

Planet [14th November 2024]

UNEARTH THE HEAT BENEATH OUR FEET *Geothermal Energy Potential for NI*

9am - 5pm, Europa Hotel

Experience our audio visual displays and immersive VR encounter that bring the power of geothermal energy to life.

YOUR CLIMATE FUTURE *A Time for Change*

9am - 10pm, Europa Hotel

Climate Briefing on key information about climate change and the importance of individual and community action to make a difference.

TRANSLINK *Grand Central Station*

To be announced on the website – reactfestival.co.uk

BREAKFAST WITH YOUNG LEADERS LEADING WITH HOPE

10am - 11am, Europa Hotel

Breakfast with storytelling and a dynamic panel discussion where these passionate young leaders will share their journeys, challenges, and hopes for our city.

GREENING THE DEAL *Sustainability in Contracts*

10am - 11am, Europa Hotel

Workshop to explore the concept of sustainability and its critical relevance to modern contracting.

CLIMATE CRAIC COUTURE *Revamp Your Wardrobe!*

11.30am -12.45pm, Europa Hotel

1pm - 2.30pm, Europa Hotel

Workshop to explore the concept of sustainability and its critical relevance to modern contracting.

THE FUTURE OF CLEAN MARITIME TRANSPORT

11.30am -12.30pm, Europa Hotel

Hear from Artemis Technologies and Belfast Maritime Consortium partners about the opportunities zero emission transport brings for People, Place and Planet.

6 STEPS TO ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESS *Interactive Workshop*

12pm - 1pm, Europa Hotel

Engaging introductory course on sustainability and ESG reporting!

CLIMATE CAFÉ

1pm - 2pm, Europa Hotel

Climate Café for casual conversations and connect with like-minded individuals passionate about all things climate!

ENERGISING BELFAST *Delivering a Cleaner and More Secure Energy Future*

4pm - 5pm, Europa Hotel

SONI will share their vision for supporting Northern Ireland's renewable energy goals, with a special focus on the transformative "Energising Belfast" project.

NATURE CONSERVATION *An Evening with Barra Best*

5am - 6pm, Europa Hotel

Screening of Barra Best's Return of the Wild! Dive into thrilling behind-the-scenes stories with Barra himself, followed by an exciting Q&A session!

NI CLIMATE CHANGE ACT + NET ZERO 2050

Plans and Approach

6pm - 7pm, Europa Hotel

Join DAERA Minister Andrew Muir MLA as he outlines Northern Ireland's plans and approach for meeting the ambitious targets set by the NI Climate Change Act and the roadmap to net-zero.

[**30+** FREE Sustainability events to join] [**3** Key Themes: PEOPLE, PLACE, PLANET]

A brand new city experience for 2024 with an eclectic mix of talks, workshops and experiential events dedicated to creating a more sustainable Belfast.

12-14 November 2024

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FESTIVAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE BELFAST



RE[act] seeks to inspire a more sustainable Belfast. Aligned with COP29, the Festival will focus on three key themes: People, Place, and Planet. Join us from 12-14 November 2024, and together, let's drive lasting change for our city.

RE[act]

12-14 November

RE[act] Festival for a Sustainable Belfast, a platform for reimagining our city's future. Our aim for the festival is to celebrate initiatives already underway and inspire a more sustainable path towards a better Belfast.

Organised by Linen Quarter BID and sponsored by SONI, Invest NI and ICC Belfast, the festival features over 30 free interactive events, including keynote talks,

nature walks, film screenings, tasting menu sessions, creative and DIY workshops, pop-up museum, and many more.

We invite individuals, businesses, and policymakers to join us and become catalysts for positive change.

Let's unite, RE[act], and inspire a more sustainable future for Belfast!

Go to reactfestival.co.uk for booking details

People [12th November 2024]

BUSINESS BREAKFAST Changing the Business Landscape

9am - 10am, Europa Hotel
Hear inspiring stories from leading organisations and their remarkable stories of putting people first and making a difference!

AI FOR GOOD
How to Use AI Responsibly
10am - 11am, Europa Hotel
Interactive session discussing generative AI tools, capabilities, and the latest industry trends.

FROM ROOTS TO CANOPY
Revealing the Hidden Benefits of Urban Trees
10am - 11am, Europa Hotel
Designed to bring awareness to the importance of urban trees, from its roots to canopy.

