



BELFAST CHAMBER

TRADE MISSION TO NEW YORK CITY

12 – 14 JUNE 2019

In association with New York New Belfast

Belfast Chamber will lead a delegation of Belfast's business leaders to meet with their New York counterparts to enhance and increase business links between the two cities. The aim is to provide a forum for member companies and individuals an opportunity to network, explore business opportunities, exchange views and remain informed of developments in New York and North America.

The trade mission will be provided in partnership with the New York New Belfast conference, from the 12-14 June, 2019 the Tenth annual New York – New Belfast conference will take place at The American Irish Historical Society and Pier A Harbour House, NY. The conference will highlight the bridges of progress and prosperity being built between the citizens of the two great cities of New York and Belfast, looking optimistically to the future while celebrating our shared past.

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

6.00pm **IRISH BUSINESS ORGANISATION RECEPTION FOR BELFAST DELEGATION**
The Irish Business Organisation is the oldest Irish American business chamber in New York and its members represent the cream of the Big Apple's commercial talent. Venue: Ireland House, Consulate of Ireland, Park Avenue, New York. www.ibonewyork.org

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

8.30am Meeting in New York City Hall with Danny Dromm, Chairman Finance Committee, New York City Council and Members of the Irish Caucus in City Council. www.council.nyc.gov/district-25/

11am Roundtable hosted by Jim Clerkin, President and CEO North America of Môt Hennessy USA, at company headquarters in Meatpacking district. Jim is among the most successful Belfast expats in the Big Apple. www.linkedin.com/in/jim-clerkin-189398aa

1pm Meeting with New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer. The New York City Comptroller controls one of the biggest investment funds in the world with over \$180bn in assets. www.comptroller.nyc.gov/about/about-scott-m-stringer/

6pm–8:30pm **NEW YORK NEW BELFAST CONFERENCE OPENS**
Opening Reception of the NYNB Conference in the American Irish Historical Society on Fifth Avenue with a transatlantic celebration of culture and arts. The American Irish Historical Society is the pre-eminent arts and heritage institution in the US. Its Fifth Avenue premises, facing the Metropolitan Museum of Art, were recently renovated at a cost of \$13m. www.aihs.org

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

8am **NEW YORK NEW BELFAST BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE:
BE THE BRIDGE**
Venue: Pier A, lower Manhattan. One of the most venerable buildings in all of New York, Pier A was opened in 1886 to serve the New York City Department of Docks and Harbour Police — a redoubt of the Irish in New York. The pier was renovated by Irish entrepreneur Danny McDonald and reopened as a public venue in 2014. www.piera.com/history

8am **BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

9am–noon **PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

12:30pm **BE THE BRIDGE BUSINESS AWARDS**
Honoring ten individuals who have made a standout contribution to transatlantic business. Guest speaker (invited): Tom DiNapoli, Comptroller New York State. Tom DiNapoli is the sole trustee for the New York State Common Retirement Fund which controlled \$207bn in assets at the end of March 2018. www.osc.state.ny.us/about/bio.htm

1.30pm Walking tour of Brooklyn business sector and engagement with Brooklyn Chamber with Guide Rob Walsh, Former Small Business Commissioner of New York City and currently Strategic Partnerships Advisor to Manhattan College. www.manhattan.edu/news/archive/2018/07/rob-walsh-senior-advisor-strategic-partnerships.php

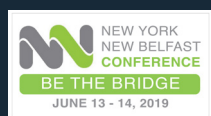
6pm–8pm Farewell Finale of New York New Belfast Conference and presentation of Irish Echo Irish American of the Year Award to Mae O'Driscoll in Pier A, Battery Place, Manhattan. www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/aia/collections/ihoral/odriscollm/odriscollm.php

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Belfast Chamber delegates of \$268 ++ per night at our partner hotel, Fitzpatrick's Grand Central.

Travel Flights with Aerlingus from Dublin to JFK (Wed–Sat) are currently €670.

Conference pass \$250 will be waived and all delegates will be registered as our guests.



To register interest or book a place on this delegation please contact:
Martina Connolly on m.connolly@belfastchamber.com to discuss this further.
Spaces are limited.



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DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Company:

Name of Representative Travelling:

Brief Bio of Representative Travelling (100 words):

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Telephone: Business Email Address:

Website:

Company Profile (brief description):

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Type of products and/or services offered :

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Have you experience in doing business in New York? To what degree? Please provide info:

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NB - What are your objectives of the mission to New York?

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What kind of companies/ clients do you hope to meet?

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