



The  
**Destiny**  
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THE BI-ANNUAL GAELTACHT QUARTER CONFERENCE

**Deichniúr na  
Cinniúna  
100 years on**

**Coláiste Feirste**

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# Réamhrá

## Introduction



Tá téama dara Comhdháil dhébliantúil seo na Ceathrún Gaeltachta ag glacadh ionspioráide ó dhá eochair-cheiliúradh céad bliain a dhéanfaidh, i measc rudaí eile, an dara deichniúr seo den 21ú aois a mhúnlú agus a shonrú. In 2012 agus in 2016 déanfar ceiliúradh ar shíniú Chúnant Uladh agus ar Éirí Amach na Cásca. Tá an dá chomóradh seo fite fuaite lena chéile agus ag croílár saibhir agus coimpléascach stair agus féiniúlachtaí na hÉireann agus tabharfaidh siad fócas agus spreagadh don chomhdháil agus bainfidh siad úsáid as taisce domhan cuimhní agus ciall.

Tugann an deichniúr nua deis dhúbailte dúinn tionchar na n-imeachtaí stairiúla éagsúla ach comhdhaingne seo a chomóradh agus a phlé. Tugann a leithéid seo de shearmanais comórtha seo deis dúinn, le spás agus peirspictíocht, athchuart a thabhairt ar an bhunbhrí agus an bunfhuinneamh a bhí ann thiar sa lá, agus tugann siad deis dúinn ceistanna cultúrtha agus féiniúlachta a chíorú agus a mheas agus a shníomh isteach i gcur chuige úr bunaithe ar chomhrath agus ar gcomhghaith an phobail: tugann siad deis dúinn cuimhníú agus athchuireadh siar a dhéanamh. Ar na bealaí seo táthar ag súil peirspictíochtaí agus nuálacha dearfacha éagsúla a spreagadh maidir le tuairimí Carson, Uí Choileáin agus Uí Chonghaile, le scrúdu a dhéanamh ar an bhealach is fearr le “leas Uladh agus na hÉireann san iomlán” a bhaint amach sa 21ú aois.

**Ach ní haon amharc siar atá sa chomhdháil seo, léiríonn an scáthán dúinn cad atá taobh thiar dinn, is é an rud atá romhainn atá mar ábhar sa chomhdháil seo agus bunús ár gcuiridh daoibh.**

Seán Mistéil  
Cathaoirleach, Forbairt Feirste

The second bi-annual Gaeltacht Quarter Conference takes as its theme and inspiration two key centenary celebrations which will characterise and help to define this, the second decade of the twenty-first, century. 2012 and 2016 mark the respective centenaries of the signing of the Ulster Covenant and the Easter Rising. Those commemorations are at the complex and rich core of Northern histories and identities and will provide the conference with a focus and impetus as well as a deep reservoir of memories and meanings to draw on.

The new decade provides us with a double opportunity to herald and discuss the impact of these apparently separate yet equally committed historical events. Such commemorations provide us with distance and perspective, but also a renewal of original energies, and they can be used to filter and channel questions of culture, identity and belonging into new arrangements for mutual prosperity and community well being: they enable recollection and re-collection. In these ways it is hoped to stimulate a positive diversity of perspectives and innovations relating to the worldviews of Carson, Collins and Connolly, and to examine how “the material well-being of Ulster as well as the whole of Ireland” can best be achieved in the 21st century.

**But this is no look back: the mirror tells us what is behind, but what lies ahead is the goal of this conference and the basis of our invitation to you.**

Seán Mistéil  
Chair, Forbairt Feirste



## Conference Background

2012 and 2016 might at first glance seem to represent very opposing factions, but in reality they are parts of a continuum, like the two faces of a single coin. Our aim is to show how those faces align with and resemble each other, in both the historical and contemporary spheres. Within the Gaeltacht Quarter there are no better examples of this than Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich and Beechmount House - spaces whose history have roots in both traditions.

