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# LQ BID EVENTS 2025



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THE LINEN QUARTER IS BELFAST'S PREMIER BUSINESS DESTINATION, WHICH ENJOYS A RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND ARTS. OUR 2025 EVENTS PROGRAMME ENHANCES THE WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WITH A MIX OF SOCIAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS, WELL-BEING, NETWORKING, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED. AND THIS YEAR LOOK OUT FOR "LQ LIVE AFTER 5" WHICH SHOWCASES THE BEST THE DISTRICT HAS TO OFFER.



## ALL YEAR AROUND



### LQ Live After 5

Launching March 2025, join us for this exclusive monthly event series throughout 2025, which will shine a light on the fantastic hospitality, entertainment and cultural offering in Belfast's Premier Entertainment Venue District.

Throughout the year we will be heavily subsidising exclusive events for LQ employees including Movie Nights at Fratelli, Murder Mystery at the Fitzwilliam Hotel, Pub Quizzes at Pug Ugly's and Westend Shows at Grand Opera House.

### Launch Event

Tue 13 March, 5.30pm - 7pm  
Brewdog, Belfast Grand Central Station

Join us as we launch the series with free beer flights, wings and other nibbles at the Linen Quarter's newest hospitality venue.

The full programme and access to tickets can be found at [linenquarter.org/events](https://linenquarter.org/events)

## JANUARY

### Rory Gallagher Statue Unveiling

Sat 4 January, 12.30pm  
Ulster Hall, Bedford Street

LQ BID are honoured to co-fund this statue to the legendary blues guitarist Rory Gallagher a tribute to Rory's life, music, and deep connection to Belfast UNESCO City of Music.



## belfast summit

### Belfast Summit 2025

Thur 23 January  
Ulster University Belfast Campus

Following the success of its inaugural year, Linen Quarter BID is proud to once again sponsor this unique event which will bring together global, national and local experts to discuss our City Centre and examine how we make Belfast one of the best small cities in Europe to work, live and socialise. New York's first Nightlife Mayor, Ariel Palitz, is among the principal speakers.

### Chinese New Year & Programme Launch

Thur 30 Jan, 6pm - 10pm  
Zen Restaurant, Adelaide Street

This members' networking event celebrates the start of our 2025 events programme and the rich cultural diversity of our district, with traditional Chinese Food, Opera & Dancing.



### Linen Quarter Health Club

15 January - 5 February  
(Every Wednesday @ 5pm)  
Bodyscape Gym,  
Great Victoria Street

Weekly exercise classes including Spin, Yoga, Circuits and Bodypump. Free to attend.

Email [stephen@linenquarter.org](mailto:stephen@linenquarter.org) to take part.

## FEBRUARY - APRIL

### City Conversations – Pints & Placemaking Discussions

Tue 11 February, 5.30pm - 8pm  
**Nature in the City**  
Pug Uglys

Wed 12 March, 5.30pm - 8pm  
**Reviving the High Street**  
Pug Uglys

Tue 8 April, 5pm - 7pm  
**Mobility**  
Ormeau Baths

Interested in informal conversation over how we can make our cities better places? Then come along to this City Conversations Series in partnership with QUB Belfast – ‘Green at Queen’s’. Free to attend. Drinks & Nibbles will be provided. Visit [linquarter.org/events](https://www.linquarter.org/events) to sign up.

## IMAGINE!

Festival of Ideas & Politics

24 - 30 March

As Belfast’s Central Business District, home to cutting edge technology firms and thought leaders, LQ BID is proud to once again be sponsoring 10 events at Imagine! Festival of Politics & Ideas, including political comedy from Matt Forde, Cabaret for Change, Conversational Events and Walking Tours. A full programme and access to some complimentary tickets can be found at [linquarter.org/events](https://www.linquarter.org/events)

### Belfast Learning Festival – Spinning Yarns Walking Tour

**Tour**  
Sun 13 April, 11am - 1pm  
Meeting at Ulster Hall

As part of Belfast City Council’s Learning Festival (9-13 April), LQ BID are hosting a special edition of our Spinning Yarns Walking Tour where you can learn about the past, present and future of the district.

Email [stephen@linquarter.org](mailto:stephen@linquarter.org) to learn more.



### LQ Lunch & Learn

Every Thursday in April  
3rd–24th, 12.30pm - 1.30pm  
The Press Room, Franklin Street

Join us for this lunchtime series of talks by expert speakers across fields including Communications, Governance, HR and AI. Learn about emerging trends and get practical tips to apply in your own organisations.

A complimentary lunch will be provided. The full programme can be found at [linquarter.org/events](https://www.linquarter.org/events)

### Spring Safe & Clean Week

7 - 11 April  
District Wide

The first of our two annual safe and clean weeks will take place in association with ‘Live Here Love Here’ and focus on giving the district a spring clean. Expect deep cleaning, planting, safety initiatives, increased policing presence and volunteer opportunities.

Email [Charlotte@linquarter.org](mailto:Charlotte@linquarter.org) to learn more.

