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LQ BID EVENTS 2026



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2026

THE LINEN QUARTER IS BELFAST'S PREMIER BUSINESS DESTINATION, WHICH ENJOYS A RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND ARTS. OUR 2026 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. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM SHOWCASES THE LINEN QUARTER AS A PREMIER DISTRICT FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & HOSPITALITY.



LQ Live After 5

Linen Live after 5 supports the fantastic mid-week cultural offering in the district, by providing free and subsidised experiences for local employees every month. Expect Oyster Tasting, Movie Nights, Theatre Shows, Pub Quizzes & Board Game Nights. Launching on March 24th at the recently opened Moxy Hotel.



European City of Sport 2026

Belfast has been named a European City of Sport for 2026, recognising it as one of the best cities, towns and regions across Europe to take part in sport. LQ BID's Health promotion activities have ramped up to match this ambition, with year-round activities including free gym classes, our annual health week in June and a new run club - Jog Belfast - in association with the Active Belfast.



JANUARY

Jog Belfast

13 January - 26 March
(Tue & Thur @ 12.30pm)

Leaving from Bankmore Square

Bi-weekly couch to 5k programme designed especially for complete beginners. Participants will work toward a shared goal: completing a 5k graduation run. Sign up at linenquarter.org/jogbelfastuk

Linen Quarter Health Club

14 January - 18 February
(Every Wednesday @ 5.30pm)

Bodyscape Gym,
Great Victoria Street

Weekly small group exercise class including Spin, Circuit, Martial Arts & Bodypump. Free to attend. Register at linenquarter.org/events

Belfast Stories Tour for LQ Businesses

Wed 21 January,
12pm - 1.30pm

Bespoke Tour of Belfast Stories Site for Linen Quarter Businesses, ahead of consultation ending in February.

belfast summit

Belfast Summit 2026

Thur 29 January,
9am - 2.30pm
Belfast Harbour
Commissioners Office

This year's theme - A City for Living - from Daylife to Nightlife - will explore how cities can balance work, culture and community with a vibrant night-time economy. Keynote speakers include Nicola Sturgeon, Former First Minister of Scotland.

Annual Members Dinner & 2026 Events Program Launch: Welcoming Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

Thur 29 January, 6pm - 10pm
[The Points, Dublin Road](https://linenquarter.org/events)

This members' networking event celebrates the start of our 2026 events program. This year we are celebrating traditional Irish Culture, as Belfast prepares to welcome the Fleadh in August, with traditional Irish Food, Music & Dancing.



Moxy Mixer: LQ Live After Five '26 Launch Event

Thu 26 March, 5pm - 7pm
Moxy Hotel,
Clarence Street West

Linen Live after 5 supports the fantastic mid-week cultural offering in the district, by providing free and subsidised experiences for local employees. Join our launch event to see how you can access special experiences including Oyster Tasting, Movie Nights, Theatre Shows, Pub Quizzes & Board Game Nights. Register at linenquarter.org/events



IMAGINE!

Festival of Ideas & Politics

23-29 March
 City Wide

Launching at the Ulster Hall on 19 Feb, LQ BID is proud to once again be sponsoring several events at Imagine! Festival of Politics & Ideas, including political comedy, conversational events and music for the mind.

A full program can be found at imaginebelfast.com

FEBRUARY

Wonderful Wander - Four Corners Festival

Sat 7 February, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Meeting at **Lanyon Place Station**

Journeying from Lanyon Place Station to the new Belfast Grand Central Station, explore how transportation has shaped our city with stories, poems, and songs led by Jim Deeds, David Campton, and Mylie Brennan, and a special event to close. Register at 4cornersfestival.com/wonderful-wander

Protein Pancake Tuesday

Tue 17 February, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Loaf Café, Bedford Street

Join this business networking lunch including complimentary protein pancakes and all the trimmings, with specialist nutritional advice on the importance of protein and other macro nutrients. Register at linenquarter.org/events

Charity Headshot Day

Mon 23 February, 11am - 2pm
Drop In, Location TBC

Update your headshot for all your professional needs, from Linked In to Press Releases. Leave with a quality professional portrait worth £125. Free, but donations welcome to NICHs. For more info email halli@linenquarter.org

MARCH



Ulster Hall Private Tour

Wed 4 March,
 12.30pm - 1.30pm

A chance to experience the historic features of the Ulster Hall without the crowds. Closed for public access, this bespoke guided tour allows Linen Quarter employees to go behind the scenes, and stand on the same stage once graced by legends from Led Zeppelin to Carl Frampton. Register at linenquarter.org/events