## Cúlra na Comhdhála

Ar an chéad amharc d'fhéadfadh na blianta 2012 agus 2016 cur in gcoinne a chéile, ach go réadúil, tá siad mar chodanna de chontanam, cosúil le dhá aghaidh den bhonn chéanna. Is í aidhm s'againne, an bealach mar a ailníonn na haghaidheanna sin agus atá siad chomh cosúil lena chéile a léiriú sa réimse stairiúil agus comhaimseartha araon. Laistigh den Cheathrú Ghaeltachta, níl sampla ar bith níos fearr de seo ná Cultúrlann Mac Adam Ó Fiaich agus Teach Ard na bhFeá - áiteanna a bhfuil a stair fréamhaithe sa dá thraidisiún.

## Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich

IarEaglais Phréispitéireach atá ann a raibh a ministir ar dhuine de chéadshínitheoirí Chúnant Uladh agus arbh í áras Bhanna Mórshiúil an Oird Bhuí ar tugadh “Cosantóirí an Bhealaigh Leathain” orthu í agus sa lá atá inniu is café Gaelach dinimiciúil, aramatach fiú, siopa leabhar, ionad taibhithe agus croílár cultúir í. Arna ainmniú in ómós an dá thaobh cheanna, is siombal d’aithint agus de chomhghuaillíocht an dá thraidisiún í an Chultúrlann. Is comhartha cothromaíoch, tábhachtach snaidhme í an chomhghuaillíocht lena leithéid seo de réaltachtaí éagsúla óna mbeidh athneart agus gealladh ann don todhchaí.



## Beechmount House

Ann ó na 1770í agus an iarbhunscoile is mó fáis in Éirinn istigh ann anois, b’áit chónaithe theaghlach Riddle é fadó. Cosúil le Cultúrlann MacAdam Ó Fiaich, is spás poiblí é a bhfuil stair úsáidí aige i ndiaidh a chéile: is í an chéim seo anois a thosaigh siad ag dul thar a chéile. Ní amháin gurb é gnó Choláiste Feirste mar scoil a oibríthe agus a chuid daltaí a mhúineadh ach na gnáthphobail a mhúineadh chomh maith faoi nádúr féiniúlachtaí áitiúla – rithábhachtach ag a lár, agus ar féidir leo athrú ar an bhealach a bhaineann siad lena chéile. Foirgneamh is ea é seo a sheas do scaradh cultúr agus modhanna maireachtála le blianta anuas, ach sa lá atá inniu, mar institiúid, seasann sé d’oscailteacht, do chaoifhulaingt agus do mheas.



## Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich

A former Presbyterian church whose minister was one of the first signatories of the Ulster Covenant and which was once home to the Orange Order Marching Band known as “The Broadway Defenders”, it is today a dynamic – and even aromatic – Irish café, bookstore, performing space and centre of culture. In naming itself after both strands of its past, the Cultúrlann signals an open acknowledgement and coalition of both traditions. Such an act of alliance with these disparate realities is an important and egalitarian gesture of bonding that will give a renewed strength and promise for the future.

## Beechmount House

Dating from the 1770s and now home to the fastest growing Irish Medium post-primary school in Ireland, Beechmount House was once the dwelling-place of the Riddle family, the deeds of whose property specified at one time that it should “never fall into the hands of papists”. Like Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich, this is a public space with a history of uses that have succeeded each other: now is the phase where they have begun to overlap. For Coláiste Feirste as a school is in the business of educating not only its staff and pupils, but also the communities at large, about the nature of local identities – integral at their centre, and yet capable of change in the way that they relate to each other. Here is a building whose past embodies a separation of cultures and ways of life but whose present – as an institution – practises openness, tolerance and respect.



# Scrúdóidh an chomhdháil ceithre théama:

## TÉAMA 1

Déanfaidh muid scrúdú straitéiseach ar dhúshláin agus ar dheiseanna Fhorbairt Pobail Sócmhainn-bhunaithe.

Tá an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta ag teacht chun cinn mar cheann de na brandaí is spreagúla agus is iontaofa i mBéal Feirste. Tá brandaí tábhachtach mar déanfaidh daoine bearta tábhachtacha saoil bunaithe orthu; bearta ar an áit le socrú síos, le cuairt a thabhairt nó le dul ar saoire, ar an áit le gnó a chur ar bun nó le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh agus ar an áit le rud éigin a fháil amach. Insíonn margóirí dúinn gurb é an bealach is fearr le do bhranda a fheabhsú ná coinneail ag cur lena éachtaí, mar neartaíonn sé agus cuireann sé a bhailíocht agus a úsáide chun cinn go hincriminteach. I gcomhthéacs na Ceathrú Gaeltachta, is ionann sin agus an rud atá intreach agus acmhainneach sa cheantar cheana féin a fhorbairt agus tharraingt amach – a fhoirgneamh, a throsacán sráide, a eispéaraí, a mheallacht, a rochtain, a phobal agus níos tábhachtaí fós, tuiscint a oscailteachta agus a fháilte neamhfhoirmiúla.

