Patten**

**Thursday 12 April**  
Building prosperity  
in post-conflict society

Bryan is the Executive Director of Washington Ireland Program, (WIP) a leading non-profit focused on developing and supporting the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland and Ireland. Prior to joining WIP, Bryan was a founding member of the educational non-profit Suas and started the Bridge21 – an award-winning educational project that uses technology to empower and engage. Bryan has a BA and MSc from Trinity College Dublin.



### **Damian Duffy**

**Thursday 12 April**  
Education, economic  
development and  
employability

Damian Duffy, Director of Development, Belfast Metropolitan College is a Further Education Sector representative on the Department of Finance Committee in Northern Ireland. He is a member of the Board of the Northern Ireland Centre for Competitiveness and CBI Education and Skills Committee, and of Project Steering Committee and Project Monitoring Committee for European Union PEACE IV programme in Northern Ireland. Damian also acts as Lead Adviser for Northern Ireland Prison Service on the design of new outsourced solution to provide Learning, Skills and Employability solutions for offenders in criminal justice system.



### **Professor Deirdre Heenan**

**Thursday 12 April**  
Bringing peace  
to the troubled mind

Professor Heenan, Director, Health and Wellbeing Centre, Ulster University, is a distinguished researcher, author and broadcaster; a member of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences at Ulster University and has published widely on healthcare, education policy, social care and devolution. She is a co-founder and former co-director of the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey. She was formerly Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Communication) and Provost (Coleraine and Magee campuses) of Ulster University. In 2012 she was appointed to the Irish President's Council of State as one of the seven personal nominees of President Michael D Higgins.



### **Dr Joanne Stuart**

**Thursday 12 April**  
Education, economic  
development and  
employability

Dr Joanne Stuart, Director  
of Development Catalyst Inc.,  
has 30 years' experience  
working in the IT industry  
including nine years with  
the Oracle Corporation.

Joanne is a former Chairman  
of Institute of Directors NI  
(2008–11), and was the  
NI Champion for Science,  
Technology, Engineering  
and Mathematics (STEM),  
from 2011 to 2016.

Since 2010, Joanne has  
been the NI chair of the  
US–NI Mentorship Program,  
established by former Economic  
US Envoy to NI, Declan Kelly.



### **Trevor Ringland MBE**

**Thursday 12 April**  
Sport for all

Trevor played rugby for  
Queen's University Belfast,  
Ballymena, Ulster, Ireland  
and the British and Irish Lions.  
He is currently Chairman of  
PeacePlayers-NI (PPI) which  
uses sport and primarily  
basketball to promote good  
relations in Northern Ireland.

He was also Chair of  
Sport4Change, which facilitates  
co-operation between Ulster  
Rugby, Ulster GAA and the Irish  
Football Association and PPI  
in promoting cross-community  
work, including the Game of  
Three Halves. He was awarded  
his MBE in recognition of his  
cross-community work.

## **Dr Katy Radford MBE**

Thursday 12 April  
Culture, change  
and reconciliation

Dr Katy Radford MBE is a cultural anthropologist working at the Institute for Conflict Research, a not for profit charity, on programme delivery. Her role focuses on the role of the arts in conflict transformation. She is Vice Chair of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and holds a Ministerial appointment to the Commission on Flags Identity Culture and Tradition. She has a PhD in Ethnomusicology and a background in feature film and documentary making.

## **Michael Boyd**

Thursday 12 April  
Sport for all

Michael Boyd, Director of Football Development, Irish Football Association is responsible for developing and delivering Let Them Play, a ten-year youth football strategy 2015–25 for Northern Ireland which reaches 70,000 young people. The strategy has mainstreamed disability football targets, health and education targets, promoting football for all.

Michael is responsible for the Irish Football Association's international award-winning Football For All campaign, which transformed the face of NI football. In 2016 Michael set up the Irish Football Association Foundation, a charity which uses football as a hook to promote health, education and good relations.

## **Vilma Patterson MBE**

Thursday 12 April  
Embracing our  
most marginalised

Vilma Patterson has been Chairperson of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland since 2012. Her background is in the private sector. She is interested in skills development and has been a member of the Training Committee for the Construction Industry Training Board for Northern Ireland and worked with ConstructionSkills to form the Women in Construction Network.

In 2002 Vilma was the founding Chair of the Women in Business Network and was a Board member of Women on the Move Network.