Maple - The First Taste of Spring

Wed 11 March, 12pm - 2pm
The Dep Canadian Streetfood,
Flaxx Boardwalk

This annual festival marks the transition from Winter to Spring in Québec, when the sap of maple trees begins to flow. Come along to try some sugary delicacies and featured traditions. Register at linenquarter.org/events



APRIL

LQ Lunch & Learn

Wed 11, 18 & 25 April
Maldron Hotel, Blackstaff Square

What are the transformational impacts of events like Culture Night & The Fleadh? What will our City look like in 10 years' time? How can we influence Politics in these complex times? Join us as we try to answer these questions and more. A complimentary lunch will be provided. The full program can be found at linenquarter.org/events

World Towns Leadership Summit

20-24 April, Belfast & Dublin

Linen Quarter BID is partnering with Dublin Town BID to host the International Downtown

Association World Towns Leadership Summit. The event will bring placemaking professionals and city managers from across the planet to Belfast to share ideas and solutions to the most pressing issues facing City Centres.

Spring Safe & Clean Week
 20-26 April, District Wide

Coinciding with Earth Day, the first of our two Safe and Clean Weeks will involve volunteer experiences, spring planting and a range of safety-related initiatives. In partnership with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

Contact charlotte@linenquarter.org.

Earth Day Business Breakfast

Wed 22 April, Location TBC

FESTIVAL OF FOOLS Sat 2 - Mon 4 May
 Having celebrated 20 years of silliness in 2025, Festival of Fools returns this bank holiday weekend with incredible acts from local, national and international performers, and lots of laughter promised across Belfast Grand Central Station & Saltwater Square. Visit festivaloffools.com for more info.



MAY

Belfast Marathon & Relay - In Support of NICHs

Sun 3 May

LQ BID is sponsoring employees from across the district to run on behalf of our Charity Partner - NI Chest, Heart & Stroke. Good luck to runners from Atkins, CBRE, Financial Times & SEUPB.

LQ Health Club: 5-a-Side-Football

May - August
Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre

Back for the third 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.

Email Lawrence@linenquarter.org to take part.

LQ BID New Members Lunch

Wed 20 May, 12pm - 2pm
Fitzwilliam Hotel,
Great Victoria Street

Ongoing urban development means that more organisations are moving into the Linen Quarter every year. Our annual new members lunch is an opportunity for newcomer organisations to learn more about LQ BID vision benefits & services. Invites will be issued to relevant organisations, but we're also interested in hearing from existing orgs who have had limited engagement with LQ BID.

Email stephen@linenquarter.org

JUNE

Belfast Book Festival

4 - 11 June
Crescent Arts Centre

Throughout the 16th festival, you'll find celebrated writers from around the world and around the corner gathered to discuss their work. Meet your favourite authors at book signings and events, including a special event sponsored by LQ BID. For more info visit [BelfastBookFestival.com](https://www.belfastbookfestival.com)

LQ Health Week

8 - 14 June
District wide

Now in its 7th year, LQ Health Week aims to promote a greater sense of well-being for employees across the district. Activities include free health checks, gym classes, first aid & CPR training, yoga and longevity treatments. Tickets will be released via our newsletter and website. Visit [linquarter.org/newsletter](https://www.linquarter.org/newsletter) to sign up



MAKE
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LQ Make Music Day 2026

Sun 21 June, 12pm - 6pm District wide

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

LQ BID Annual General Meeting & Annual Report Launch

Wed 24 June
Europa Hotel Penthouse

Grand Central Grooves

Thursdays in June from 5pm
Brewdog, Belfast Grand Central Station

Break up your commute! Join us every Thursday evening in June to wind down after work with some tunes, beers and good vibes outside Brew Dog. More info at [linquarter.org/events](https://www.linquarter.org/events)

JULY-AUGUST

Tradfest – Belfast Grand Central Station Session

Throughout July
BGCS & Saltwater Square

Pop-up Musical Performances, Céilí Dancing & Bodhrán circles. Come and have a go throughout July! A timetable of sessions can be found at [belfasttraditionalmusic.com](https://www.belfasttraditionalmusic.com)

Flaxx Summer Animation Program

July - August
Flaxx Boardwalk, Brunswick Street

Flaxx Boardwalk will once again 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, dance performances, Canada day, petting zoos, circus acts and free ice cream!