## TÉAMA 2

Na háiteanna is fearr le daoine tallannacha mar aon leis an bhealach is feidir le ceantair áitiúla straitéisí a mheallfaidh na gairmithe agus na tionscail is fearr a scrúdú.

Le pobail inbhuanaithe agus rathúla a bhaint amach ní mór próifíl amháin a choinneáil agus a leathnú ach punann institiúidí, acmhainní, seirbhísí agus teicneolaíochtaí fosta, is féidir a lipéadú mar “an scoth”. Sa Cheathrú Ghaeltachta, tá otharlann taighde den “scoth”, pobal nuálach cultúrtha, coláiste Ollscoile ardchaighdeánach agus ceann de na hiarbhunscoileanna meascánábaltachtais is mó gnóthachtála sa chathair cheana féin. Go hindibhidiúil, tá a fhios againn a airde agus atá na cuspóirí atá againn, ach is gá dúinn teacht ar chomhléiriú lenár n-uaillmhianta agus lenár straitéisí a chur i bhfeidhm. Tá sé fós le fáil amach an dóigh inar féidir leis na bealaí comhthreormhara go 2012 agus 2016 a chumasc agus níos mó bealaí, roghanna, agus ceann scríbe a thabhairt dúinn. Rachaidh ceithre cheannaire le chéile ar a dturas féin leis an téama seo a scrúdú – turais a mbeidh muid ag súil a chuideoidh linn comhrianta comhchríocha nua agus coinbhéirseacha a rianú.



# The conference will look at four themes:

## THEME 1

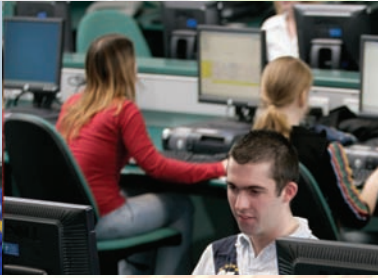
**Take a strategic look at the challenges and opportunities of Asset based Community Development**

The Gaeltacht Quarter is fast emerging as one of Belfast's most exciting and reliable brands. Brands matter because people base important life decisions on them: decisions about where to settle, where to visit or holiday, where to set up a business and where to invest, where to discover. Marketers tell us that the best way to improve your brand is to keep adding to its achievements, incrementally solidifying and advancing its validity and usefulness. In the context of the Gaeltacht Quarter that means developing but also drawing on what is already inherent or potential in the area – its buildings, its street furniture, its experiences, its attractiveness, its accessibility, its people and most of all its sense of informal openness and welcome.

## THEME 2

**Examine the place preferences of talented people and how local areas can develop strategies to attract best in class professionals and industries**

Becoming sustainable and successful communities means retaining and expanding not just a profile but a portfolio of institutions, resources, services and technologies that can be labeled "best in class". In the Gaeltacht Quarter we already have a "best of class" research hospital, an innovative cultural community, a top rated University college and one of the top performing mixed-ability post-primary schools in the city. Individually, we know how high we are aiming, but we need to arrive at a collective expression of our ambition and strategies of delivery. It remains to be seen how the parallel roads that lead to 2012 and 2016 can merge and provide us with more pathways, more choices, and more destinations. Four local leaders will come together on a journey of their own to investigate this theme – journeys that we hope will help to chart the contours of a new and converging territory of the mutual.



## TÉAMA 3

An bealach is féidir le cur chuige radacach do phleanáil bonneagar oideachais dul chun sochair do cheantar áitiúil a léiriú.