## MAY

### LQ Health Club: 5-a-Side-Football

7 May – 11 June  
Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre

Following the success of last year, LQ BID based employees are invited to come play social 5-a-side football under the supervision of a professional coach. We will assign teams each week on arrival, so you can come as an individual or as a group. Free to attend.

Email [Lawrence@linquarter.org](mailto:Lawrence@linquarter.org) to take part.

### LQ BID

**New Member’s Lunch**  
Thur 22 May, 12pm - 2pm  
Fitzwilliam Hotel,  
Great Victoria Street

Our annual new member’s lunch is an opportunity for organisations that have recently moved into the district to learn more about LQ BID’s vision, benefits & services. Although targeted towards new members,

member organisations that want to learn more about the BID are welcome.

Email [stephen@linquarter.org](mailto:stephen@linquarter.org)

## JUNE

**LQ Health Week**  
9 - 15 June

Now in its 6th year LQ Health Week aims to cultivate a greater sense of well-being for employees across the district. Activities include free health checks, gym classes, first aid & CPR training, yoga, Bollywood dancing and sound healing. Tickets will be released via our newsletter and website.

Visit [linquarter.org/newsletter](https://www.linquarter.org/newsletter) to sign up.

### LQ BID Annual General Meeting & Annual Report Lunch

Date to TBC  
Europa Hotel



### LQ Make Music Day 2025

Sat 21 June  
District Wide

Make Music Day is an annual day of music making which takes place in 125 countries every year and took place in the Linen Quarter for the first time in 2024. Expect street performances, choir recitals and coffee shop quartets throughout the day.

## JULY - AUGUST

### Bankmore Square Summer Event Series

July – September  
Bankmore Square, Dublin Road

For the third year running, Bankmore Square will play host to a range of free events and employee experiences over the course of the summer – so bring your lunch outside!

Expect outdoor concerts, yoga sessions, petting zoo, pickleball, circus acts and free ice cream!



### Annual Pétanque Tournament

July – September  
Blackstaff Square  
Pétanque Piste

LQ BID member organisations are invited to enter a team into our 3rd annual Pétanque Competition. Local orgs will play head to head over the summer in a number of knock out style fixtures, culminating in the final in September with big prizes to be won! NICHS are the reigning champions and the ones to beat. Email [stephen@linquarter.org](mailto:stephen@linquarter.org) to register your interest.



## SEPTEMBER

### European Heritage Open Days

Sat 13 & Sun 14 September  
District Wide

Heritage sites across the region open for one weekend only! In the Linen Quarter, our Spinning Yarns Walking Tour will take in several sites while the Ulster Hall will open for special private tours.

Email [Stephen@linenquarter.org](mailto:Stephen@linenquarter.org) to learn more or register your premises to take part.

### Culture Night 2025

Fri 19 September  
Location TBC

The Belfast City Centre Night Czar has been lobbying for the return of Belfast's iconic Culture Night event, which last took place in full in 2019, so we're delighted a pilot event will return this September.

## OCTOBER

### Autumn Safe & Clean Week

20 - 26 October  
District Wide

The second of our two annual safe and clean weeks will prepare the district for the busy holiday season. Expect deep cleaning, planting, safety initiatives, increased policing presence and volunteer opportunities. Email [Charlotte@linenquarter.org](mailto:Charlotte@linenquarter.org) to learn more



## OCTOBER



6 - 12 October

Last year's Belfast Restaurant Week left a good taste, with 105 unique experiences across 59 city centre venues. We have exciting plans to continue to improve Belfast's premier food & drink celebration. Expect special offers, food demonstrations, food tours, cocktail masterclasses, and whiskey tastings.

Visit [belfastrestaurantweek.org](http://belfastrestaurantweek.org) to learn more.

## NOVEMBER

# RE[act]

FESTIVAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE BELFAST

**RE[act]: Keynote Address**  
Thur 13 November

One year on from the second biennial RE[act] Festival, the keynote address will continue the conversation on where individuals, organisations and policymakers must go next on the journey to towards a Sustainable Belfast.

Email [Lawrence@linenquarter.org](mailto:Lawrence@linenquarter.org) to learn more.



### 10 Years of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in NI

Autumn  
Europa Hotel

This special event will consider and celebrate the impact that NI's eight BIDs have had since 2015, before looking to the future of BIDs, and their increasingly important placemaking role, across this island and in GB. Find out more at [linenquarter.org/events](http://linenquarter.org/events)

### LQ Lights Up For Christmas

November - December  
District wide

LQ BID's Christmas Tree & Walk-Through Bauble will return for a second year, extending Christmas animation further into the district. This will be complimented by outdoor Brass Band and Choral Concerts throughout the holiday season. Find out more at [linenquarter.org/events](http://linenquarter.org/events)

## DECEMBER

### LQ Annual Winter Social Event

Dates & Location TBC

To stay briefed on all these events and more to come, sign up to our newsletter at [linenquarter.org/newsletter](http://linenquarter.org/newsletter) or by emailing [stephen@linenquarter.org](mailto:stephen@linenquarter.org)





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