4th Annual Pétanque Tournament

July - September
Blackstaff Square Pétanque Piste

LQ BID member organisations are invited to enter a team into our 4th annual Pétanque Competition. Wilson Nesbitt are the reigning champions and the ones to beat. Register your interest at [linquarter.org/events](https://www.linquarter.org/events)



SEPTEMBER

USA 250: Labor Day
Mon 7 September
Voco Hotel, Gasworks

This annual holiday recognises the contribution of workers to wider prosperity in the US. This special event will mark the 250th birthday year of the United States and recognise the contribution of workers and businesses to the regeneration and prosperity of the Linen Quarter. Register your interest at linenquarter.org/events

European Heritage Open Days

Sat 12 & Sun 13 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 to learn more or register your premises to take part.

Europa Hotel Abseil – In Support of NICHS

Sun 20 September

Would you like to abseil down one of the Linen Quarter's most iconic buildings, all while raising vital funds to support victims of heart disease and stroke?

Email stephen@linenquarter.org to learn more.



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 to learn more.

Belfast International Horror Festival

Thu 29 October
Europa Hotel Penthouse



This special movie screening of Cult Classic, The Shining, at the Europa Hotel Penthouse will be complete with thematic special effects & interactive elements. Free tickets for LQ BID employees. More info at bihf.co.uk

CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night Belfast
Fri 18 September
District wide

The landmark cultural event returns to Belfast, bringing arts and culture to the streets and venues of the Linen Quarter, with special events such as the return of the Linen Quarter Wrestling Corner.

Email stephen@linenquarter.org to get your venue involved.



BELFAST Restaurant week

Dates TBC, City Centre Wide

Belfast Restaurant Week always leaves a good taste, with dozens of unique experiences across city centre venues including 17 in the Linen Quarter. Expect special

menus, food demonstrations, whiskey tastings & more!

Email stephen@linenquarter.org to get your venue involved.



NOVEMBER

RE[act]

FESTIVAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE BELFAST

RE[act] Festival
9 - 15 November
City Wide

The fourth year of the RE[act] Festival will bring together individuals, organisations and policymakers to explore in creative ways, the next steps in the journey towards a Sustainable Belfast.

Learn more at reactfestival.co.uk



DECEMBER

LQ Annual Winter Social Event

Dates & Location TBC

Bedford Square Brass Band Concert

Tue 29 December
Bedford Square

A festive evening for employees and the public alike, complete with mince pies and mulled wine!



To stay briefed on all these events and more to come, sign up to our newsletter at

linenquarter.org/newsletter

or by emailing

stephen@linenquarter.org

FOOD & DRINK, CULTURE AND LEISURE IN THE LINEN QUARTER

TRADITIONAL PUBS IN THE LINEN QUARTER

- Brennan's
- The Crown
- Fibber Magee's
- Robinsons Bars
- The Perch
- Sweet Afton
- The Points
- An Sibin
- Ritas
- Franklins Sports bar
- Liquor XXX
- Three Sheets
- Fibber Magees



FINE DINING RESTAURANTS

- Fratellis
- Nu Delhi
- Ginger
- Zen
- Flame
- James Street South
- Coco
- Shed Bistro



HOTEL BARS & RESTAURANTS

- The Observatory Bar, Grand Central Hotel
- Seahorse Lounge, Grand Central Hotel
- The Grand Café, Grand Central Hotel
- Avenue 22, Clayton
- Grain and Grill, Maldron
- Fitzwilliam Restaurant
- Piano Bar, Europa Hotel
- Lobby bar, Europa Hotel
- The Causerie Restaurant, Europa
- Holiday Inn Restaurant
- Moxy Hotel
- POMO Restaurant - Voco Hotel

FAMILY RESTAURANTS & GLOBAL CUISINE

- Boojum
- Pizza Express
- Nando's
- Orto
- Teal Monkey
- Avenue 22
- Rayles Diner
- Archana Restaurant
- Harlem
- Wetherspoons
- The Dep Canadian Eatery & Tuck Shop
- Brewdog
- Boneyard
- HALT @ Weavers Cross
- Red Panda
- Hope Street
- Shed Seafood & Grill
- Thai Village
- Joy Inn



THEATRE, CONCERT & DANCE

- Ulster Hall
- Grand Opera
- Limelight



SPORT, LEISURE & FITNESS

- Pure Gym, Adelaide St
- Orchid Thai Massage, GVS
- The Physio Group
- ACCA Longevity Clinic
- Bodyscape Fitness





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