Ag croílár na Ceathrún Gaeltachta tá an iarbhunscoil lánGhaeilge is mó fáis in Éirinn, Coláiste Feirste, arb é an scoil mheascánábaltachta is mó gnóthachtála in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste é. Léiríonn tuilleadh pleananna lena thimpeallacht a fhorbairt agus a athbheochan an mhian le spásanna nua oideachais agus poiblí a dhíríonn ar nuálaíocht agus ar chaomhnú, atá cleamhnaithe agus cuimsitheach, agus a thaispeánann ilghnéitheacht an limistéir seo de Bhéal Feirste, a chur chun cinn. Tá soláthar oideachais ag athrú agus tá an Cheathrú Ghaeltacht meáite tacaíocht a thabhairt do réabhlóid polasaí an Aire Ruane leis an bhbonneagar a fhorbairt, i measc rudaí eile, de réir riachtanais an pobail áitiúil trí dhinimic comhpholasaí ar fud na hearnála oideachais agus an Rialtais. Beidh na ceachtanna a fhoghlaimíodh muid úsáideach ní amháin do scoilleana eile sa Cheathrú Ghaeltachta ach cuideoidh siad le torthaí oideachais a fheabhsú agus le tabhairt faoi cheisteanna bonneagar pobail i gceantair eile atá ar an ánas uirbeach, agus i gceantair eile in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste amháin ceantair na Seanchille.

## TÉAMA 4

Ár dtuiscint a leathnú ar is féidir le hathbheochan cuidiú le agus tairbhe a bhaint as an chlár oibre dea-chaidrimh.

Le bealaí úrnua a chruthú ó na seanbhealaí, níl de dhíth ach duine amháin le cur chuige beagáinín difriúil a leagan amach, nó beirt dhaoine le treoracha bealaí éagsúla eile a athrú, a ailíniú agus a chomhthreorú. Is féidir leis an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta feidhmiú mar a rinne na rabhcháin ag na seanchuanta – ag léiriú tearmainn shláin do thaistealaithe ar thurais a bhfuil a mbunús acu in áiteanna agus i dtraidisiúin éagsúla, ag caomhnú agus ag cothú iolrachais gan a dhiúlú, ag luacháil agus ag meas an am atá thart ach ag foghlaim ceachtanna agus ag fáil teachtaireachtaí nua don todhchaí. Féadann na foinsí agus na féiniúlachtaí bheith difriúil, tá spás ann d'idir-roinnt, idirmhalartú eispéaras agus dearthaí ar leith le daoine eile atá níos lú aithnidiúla ach nach bhfuil níos lú fiúntaí. Sin an tionscadal agus an próiseas dá bhfuil an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta tiomnaithe.- chan do chruthú pasáiste singil amháin ach dár gcuid mhór crosairí a dhaingniú agus a chomhordú. Is bunchloch na Ceathrún Gaeltachta í an Ghaeilge agus a cultúr. Is gné thábhachtach den chomhdháil é tabhairt chun solais chuid mhór gníomhartha trasphobail, a shábháil, a thug ar ais, a athbheoigh agus a athshonraigh an Ghaeilge i rith an 19ú aois mhall agus an 20ú aois luath – agus thar an chuid is mó de na 100 bliain anuas.



## THEME 3

Show how a radical approach to education infrastructure planning can unlock increased benefit at the local area.

At the heart of the Gaeltacht Quarter sits the fastest growing Irish medium post primary school in Ireland, Coláiste Feirste, already, the top performing mixed ability school in West Belfast. Plans to further develop and regenerate its environs reflect a desire to promote new education and public spaces that are oriented to both innovation and preservation, that are both affiliated and inclusive, and which serve to communicate the diversity which this part of Belfast shares. The delivery of education is changing and for its part the Gaeltacht Quarter is determined to support Minister Ruane's policy revolution that, among other things, sees infrastructure built around the needs of local people through a joined up policy dynamic across the education sector and across Government. The lessons we learn will be of value not only to other schools in the Gaeltacht Quarter but also in helping to boost educational outcomes and address community infrastructure issues in other areas of urban distress, not least in other areas of West Belfast such as the Shankill.

## THEME 4

Work towards expanding our understanding of how regeneration can contribute to and benefit from the good relations agenda.

