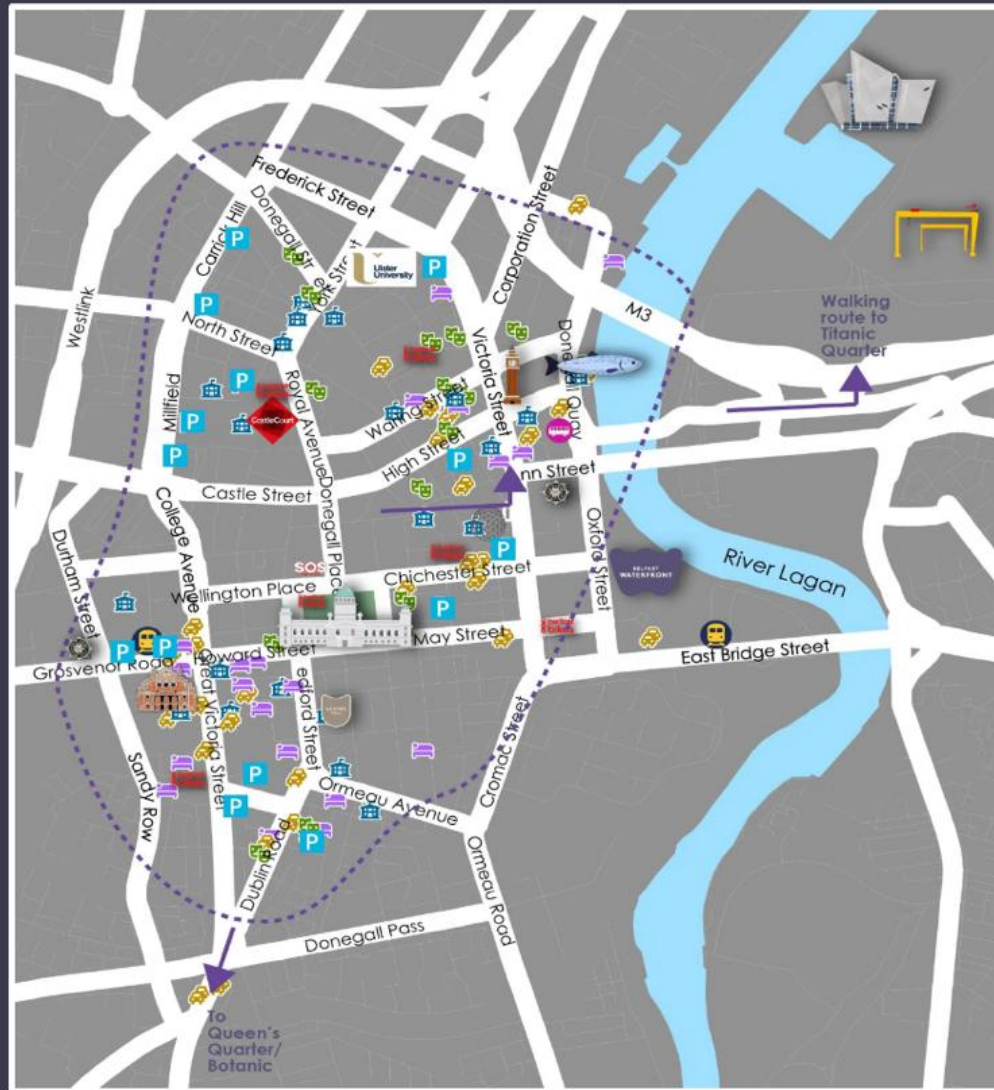


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Annual Review – Michael Stewart



THE VISION

‘To Be the best night-time economy on the Island of Ireland’



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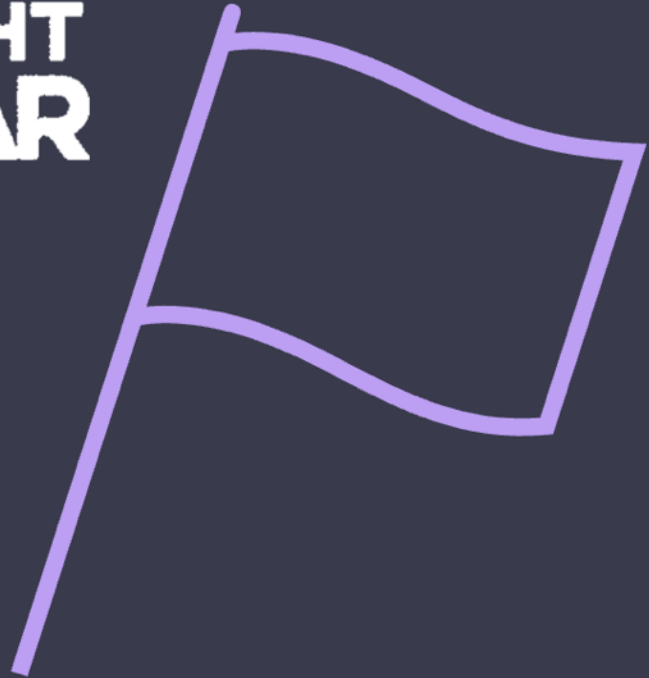


HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Communicating
Advocating
Networking



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PURPLE FLAG THE 5-PILLARS

WELLBEING

MOVEMENT

APPEAL

PLACE

POLICY

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Late Night
Transport

Ending Violence
Against Women
and Girls

Culture Night

Pavement
Café Licensing

THE FOUR KEY PRIORITIES

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WHERE ARE WE TO DATE?

Late Night Transport

- A lot further down the road since last year.
- Numerous meetings with Executive Ministers and stakeholders.
- Letter signed by over 1000 businesses.
- Cross party support in the Executive, The Assembly and BCC.
- Special debate in Assembly 4th February.
- Letter from DFI Minister.
- Funding of £650k required.
- Christmas 2024 transport was successful.
- Positive of a successful outcome very soon.



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Ending Violence Against Women and Girls EVAWG.

- Societal change and shift required. This takes time.
- Various seminars.
- Ask For Angela.
- Education
- Safer Socialising Steering Group- Stormont.
- Proactive policing and extra resources.
- Public realm works
- Street lighting
- Executive commitment.
- Strong links back to late night transport.
- Statistically Belfast is still a safe place at night compared to other European cities.
- Work still to be done and ongoing.



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Culture Night 2025

- Culture night returns this Friday, over 100 events.
- All change but not change.
- "It's life Jim but not as we know it"
- Reset button and build on this for CN2026.
- Culture is the MAGIC DUST of Belfast.
- Stormont funding next year.
- Late night transport.



**CULTURE
NIGHT 25**



Pavement Cafe Licensing

- Mixed bag.
- Still many frustrations.
- DFI and BCC.
- Need to support and embrace outdoor spaces.
- Fleagh 2026



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What's Next?

- Build on, expand, and support the potential introduction of late-night transport.
- Secure funding for the future.
- Strengthen stakeholder partnerships
- Advocate and lobby to secure funding for CN2026
- Work with all stakeholders to deliver the best Fleagh ever in August 2026
- Strengthen and develop links between NTE and our main universities.



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Thank You!