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LQ BID EVENTS 2024

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2024

THE LINEN QUARTER HAS ARRIVED AS BELFAST'S PREMIER DESTINATION TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT. IN 2024, BELFAST CITY COUNCIL WILL CELEBRATE ARTS & CULTURE WITH A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION – 'BELFAST 2024' AND LINEN QUARTER BID IS EXCITED TO PRESENT AN EQUALLY VARIED AND STIMULATING PROGRAMME OF EXCITING EVENTS ALONGSIDE.



JANUARY

Robert Burns Night & Program Launch

Thu 25 January, 6.45pm
Seahorse Restaurant,
Grand Central Hotel

This members' networking event celebrates the start of our 2024 events program. Our guest speaker is Maeve Monaghan, who will give the traditional 'Toast to the Lassies.'

Linen Quarter Health Club

16 January – 5 March
(Every Tuesday @ 4.30pm)
Anytime Fitness,
Great Victoria Street

Weekly exercise class including Spin, Strength, Kettlebells & Circuits. Free to attend.

Email Lawrence@linenquarter.org to take part.

City Conversations – Placemaking Panel Discussions (Jan - March)

Chaired by Dr. Neil Galway, QUB School of Natural & Built Environment. These events are free to attend. Drinks & nibbles will be provided.

City Conversation #1 - SDG 11 - Regeneration

Tue 23 January, 6pm - 7.30pm
Pug Uglys

An expert-led discussion including LQ BID Regeneration Manager Christian Karelse, on various options for rejuvenating Belfast City Centre.

City Conversation #2 - SDG 10 - Engagement

Tue 6 February, 6pm - 7.30pm
Perch Rooftop Bar

An expert-led discussion on how to involve wider society into the design of the places around us.

City Conversation #3 - SDG 7 - Affordable & Clean Energy

Tue 20 February, 6pm - 7.30pm
The Black Box

An expert-led discussion on how sustainable placemaking can be less energy intensive. Free to attend. Email Christiaan@linenquarter.org to sign up.

FEBRUARY

The Stories That Shape Us

Sat 10 February, 7.30pm
Clayton Hotel, Belfast

Five public figures discuss a book that was significant in

their lives, along with specially selected readings. Supported by LQ BID as part of the Four Corners Festival. This event is free to attend but registration is required at 4cornersfestival.com/festival-events/the-stories-that-shape-us

Belfast Summit 2024

Thu 15 February
Ulster University Belfast Campus

We're delighted that Carlos Moreno, creator of the 15-minute city concept, advisor to the Mayor of Paris, and one of the world's most influential urbanists, will be keynote speaker at this inspirational summit.

LQ BID is a principal sponsor of a unique event that will bring together global, national and local experts to discuss our City Centre, tackle dereliction and decline, and build a vibrant place where people want to work, live and play.

Email Stephen@linenquarter.org to register your interest.

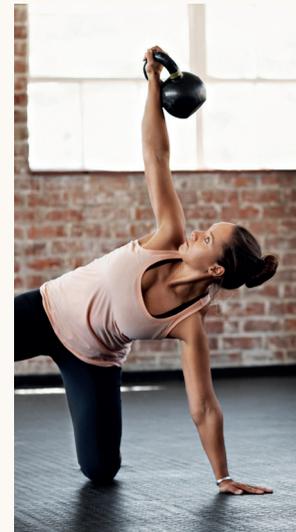
MARCH

Corporate Tree Planting Day

Wed 6 March, 10am-12 noon
Glas-na-Bradán Woods

LQ BID is supporting the Woodland Trust in their mission to plant 150,000 trees at Glas-na-Bradán in North Belfast over 5 years.

Email Stephen@linenquarter.org to get involved.



IMAGINE!

Festival of Ideas & Politics

Throughout March

Linen Quarter BID is directly involved with staging the following events as part of the wider Imagine! festival program. These are free to attend unless otherwise stated.



Climate Improvement Districts

Tue 19 March, 12pm - 1.15pm [Maldron Hotel](#)

Discussion with Andrew Haley (Paul Hogarth Co), Tea & Honey to be served from Bee Hive on Maldron Hotel Roof.



Empowering Women in Public Space

Wed 20 March, 5pm - 7pm [Pug Uglys](#)

Panel discussion including Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Áine Groogan, Chaired by Allison Morris (Bel Tel). Finger foods & drinks sponsored by LQ BID.



Louise Walsh In Conversation with Amanda Ferguson

Thu 21 March, 12pm - 1pm [Europa Hotel](#)

Iconic Irish sculptor Louise Walsh will share stories from her life and career, including the Monument to the Unknown Woman Worker on Great Victoria Street which sparked political debate in City Hall in the 1970's. Followed by a group photo at the Monument.