To create fresh pathways from old roads all it takes is for one person to set out at a slightly different angle, or for two people to alter the directions of separate routes to bring them into alignment, to make them parallel. The Gaeltacht Quarter can act as beacons once did for ancient harbours - marking the extent of a safe haven for travellers on journeys that have their origins in different locations and traditions, preserving and promoting plurality without denying it, valuing and respecting the past but deriving new lessons and messages for the future. The sources and identities may differ, but there is room for intersection, for the interchange of particular experiences and perceptions with others, less familiar but not less valuable. That is the project and process that the Gaeltacht Quarter is committed to - not the creation of a single passageway but the consolidation and coordination of our many points of crossing. The Irish Language and its culture is the cornerstone of the Gaeltacht Quarter. Bringing to light the many acts of cross community relations that rescued, restored, re-animated and redefined the Irish language during the late 19th and early 20th centuries - and over the greater part of the past 100 years - will be an important aspect of this conference.

# Clár na Comhdhála Conference Programme

## Clár – Ar Maidin Programme - Morning

- 9.15 - 9:20** **Fáilteú Welcome**  
*Jake Mac Siacaís, Forbairt Feirste*
- 9:20 - 9:40** **Peirspictíocht Tras-Rannóige an Aire**  
**Ministerial Cross-Departmental Perspective**  
*An Leas Chéad Aire Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA*
- 9.40 - 10.00** **Peirspictíocht ón Aire**  
**A Ministerial Perspective**  
*Margaret Ritchie, MLA*
- 10.00 - 10.20** **An Cheathrú Ghaeltachta, Deis Nua**  
**Infheistíochta Bhéal Feirste**  
**Gaeltacht Quarter, The New Belfast**  
**Investment Opportunity**  
*Seán Mistéil, Chair Forbairt Feirste*
- 10.20 - 10.40** **Soláthar na Ceathrún Gaeltachta**  
**Gaeltacht Quarter Delivery**  
*Ciarán Mackle, Chair Gaeltacht Quarter*
- 10.40 - 11.00** **Ag Dearadh do phobal tallannach**  
**Designing for a talented community**  
*Kelvin Campbell, Urban Initiatives*
- 11:00 - 11:20** **Tae / Caife & Brioscaí**  
**Tea / Coffee & Biscuits**
- 11.20 - 11.40** **Cultúr agus Teanga i mBéal Feirste an 21ú Aois**  
**Culture and Language in 21st Century Belfast**  
*Gerry Adams, MP, MLA, President Sinn Féin*
- 11.40 - 12.00** **Athbheochan agus an Clár Oibre Dea-chaidrimh**  
**Regeneration and the Good Relations Agenda**  
*Tony McCusker, Community Relations Council*
- 12.00 - 12.30** **C&F na Comhdhála, Conference Q&A**
- 12.30 - 13.45** **Lón Lunch**

## Clár – Tráthnóna Programme - Afternoon

- 13.45 - 14:05**      **Ag athsmaoineamh faoi dhaoine in áiteanna**  
**Rethinking people in place**  
*Donagh Ó hArgáin and Michael Corr, Design for London*
- 14:05 - 14:25**      **Ard na bhFeá Íocónach:- An dóigh ar féidir le hathfhorbairt láithreán Shólann Ard na bhFeá bheith mar eiseamláir d'athbheochan pobalbhunaithe.**  
**Iconic Beechmount:- How the redevelopment of the Beechmount Centre site can become an exemplar of community-led regeneration.**  
*Gerry Hughes, GVA Grimley*
- 14.25 - 14.45**      **Dúshlán agus deiseanna Fhorbairt Pobail agus Athbheochan Shócmhainn-bhunaithe**  
**The challenges and opportunities of asset driven Community Development and regeneration**  
*Ross Davidson, Partner, Arthur Cox*
- 14:45 - 15:00**      **Tae / Caife & Briosaí Tea / Coffee & Biscuits**
- 15:00 - 15:20**      **Ag Forbairt an Ghaeloideachais**  
**Building on Irish Medium Education**  
*Pilib Mistéil,*
- 15:20 - 16:10**      **Meitheal Smaointe Páirtíochta, An comhléiriú dár n-uaimhian i an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta?**  
**Partnership Thinktank, Is the Gaeltacht Quarter a collective expression of our ambition?**  
Gerry McConville, Falls Community Council  
Geraldine McAteer, West Belfast Partnership Board  
Dánný Power, Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Area  
Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Belfast media Group  
Harry Connolly, Fáilte Feirste Thiar  
*Cathaoirleach Seisiúin Session chair, Eleanor Gill*
- 16.10 - 16.20**      **Teacht le Chéile Convergence**  
Aiseolas deireanach agus barúlacha deiridh  
Final feedback and concluding remarks