# Venues

## Belfast City Hall

Belfast City Hall is Belfast City Council's civic building. It is located in Donegall Square, in the heart of Belfast city centre.

In 1888 Queen Victoria granted Belfast city status and it was agreed that a grand and magnificent building was required to reflect this. City Hall opened its doors on 1 August 1906, at a time of unprecedented prosperity and industrial might for the city. Today the building is a functioning civic building which includes visitor displays, public art and, within its grounds, the Titanic Memorial Garden.

## Ulster Museum

As Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and the present, the Ulster Museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences and is free to all visitors. The museum, located in Belfast's Botanic Gardens, has existed since 1821. Its collections transport visitors across Ireland and to all corners of the globe.

## The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park

The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park reopened in October 2016 after a major redevelopment programme. The stadium now has capacity of over 18,000 seats to host domestic and international fixtures. The stadium is the headquarters for the Irish Football Association, which despite the small population of Northern Ireland has had considerable influence on the world game, producing the likes of Peter Doherty, Danny Blanchflower, Pat Jennings and George Best.

## Ulster University

Ulster University has a reputation for excellence, innovation and regional engagement, making a major contribution to the economic, social and cultural development of Northern Ireland. The university is now listed in the prestigious Times Higher Education ranking of the top 150 universities under 50 years old.

The Belfast campus is situated in the artistic and cultural centre of the city: the Cathedral Quarter. Although traditionally associated with art, the campus spans an increasing range of subjects including architecture, hospitality, event management, photography and digital animation.

As part of the development of one of Northern Ireland's largest-ever urban developments, in a few years the campus will have 15,000 students and staff.

## Girdwood Community Hub

Set on the site of the old Girdwood Army Barracks in north Belfast, Girdwood Community Hub opened its doors in January 2016 as part of Belfast City Council's £105 million Leisure Transformation Programme. Development of the Community Hub was the first part in the wider regeneration of Girdwood Park, and Belfast City Council was successful in receiving £11.7 million funding for the project from the Special EU Programmes Body.

The site has been transformed into a state-of-the-art shared space hub which offers conferencing, leisure, community and educational facilities. Belfast Metropolitan College operates a wing of the building, running a series of courses including essential skills and Prince's Trust programmes. There are future plans to include an indoor sports centre and small business units.

The concept behind this new community hub is to unite the surrounding communities and continue to bring peace and reconciliation to this area of north Belfast. The ethos of the hub is to be a shared space which is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant.

## **Belfast Metropolitan College E3 Campus**

Belfast Metropolitan College is the largest further and higher education college in Northern Ireland and one of the largest in the UK.

The college has developed a dynamic new curriculum which mirrors the priority growth areas identified for Northern Ireland as this is where future jobs will be created. Belfast Met's focus for the future is to support the development of Belfast by providing education, training and skills development to enhance individual, community and economic prosperity.

## **Titanic Belfast**

Titanic Belfast is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, exploring the story of the world's most famous ship in the city of her birth. Opened in 2012, 100 years after the sinking of the Titanic, the massive 14,000 sqm. structure accommodates nine galleries of interactive exhibition space and luxurious conference and banqueting suites with capacity for up to 1,000 guests. The iconic design by Texan architect Eric Kuhne comprises many maritime metaphors including water crystals, ships' bows and the White Star logo.