Sluggie O'Toole: Looming... Political Futures

Fri 22 March, 5pm - 7pm [Europa Hotel](#)

With General Elections in the UK and Ireland as well as European elections and the US Presidential poll due in the next 12 months, University of Liverpool's Professor Jon Tonge and a panel of political journalists and commentators will assess the current state and the future direction of politics. £10 per ticket, £8 concession in support of Sluggie O'Toole. Includes one free drink.



Don Letts Q&A with Stuart Bailie and DJ Set

Sun 24 March, 3pm - 6pm
[The Limelight](#)

£10 per ticket,
£8 concession



Grammy Award winning musician & film maker, Don Letts, came to notoriety in the late 70's as the DJ that single handedly turned a whole generation of punks onto reggae. Join Stuart Bailie in conversation with Don, followed by a DJ set.

All events including free events are ticketed and must be booked online at [imaginebelfast.com/upcoming-events](https://www.imaginebelfast.com/upcoming-events)

APRIL

LQ Health Club:

5-A-Side-Football

10 April - 29 May
(Every Wednesday @ 5pm for 8 weeks)

[Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre](#)

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@linenquarter.org to take part.

Linen Quarter Big Spring Clean

April

LQ BID will be leading a district wide clean up as part of the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful 'Big Spring Clean' Campaign. We will be encouraging local organisations and residents to get involved. Email Charlotte@linenquarter.org to sign up.

JUNE

LQ BID Annual General Meeting

June

[Location TBC](#)

LQ BID's AGM is a great opportunity for member organisations to discuss key issues in the district and receive an update on what has been achieved. The AGM will be followed by a summer social event. Invites will be issued directly to members.

Health Week

10 - 16 June

[Various Locations](#)

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 June.

Make Music Day 2024

Fri 21 June

An annual day of music making celebrated in 125 countries worldwide and coming to Linen Quarter for the first time in 2024. Expect street performances, choir recitals, and coffee shop quartets throughout the day.

If you are a local musician or venue email Stephen@linenquarter.org to get involved.



Linen Quarter Legends & Gems Walking Tours

June - August

LQ BID is supporting the development of a brand new Linen Quarter Tour. Over the course of 2 hours you will visit a range of sites and learn about local history, stories, architecture music and street art. Includes a complimentary coffee. Email Stephen@linenquarter.org to register your interest.

JULY

Big Screen at Flaxx - Wimbledon & Euros

1 - 14 July

[Flaxx Boardwalk, Brunswick St](#)

In partnership with Sweet Afton, LQ BID are installing a large screen at Flaxx Boardwalk for two weeks in July, where local employees and members of the public can enjoy Wimbledon matches and Euro 2024 fixtures for free. Drinks and food will be available from the Flaxx Container kitchen or you are free to bring your own food too.

Bankmore Square Summer Event Series

July - September

[Bankmore Square, Dublin Road](#)

Bankmore Square 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, yoga sessions, petting zoo, pickleball, circus acts and free ice cream!

Annual Pétanque Tournament

July - September

[Blackstaff Square](#)

LQ BID member organisations are invited to enter a team into our 2nd Annual Pétanque Competition. Local organisations 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! Navigator Blue are the reigning champions and the ones to beat. Email Stephen@linenquarter.org to register your interest.





AUGUST

The Belfast Address – 150 Year Anniversary Event Mon 19 August Ulster Hall

Anniversary event marking 150 years since the historic Belfast Address took place, igniting a worldwide debate on science and religion. A prominent speaker will address a contemporary issue for 21st century living.

Email Stephen@linenquarter.org to attend.

European Heritage Open Days

14 - 15 September
Various Locations

We are working to bring this annual celebration of local architecture, history and culture to the Linen Quarter where the public will be able to explore buildings and sites rarely open to the public.



OCTOBER

BELFAST RESTAURANT WEEK

Date TBC

Belfast Restaurant Week will see the initiative grow beyond the restaurant, with a range of animation and events for diners to enjoy. Expect food demonstrations, food tours, cocktail masterclasses, and whiskey tastings.

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

NOVEMBER

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FESTIVAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE BELFAST

12 - 14 November

LQ BID's third bi-annual event for a sustainable Belfast will once again see the essential changes we all need to make for a more sustainable city and planet.

The three day event will follow the themes of the wider Belfast 2024 program – People, Place & Planet – with a range of activities and events aimed at empowering individuals, organisations & government to re-act and take action.

Email Lawrence@linenquarter.org to submit an event idea or get involved.



DECEMBER

Members & Employees Annual Winter Social Event

Date TBC

Location TBC

To close 2024, Linen Quarter BID will host their annual members social event including festive drinks and treats alongside superb music.

It's always a great way to get the holiday season started. Invites will be sent to members directly.





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