# PRÍOMHCHAINTEOIRÍ TÉAMA

## KELVIN CAMPBELL

Is stiúrthóir agus páirtí bunaidh Urban Initiatives é Kelvin, a bunaíodh in 1989 agus a bhfuil príomhról aige ina cheannasaíocht smaoinimh, a phleanáil ghnó, a fhealsúnacht dearaidh agus ina chumarsáid. Tá freagracht iomlán aige as cúrsaí pleanála dearaidh uirbigh, forbartha agus as a gcleachtadh agus bíonn ról Stiúrthóir Dearaidh rialta aige ar tionscadail. Tá breis agus tríocha bliain de thaithí aige in athnuachan mór uirbeach agus i dtionscadail forbartha sa Ríocht Aontaithe agus thar sáile. Ina measc tá máistirphleanáil do bhailte nua, comharsanachtaí agus ceathrúna nua, forbairtí tráchtála agus meascánúsáide; agus tionscnamh mór iompair. Tá suim mhór aige i dtodhchaí cathracha agus bailte, go háirithe in athbheochan ionad uirbeach agus thaobh uisce, na n-ealaíon, straitéisí cumarsáide agus cultúrtha nua, margáíocht agus brandáil cathrach agus i gcaomhantas uirbeach.

Aithnítear Kelvin mar dhuine de na príomhshaineolaithe i ndearadh uirbeach. Scríobh sé polasaí an Rialtais ar dhearadh uirbeach, d'fhoilsigh sé cuid mhór leabhar agus alt ar an ábhar, labhraíonn sé go rialta ag comhdhálacha agus ar sheiminéir agus tugann sé comhairle do roinnt cathracha ar chúrsaí dearaidh. Ba eisean a bhí taobh thiar den chleachtadh ag baint cuid mhór gradam le blianta deireanacha anuas - RTPI 'Planning Consultancy of the Year,' RICS 'Regeneration Consultancy' agus 'Innovation of the Year' ba bhuaiteoir ghradam BEX 'Best International Masterplan' é do Phlean Cathrach Móire Bheirmingham.

Ba é Kelvin an stiúrthóir a bhí freagrach as an chreatlach dearaidh uirbigh, ullmhaithe do Bhéal Feirste dá bhailte mórthimpeall air, mar chuid de Phlean Mhórchearntar Bhéal Feirste. Tá a chleachtadh i mbun athbhreithniú ar pholasaí ardfhoirgneamh i mBéal Feirste. Is comhairleoir dearaidh é

Kelvin le Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath é fosta, thug sé comhairle dearaidh do Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí agus ba bhall de phainéal athbhreithithe ar dhearadh CABE é. Ar na mallaibh, chríochnaigh sé Plean Cathrach Móire Birmingham agus Máistirphlean Geilleagrach, ar dhírigh an dá cheann acu ar straitéisí le daoine tallannacha a mhealladh agus a choinneáil sna cathracha seo.

## ROSS DAVIDSON

Is páirtí é Ross sa Ghrúpa Sealúchas Tráchtála ag Arthur Cox i mBéal Feirste. D'oibrigh Ross do phríomhchleachtadh Chathair Londan Ashurst ar feadh sé bliana sular fhill sé go Tuaisceart Éireann le hobair a dhéanamh do Arthur Cox sa bhliain 2006. Tá taithí ag Ross ar gach gné de chúrsaí tógála agus sealúchas tráchtála le béim ar leith ar tionscadail forbartha agus athbheochana sealúchasbhunaithe. Tugann sé comhairle do tionscadail PFI/PPP agus tá taithí aige ar chomhairle a thabhairt do chomhlachtaí earnála poiblí ar thionscadail chóiríochta mórsála a tugadh chun críche go traidisiúnta agus trí PFI/PPP. I rith an ama a d'oibrigh sé sa chleachtadh i Londain, Thug Ross comhairle ar fhorbairtí meascánúsáide amhail Canary Wharf, Paddington Basin agus White City in iarthar Londain.

