



Harbour funds Science Park expansion



£6m Concourse development to accommodate 500 Jobs

Belfast Harbour is set to provide £6 million funding for the Northern Ireland Science Park (NISP) to expand its facilities by almost a third, providing additional space for up to 500 knowledge workers.

The new facility, the second of three buildings known as 'The Concourse', will be purchased upon completion by Belfast Harbour as an investment property.

NISP, which is located within Belfast Harbour Estate, is a £73m development providing over 400,000 sq. ft of agile workspace to approximately 100 companies. When fully completed the Concourse complex will represent an investment of more than £20m.

Belfast Harbour's involvement reflects its ongoing efforts to develop the Estate as a destination for inward investors, particularly in the knowledge sector. The new building is expected to open in August 2012.

Welcoming the announcement, Roy Adair, CEO of Belfast Harbour, said:

"Belfast Harbour has a long track record of working with its tenants in the Harbour Estate to develop infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of all involved. Given the lack of liquidity in the credit markets, on this occasion the Harbour has been able to help facilitate the development of Concourse Phase II.

"As evidenced by the strong demand for additional space, NISP has been one of the great economic success stories in Northern Ireland over the past decade and Belfast Harbour is keen to support its ongoing development."

Belfast Harbour will purchase the completed building as an investment property to be leased back to the Science Park. As with other NISP facilities, Concourse Phase II will include bespoke hi-tech, flexible and connected workspace targeted at ICT, life science, engineering and biotech sectors.

Frank Hewitt, Chairman, Northern Ireland Science Park, said:

"The knowledge-ecosystem developed and championed by the Science Park has proven to be a fertile growth platform for high-technology companies from home and abroad. Our success to date has attracted a

lot of interest from technology firms keen to set up or expand their operations at the Park and we have already entered into two pre-let agreements for the new building with knowledge-based firms keen to continue their rapid growth in Northern Ireland.

"Given the challenging economic and funding conditions we are delighted that Belfast Harbour has been willing to make this investment which allows NISP to expand to meet occupier demand and support wider economic needs of Northern Ireland."

Welcoming the latest development, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Arlene Foster, said:

"This latest investment in the Northern Ireland Science Park is evidence of the growth potential for local entrepreneurs and for the creation of a strong knowledge-based economy here.

"We know that businesses associated with NISP have been flourishing and it is very encouraging that a number of technology companies are ready to move in to the new Concourse building as soon as it is built."



Viewing plans for Concourse II are (from left) Frank Hewitt, Chairman, Northern Ireland Science Park, Minister for Enterprise Trade and Investment, Arlene Foster, and Roy Adair, Chief Executive of Belfast Harbour



Get on board for Green Teacher of the Year



Encouraging pupils to enter their teacher into the 2011 Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year competition are Laura Coey, Action Renewables Education Officer, Webster, Belfast Harbour's Environmental Port Monster, and David Knott, Belfast Harbour Health and Safety Manager, with children from Lough View Primary School, whose teacher, Mr Stevenson, was a joint winner last year

There is just less than a month to go until the winner of the 2011 Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year Award is announced. Organised by Belfast Harbour and Action Renewables, the unique competition, which aims to find Northern Ireland's 'greenest teacher', rewards primary school teachers for showing leadership and taking responsibility for the environment.

Thousands of pupils in over 900 primary schools across Northern Ireland were given the opportunity to help their teacher be crowned 'Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year' by telling Action Renewables, in no more than 100 words, about the hard work their teacher does to look after the environment and educate children about 'green' issues.

All entries were made to Action Renewables and will be judged by a panel of experts, including David Knott, Environmental Manager, Belfast Harbour, Laura Coey, Primary School Climate Change teacher, Action Renewables and Jacqueline Gibson, Sustainability Co-ordinator at Graham Construction.

Six finalists and their classes will be invited to take part in an all-expenses-paid fun challenge day at W5 on Wednesday, 16th November, 2011, where they will meet Webster, Belfast Harbour's environmental Port 'Monster', invent wind-powered racing machines and enjoy an interactive 'Talking Rubbish' show.

The day will conclude with one teacher being awarded the coveted Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year title and winning tickets for their class for the Christmas pantomime or Ulster Orchestra concert, a large hamper for the teacher, as well as

an additional day at W5. There will also be prizes for the two runner ups of hampers and W5 tickets for their classes. All pupils attending the Challenge day will receive goodie bags.