## **Skainos**

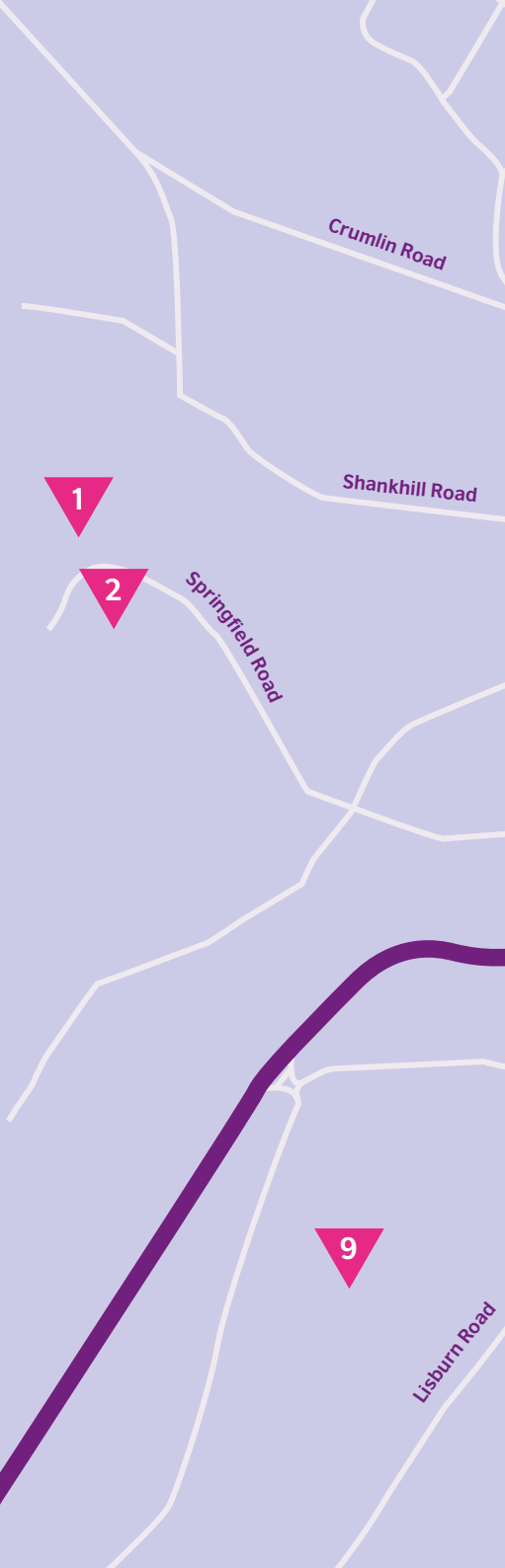
The Skainos Project is an urban regeneration project in inner east Belfast providing shared space for community transformation and renewal. The idea of Skainos was born in 2000 and there were many years of funding before the project became a reality in September 2012. Skainos is about meeting the present and prospective needs of the local community. It's about building a partnership of public agencies, private bodies, community groups and church, and harnessing that partnership for the benefit of east Belfast. It is about integrating care and developmental support for children, families, young people, people who are homeless or unemployed, and the elderly. And it's about providing shared space for all in east Belfast.