## MICHAEL CORR

Is ailtire agus dearthóir uirbeach é Michael atá ag obair le Design for London. Tugann Michael comhairle ar sholáthar, dearadh agus ar chur i bhfeidhm eochair-straitéisí uirbeacha, spásanna poiblí, agus dearadh foirgnimh ar fud Londain. Tá taithí fhorleathan ag Michael i gcleachtas gairmiúil agus d'oibrigh sé ar thionscadail ailtireachta, tírdhreacha agus dearaidh uirbigh a bhfuil aitheantas idirnáisiúnta acu. Tá Michael i gceannas ionad taighde agus dearadh tithíochta Iarthar Bhéal Feirste atá mar chuid d'Ollscoil Mhórchathair Londain.

# KEY THEME SPEAKERS

## KELVIN CAMPBELL

Kelvin is a Director and founding partner of Urban Initiatives, established in 1989, and takes a lead role in its thought leadership, business planning, design philosophy and communication. He has overall responsibility for urban design and development planning matters in the practice and regularly provides the Design Director role on projects. He has over thirty years' experience in major urban regeneration and development projects in the UK and abroad. This includes masterplanning of new towns, new neighbourhoods and quarters, commercial and mixed use developments; and major transportation initiatives. He has passionate interest in the future of cities and towns, in particular revitalisation of urban centres and waterfronts; arts, new media and cultural strategies; city marketing and branding; and urban conservation.

Kelvin is recognised as one of the leading figures in the field of urban design. He has written government policy on urban design, published numerous books and articles on the subject, regularly speaks at conferences and seminars and advises a number of cities on design matters. He has led the practice to numerous awards in recent years - RTPI 'Planning Consultancy of the Year,' RICS 'Regeneration Consultancy' and "Innovation of the Year' and winner of the BEX 'Best International Masterplan' award for the Birmingham Big City Plan.

Kelvin was the director responsible for the urban design framework, prepared for Belfast and its surrounding towns, as part of the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan. His practice is currently undertaking a review of high buildings policy in Belfast. Kelvin

is also design advisor to Dublin City Council, has acted in a design advisory position for Cork City Council and was a member of CABE's design review panel. He has recently completed the Birmingham Big City Plan and Newcastle Gateshead Economic Masterplan, both focusing on strategies to attract and retain talent in these cities.

## ROSS DAVIDSON

Ross is a partner in the Commercial Property Group at Arthur Cox in Belfast. Ross worked for leading City of London practice Ashurst for six years prior to returning to Northern Ireland to join Arthur Cox in 2006. Ross has experience of all aspects of construction and commercial property matters with a particular emphasis on property-led development and regeneration projects. He also advises on PFI/PPP projects and is experienced in advising public sector bodies on large scale accommodation projects procured both traditionally and by way of PFI/PPP. During his time in practice in London, Ross advised on mixed-use developments such as Canary Wharf, Paddington Basin and White City in west London.

## MICHAEL CORR

Michael is an architect and urban designer working with Design for London. Michael advises on the procurement, design and delivery of key urban strategies, public spaces and building design across London. Michael has extensive experience in professional practice and has worked on a number of internationally recognised architecture, landscape and urban design projects. Michael also leads a West Belfast housing research and design unit as part of London Metropolitan University.

## DONAGH Ó HARGÁIN

Is smaointeoir dearaidh é Donagh a dhéanann sainbair i nuálaíocht agus ar an bhealach is féidir le próisis dearaidh straitéisí agus forbairtí a nuashonrú. Arna thraenáil, mar ailtire d'oibrigh Donagh ar thionscadail a mháistirphleanáil in Éirinn agus sa Rúis agus léirigh sé scannán don chomhdháil des/IRE ardmholta ar thithe a dhearadh d'Éirinn chomhaimseartha. Ar na mallabhair, d'oibrigh sé do ghníomhaireachtaí nuálaíochta sóisialta amháil thinkpublic a úsáideann próisis chomhdhearaidh agus chomhléirithe le dearadh úsáideoir-lárnaithe a chur isteach i spásanna agus seibhísí poiblí. Is cainteoir líofa Gaeilge agus ambasadóir díograiseach, cultúrtha é.