CLIMATE CAFÉ
10.30am - 11.30am
One Elmwood, QUB
Join our Climate Café for casual conversations and connect with like-minded individuals passionate about all things climate!

RE[love]: Style with Purpose

12th, 13th & 14th Nov [9am - 12 noon
voco® Belfast - Gasworks | Pop-up sustainable fashion store, where fashion meets sustainability for a cause!]

IGNITE YOUR HEALTHY AGEING JOURNEY
12 noon - 1pm, Europa Hotel
Lunch screening of "The End of Blue Zone" documentary followed by an Ignite Talk by Dr. Nicola Ann Ward about Promed-EX, a study looking into protein rich Mediterranean diet for people in NI.

NATURE WALK + TALK at Divis Mountain
12 noon - 1.30pm
Divis Black Mountain
Unique nature walk and expert talk at Divis and Black Mountain. No special skills needed. Just enjoy the walk!

OUR STORY, OUR CITY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY
What you DO makes a difference!
3pm - 6pm, Europa Hotel
This three-part event will explore critical areas of our daily lives—Eat, Live, Wear, Waste, Power, and Travel—and foster collaboration to drive actionable change in our city.

CLIMATE CLEVER COMMUNITIES
4pm - 5pm, Europa Hotel
A gamified workshop on leadership where young people negotiate actions to build community climate resilience and respond to a global emergency.

SUSTAINABLE EVENT DELIVERY
Building a Lasting Legacy for Northern Ireland
5pm - 6pm, Europa Hotel
Exclusive behind-the-scenes access to ICC Belfast's award-winning sustainable event model, showcasing how they harness their team's power to create a world-class stage for success.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY
Keynote Talk by Raquel Noboa
7pm - 8pm, Europa Hotel
An engaging and transformative workshop that delves into how we can advance a vibrant culture of sustainability within organisations.

Place [13th November 2024]

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Invest NI's Green Solutions for Businesses
9am - 10.30am, Europa Hotel
Discover the tools, resources, and support available to help your business thrive in a low-carbon, zero waste, energy efficient world and contribute to Northern Ireland's net-zero journey.

CRAFTING SPACES
A Placemaking Toolkit
10.30pm - 12 noon, Europa Hotel
Explore ideas to create more inclusive placemaking projects for diverse communities and young citizens.

REACTING TO OUR LINEN LEGACY
12 noon - 1.30pm, Europa Hotel
Discover how each thread of linen weaves a tale of innovation, resilience, and craftsmanship that shaped NI's past and future—featuring selected footage from the NI Screen digital archive.

Sustainable Pop-Up Design

12th & 13th Nov [9am - 5pm
Europa Hotel, Rotunda Room | Discover the work of five brilliant local designers across different disciplines in both the physical & digital realms.]

CLIMATE BAR

1pm - 2pm
One Elmwood, QUB
Climate Bar for casual conversations and connect with like-minded individuals passionate about all things climate!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY
NI's Film Industry
1pm - 2pm, Europa Hotel
Discover how the industry is embracing eco-friendly practices, reducing its carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable production techniques.

THE GREEN PLATE - TASTING MENU AT THE ACADEMY
Your Gateway to Sustainable Gastronomy | Fee Applies
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Academy Restaurant, UU
Experience the flavours of Northern Ireland like never before with our exquisite 4-course small plates tasting menu, crafted from the finest locally sourced produce from 11 councils.

RE[shaping] TOURISM
Sustainable Tourism Best Practice
3pm - 4pm, Academy Restaurant, UU
A dynamic panel of tourism/hospitality businesses will share practical, cost-effective solutions for boosting sustainability.

BELFAST THROUGH THE YEARS
3pm - 4pm, Europa Hotel
Screening of selected archived digital footage of Belfast through different decades, highlighting its story as a thriving place in the 1900s.

WE USED TO CYCLE
A Journey Through Belfast's Travel Revolution
5pm - 6pm, Europa Hotel
Be inspired as we reflect on the past and pedal forward together into a more sustainable world.

HOW DO WE CREATE & STEWARD SUSTAINABLE CITIES FOR THE FUTURE?
Keynote Talk by Nicholas Boys Smith MBE
6pm - 7pm, Europa Hotel
An inspiring talk on Create Streets' research exploring the connection between place and its impact on human outcomes.