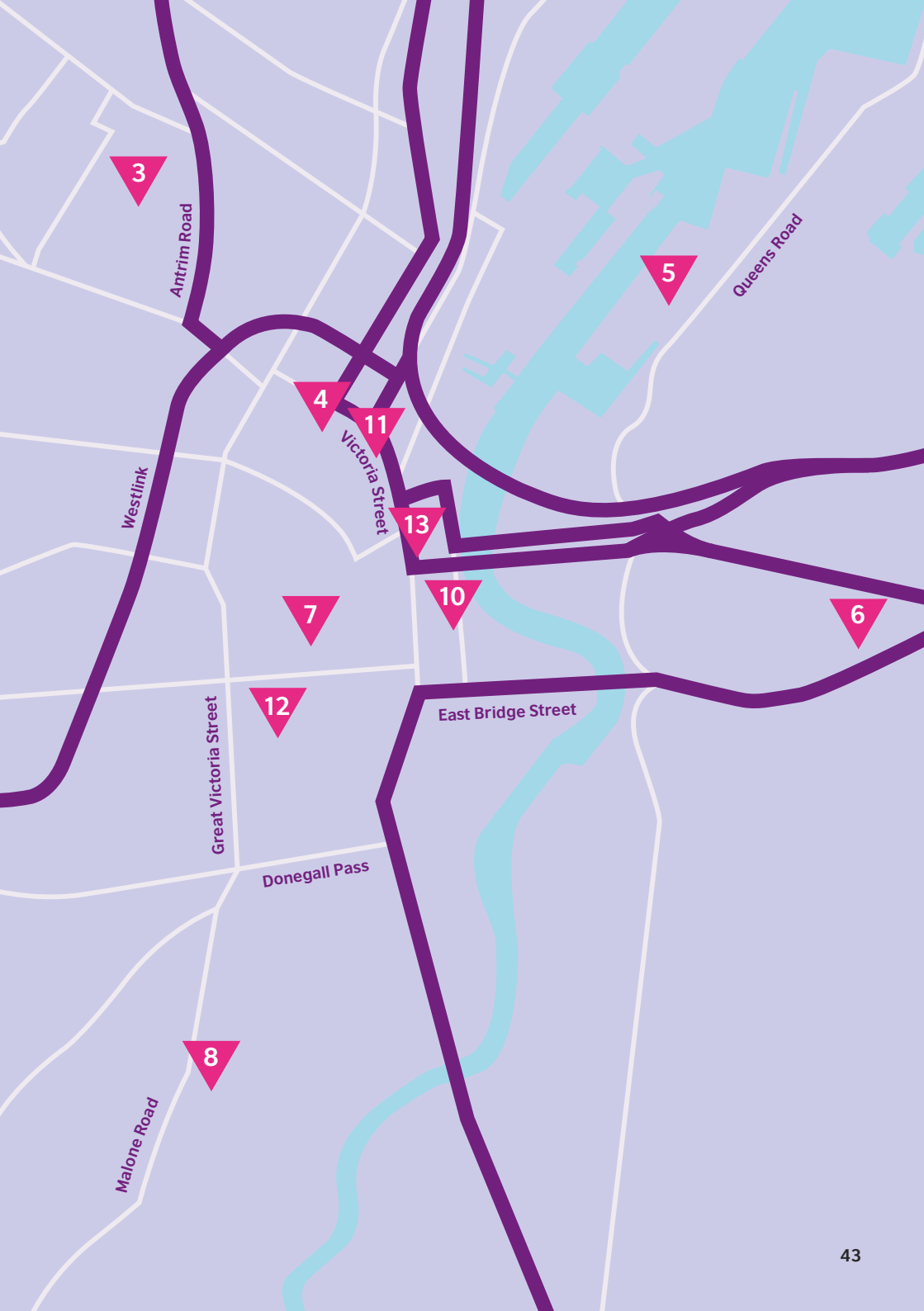
## **Innovation Factory**

The Innovation Factory (IF) is a pioneering, creative business space on Springfield Road, Belfast. This dynamic, flexible and entrepreneurial hub provides services for start-up businesses and expanding firms specialising in innovation, research and development and other creative solutions. As well as flexible space and conferencing/meeting facilities IF provides support with access to experienced business innovation and growth professionals (both centre customers and on an out-reach basis.) IF forms part of the Belfast City Councils Investment Programme pledge to support regeneration by investing in infrastructure which will make it easier for businesses to start up and grow. This, with the support of its Community Engagement Officer in turn, will create wealth and employment opportunities for local residents.

# Locations map

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385 Springfield Road  
Forthriver Business Park  
BT12 7DG
- 2 Belfast Metropolitan College, E3 Campus**  
385 Springfield Road, BT12 7DU
- 3 Girdwood Community Hub**  
10 Girdwood Avenue  
BT14 6EG
- 4 Ulster University Belfast Campus**  
25–51 York Street, BT15 1ED
- 5 Titanic Belfast**  
1 Olympic Way, Queen's Road  
Titanic Quarter, BT3 9EP
- 6 Skainos**  
241 Newtownards Road  
BT4 1AF
- 7 Belfast City Hall**  
Donegall Square  
BT1 5GS
- 8 Ulster Museum**  
Botanic Court  
BT9 5AB
- 9 The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park**  
Donegall Avenue  
BT12 6LU
- 10 Riddell's Warehouse**  
87–91 Ann Street, BT1
- 11 Ramada Encore**  
20 Talbot St, BT1 2LD
- 12 Park Inn by Radisson**  
4 Clarence St W, BT2 7GP
- 13 Malmaison**  
34–38 Victoria St, BT1 3GH





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## Transport arrangements throughout the conference:

Complimentary coach travel will be arranged to assist travel throughout the conference.

Pick-up points throughout the conference will be:

- Ramada Encore hotel (20 Talbot St, Belfast, BT1 2LD)
- Park Inn by Radisson hotel (4 Clarence Street West, Belfast, BT2 7GP)
- Malmaison hotel (34–38 Victoria St, Belfast, BT1 3GH)
- Belfast City Hall (From coach parking area at Donegall Square West, Belfast, BT1 5GS)

Please note, coaches will depart promptly from the designated pick-up points at the times shown, so please ensure you arrive on time if you wish to use this service.

Alternatively, individual travel throughout the conference can be arranged through the above taxi companies.

## Tuesday 10 April

No coach services will be provided; delegates to arrange own travel to and from Belfast City Hall for the evening reception.

