



LQ BID EVENTS 2023

WHAT'S ON AT THE HEART OF BELFAST'S BUSINESS DISTRICT

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THE LINEN QUARTER IS RAPIDLY EMERGING AS A DYNAMIC NEW DESTINATION WITHIN BELFAST. ARTS & CULTURE IS AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION TO PROMOTE AND REVITALISE THE DISTRICT AND WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT A DIVERSE AND EXCITING PROGRAMME FOR 2023.



FEBRUARY

Belfast Restaurant Week
20-26 February
Belfast City Centre

Over 40 restaurants across the City Centre provide a £10 lunch or £20 dinner. Plus, special events and food demos at St George's Market.
belfastrestaurantweek.org

LQ BID Celebration
Wednesday 22 February
Sea Horse Restaurant,
Grand Central Hotel

This member's networking event celebrates the start of a second five-year term for LQ BID and helps launch our 2023 events plan. Our guest speaker is Mark Simpson, who will reflect on the Good Friday / Belfast Agreement 25 years on.

MARCH / APRIL

Media Launch of Imagine Festival
Thursday 2 March

LQ BID are long term sponsors of this popular Belfast Festival, which launches today at the Grand Central Hotel.

Social Media Training
Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 March

A bespoke meeting with renowned marketer Alan Wallace (InspireBelfast) to provide your organisation with tips and techniques to maximise your social media presence.

St Patrick's Day
Friday 17 March

Join traditional celebrations in venues across the Linen Quarter.

MARCH / APRIL

Imagine Festival
21-23 March
Linen Quarter Debates,
Europa & Grand Central

21 March 12.30-2pm
Frances Crook OBE, co-convenor of the Commission on Political Power.

22 March, 12.30-2pm
Prof Jon Tonge, Liverpool University. How to ensure political instability in NI.

22 March, 7.30-9pm
Loving Unloved Spaces, panel discussion and public debate.

23 March, 8.30-10am
Re-imagining Blackstaff Square, business breakfast.

23 March, 12.30-2pm
Prof Linda Bauld, University of Edinburgh. How to prepare for the next pandemic.

Carbon Literacy Training / Climate Awareness
Friday 21 April
Earth Day

A free business seminar to introduce climate science, raise understanding of our personal and organisational impacts, and provide practical actions to reduce our carbon footprint.

Member's Networking Event
Thursday 27 April
Radisson Blue Hotel, Gasworks

Join us at our first Gasworks networking event and take time to meet neighbours from your immediate area and across the District. Free drinks and bar snacks provided by the BID.



Opening of Bankmore Square
Date TBC
(This initiative is subject to a successful application for grant funding)

Join LQ BID and our landscape designers as we launch replanted Bankmore Square, including a wildflower bed and outdoor social zone. Lunch and coffee will be provided and there is an opportunity to speak to the gardeners and claim your free packet of seeds.

MAY / JUNE

Hit the North Festival

LQ BID will be hosting a walking tour to highlight street art across the district, which will include new installations along Great Victoria Street, Shaftesbury Square, and James Street.

Inter-Company Petanque Tournament

Enjoyed by the French for decades, the game of pétanque is taking UK cities by storm as they embrace a game brilliantly suited to urban spaces. LQ BID installed a pétanque Court in Blackstaff Square last summer, and in 2023 we will be hosting our first inter-company tournament. So, get some work colleagues together and join the competition this summer.

LQ Health Week

Open to every employee within the district, Health Week aims to promote a greater sense of well-being. Activities include free health checks & physio, first aid & CPR training, gym promotions, yoga, and healthy eating. Look out for the full programme in May.

Belfast Blues Festival
23-25 June

LQ BID will be sponsoring an eclectic series of live blues music across the Linen Quarter & Gasworks as part of this vibrant local festival.

Annual General Meeting & Member's Networking Event
Wednesday 28 June

Formal meeting to sign off accounts and confirm new Board Members. Combined with an update for levy payers, guest speaker, and networking event.

JULY / AUGUST

Inter-Company Petanque Tournament

The competition continues...

The Big Screen

Flaxx at Brunswick Street will host a large screen to facilitate outdoor sporting events and movies. Dates and details to be confirmed.

SEPTEMBER

European Heritage Days

9-10 September

LQ BID will host a walking tour of the area to celebrate the architecture, people, and sense of place of our historic district.

Investment Business

Breakfast

date tbc

This event will focus on investment opportunities in the Dublin Road – Great Victoria Street – Shaftesbury Square triangle and will foreshadow wider opportunities coming down the track as a result of Weaver's Cross. Guest speakers include Chris Conway (Translink) and Cathy Reynolds (Belfast City Council).

Safe & Clean City Centre

date tbc

A new annual engagement for all city centre organisations to discuss safe & clean issues with the PSNI and City Council. In partnership with all three BIDs.



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OCTOBER

Belfast International Arts Festival

date tbc

Join us in the Linen Quarter for artistic and thought provoking events sponsored by LQ BID.

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dates tbc

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First Aid & CPR Training

date tbc

Certified courses for office workers and hospitality staff, which are fully funded by LQ BID.

NOVEMBER

RE[act] Festival 2023

A series of events around the theme of sustainable urban regeneration. Full details to be announced later in 2023.

Xmas Social

dates tbc

As part of RE[act], and to welcome the Christmas season, LQ BID will be hosting a sustainable food social event, with guest speaker, exclusively for our levy paying members.



DECEMBER

Xmas Installation at Blackstaff Square

date tbc

Following on from last year's 'REUNION', LQ BID aim to launch another innovative lighting installation to celebrate the season and encourage visitors to experience our District.

JANUARY 2024

Burns Night

25 January

Join us for members social as we celebrate Burns Night, with all the trappings, and launch our 2024 events plan.

We hope to see you at some of these exciting events and, with your support, we can help make the Linen Quarter the home of hospitality and the best place to do business in Belfast.