## GERARD HUGHES, GVA GRIMLEY

Is Stiúrthóir Feidhmeannach ag GVA Grimley é a bhfuil sé i gceannas gnó athbheochan uirbeach agus forbairt comhairleachta an chomhlachta. Tá ceann de na príomhghnóna comhairleachta Athbheochana Uirbí sa Ríocht Aontaithe ag GVA Grimley agus bhí sé ar thús cadhnaíochta ar pholasaí athbheochana le 15 bliain anuas, stiúrtha ag Gerard Hughes. Cuireadh le clú an ghnó trí thionscadail a raibh tionchar acu amháil an straitéis athbheochana d'Oirthear Mhanchan a stiúir infheistíocht ansin le 8 bliain anuas agus a stiúir páirteachas an chomhlachta i gceannas Chlár Athnuachana an Mhargaidh Thithíochta. Ó shin, d'fhorbair an gnó le bheith chun tosaigh ar an smaoineamh faoi bhealaí nua le hathbheochan a chur i bhfeidhm, le páirteachas na earnála príobháidí.

Is as Tuaisceart Éireann é Gerard, a bhí oile in Ollscoil na Banríona, Béal Feirste agus a bhí ag tabhairt comhairle ar réimse leathan tionscadal ar fud an Chúige le cúpla bliain anuas, go háirithe ar straitéisí athbheochana do Lár Chathair Bhéal Feirste, moltaí do Sailortown i nDugaí Bhéal Feirste agus ar mháistirphlean do Lár Chathair Lios na gCearrbhach. Faoi láthair, tá sé ag tabhairt comhairle ar mholtaí do Choláiste Feirste agus ar láithreán Shólann Ard na bhFeá.

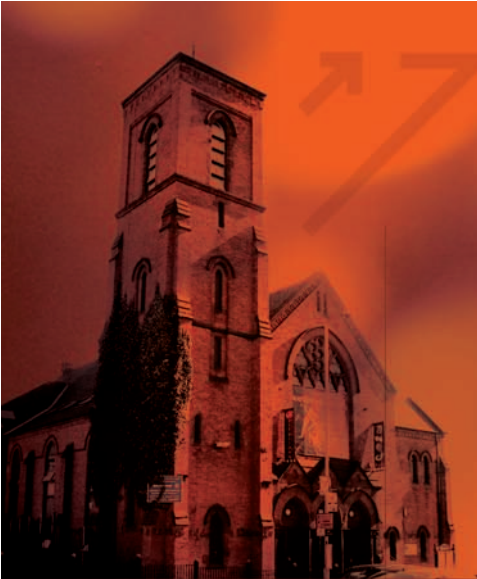
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Donagh is a design thinker specialising in Innovation and how design processes can inform strategy and development. Having trained as an architect Donagh has worked on masterplanning projects in Ireland and Russia and produced a film for the acclaimed des/IRE conference on designing houses for contemporary Ireland. More recently he has worked for social innovation agencies such as thinkpublic who use co- design and co- production processes to embed user- centred design in public space and services. He is a fluent Irish speaker and enthusiastic cultural ambassador.

## GERARD HUGHES, GVA GRIMLEY

Gerard Hughes is an Executive Director at GVA Grimley where he heads the firm's urban regeneration and development consultancy business. GVA Grimley has one of the leading Urban Regeneration consultancy businesses in the UK and has been at the forefront of regeneration policy over the last 15 years, directed by Gerard Hughes. The reputation of the business has been built upon such seminal projects as the regeneration strategy for East Manchester which has guided investment there over the last 8 years and the firm's involvement in leading the Housing Market Renewal Programme. Since then the business has evolved to lead thinking on new ways of delivering regeneration, engaging the private sector.

Gerard is from Northern Ireland, educated at Queens University Belfast and in the last few years has been advising on a wide range of projects across the Region, most notably a regeneration strategy for Belfast City Centre, proposals for Sailortown in Belfast Docks and a masterplan for Lisburn City Centre. He is currently advising on the proposals for Colaiste Feirste and the Beechmount Leisure centre site.



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