## Wednesday 11 April

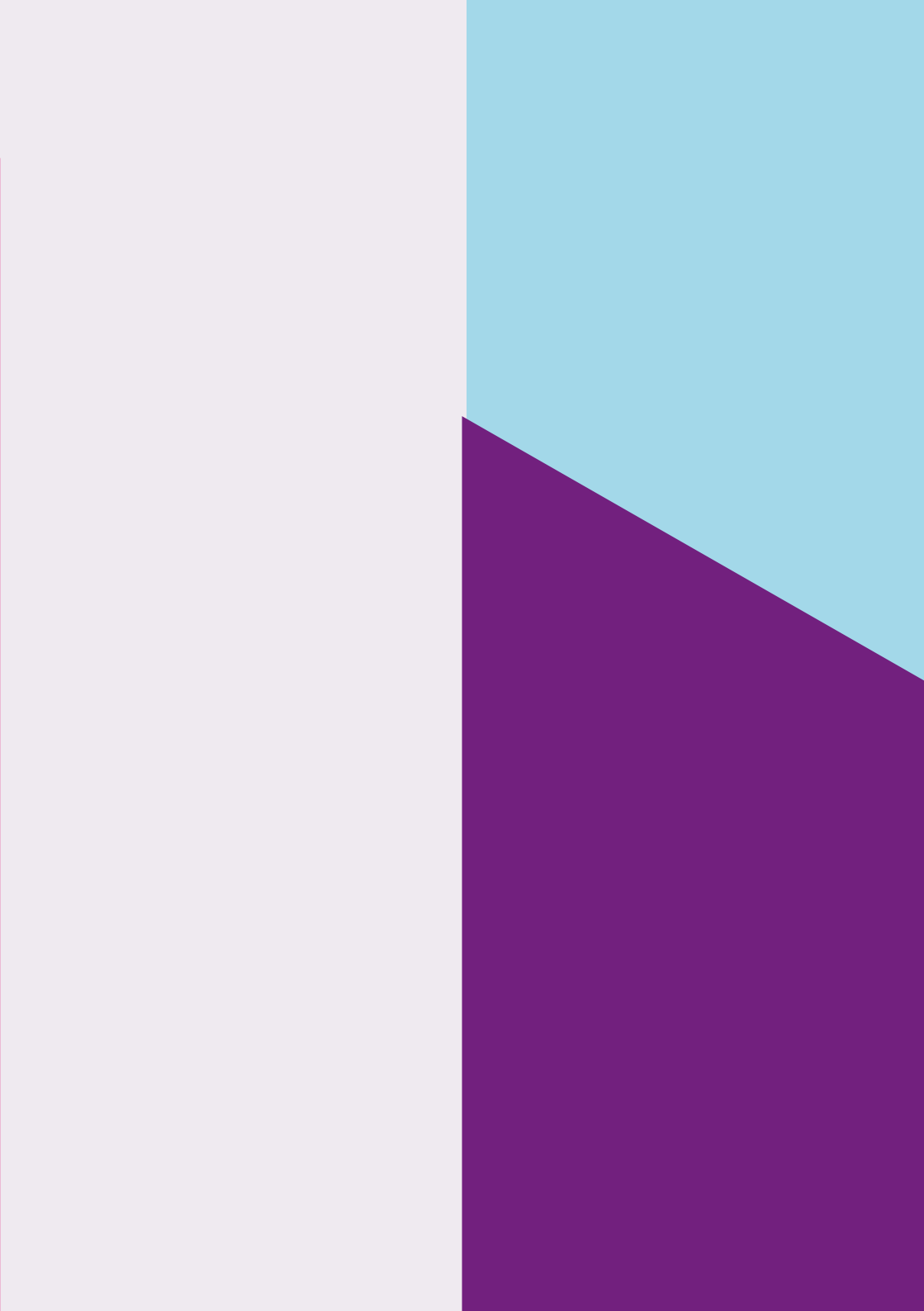
Coaches will be provided:

- To transport delegates from one of the four designated pick-up points to the conference venue in the morning (departing from all pick-up points at 08.15 sharp).
- To transport delegates from Titanic Belfast back to one of the four designated pick-up points to refresh before dinner (departing from Titanic Belfast at 17.30).
- To transport delegates from one of the four pick-up points back to the conference venue that evening for dinner (departing from all pick-up points 18.45 sharp).

(Please note that no coach will be provided after the conference dinner; however taxi marshals at Titanic Belfast will be available to assist with hailing taxis).

## Thursday 12 April

Delegates make their own way to Belfast City Hall for 09.00. Coaches will be provided following the morning plenary, departing 10.10 from Belfast City Hall (from coach parking area at Donegall Square West). Further coaches will be provided for travel throughout the day.





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