Speaking at the launch of the award, Roy Adair, Belfast Harbour CEO, said:

"We're excited to be launching the 2011 Green Teacher of the Year Award, an initiative which has really caught the imagination of primary school children right across Northern Ireland and significantly raised their awareness of a range of environmental issues. While the teachers are credited with the award, the pupils of the six lucky finalists are the real winners as they get to experience the competitive, yet fun-filled, Challenge Day at W5 and meet Webster, which is always a highlight for everyone involved.

"The Green Teacher initiative is a key element of our extensive engagement with schools. Belfast Harbour is actively committed to fulfilling our environmental responsibilities and highlighting the benefits of reducing waste and energy consumption to a wider audience."

Nicola Chang, New Business Developer, Action Renewables, said:

"It is vital that our leaders of tomorrow learn the importance of environmental responsibility and accountability. Initiatives like the Green Teacher of the Year Award provide the ideal platform from which to deliver key messages which will hopefully remain with the children for life. Action Renewables is delighted to once again join forces with Belfast Harbour for what is the third year of a competition which recognises primary school teachers' continued commitment to environmental projects and educates children at a young age about green issues.

"Once again there are fantastic prizes on offer and we look forward to the entries coming in, there were over 600 individual entries in 2010 and we are confident of receiving even more this year."

Last year's judging panel was unable to separate two of the finalists at the Challenge Day, with Mr Stevenson from Loughview Primary School, Newtownbreda, and Mrs McGauley from Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Primary School in Castlecaulfield, Co Tyrone, being named joint winners of the coveted gong.

Webster says yes to Titanic modelling competition

Belfast Harbour has teamed up with the Titanic Foundation for a competition inviting primary school pupils to create Titanic-themed models out of everyday household items. Up for grabs will be exclusive access to the new Titanic Belfast visitor attraction opening next year.

And, since Webster does such a fantastic job in promoting the Green Teacher of the Year Awards, we have got our friendly environmental Port guardian on board for this competition as well. All entries were registered via the Harbour's new children's website, www.webstersays.com, which is the online home for Webster, complete with games, green tips and fun facts about Belfast Harbour and Titanic.

Speaking at the launch of the competition, Roy Adair, CEO of Belfast Harbour, said:

"Belfast Harbour's connections with Titanic date from the construction of the ship right through to the creation of Titanic Belfast.

The Harbour is also committed to improving environmental awareness among children through 'Webster', the Port's environmental guardian.

"Webster was delighted to link www.webstersays.com, which has a host of fun games and educational materials, with the Titanic Belfast junk-modelling competition. There are great prizes to be won and the chance for entries to be featured on Webster's new site. This is an excellent way for children to learn more about Titanic and how we can all play our part in looking after the environment."

Clíodhna Craig, CEO of Titanic Foundation, the independent charitable Trust which will own Titanic Belfast, said:

"We want children from all over Northern Ireland to be inspired by their outstanding industrial and maritime heritage. Titanic was the greatest engineering achievement of its era and our aim is to spur on a new generation of 'Titanic Thinkers' who are capable of similar Titanic feats.

"Pupils are being asked to use their creativity to design and build models with a Titanic theme. These could include anything from recreations of the new Titanic Belfast building to interpretations of the Titanic, shipbuilding or something completely different. As long as there is a Titanic inspiration, the more imaginative the models, the better."

Models could be built from items such as old plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, cereal or egg boxes, old clothes and shoes or bits of rubber or wood. There were three categories, for Primaries 5, 6 and 7. The winners will be announced in November.

Titanic Belfast will include a Learning Zone which will allow children to take part in structured educational programmes plus an Ocean Exploration Centre linked to ongoing marine research at local universities and live feeds from current explorations being carried out by Dr. Ballard, who discovered Titanic in 1985.



At the launch of the Titanic-themed junk modelling competition are Webster, Harbour CEO Roy Adair, Titanic Foundation Ltd CEO Clíodhna Craig, and Ballyholland Primary School pupils Liam Kelly and Anna Pollock

Opera House's Summer Outreach Programme 2011 'Bugsy Malone'



A Belfast Harbour-supported youth theatre project has provided 240 young people from across Northern Ireland with the opportunity to take their part in the cast and perform in a major musical at the Grand Opera House.

The inaugural Summer Youth Project saw young people aged between eight and 18 offered bursaries to take part in the initiative and perform the production of 'Bugsy Malone' at the historic theatre. The initiative was also the ideal opportunity for Belfast Harbour staff to see our Corporate Responsible (CR) programme come to life on stage.

Over 350 young people auditioned for a role in the gangster musical, with the lucky 240 being offered the opportunity of becoming a cast member. The programme's aim was to provide the performers with not only theatre experience but also the opportunity to develop essential life skills such as team work, communication skills, and enhanced self-confidence.

The project ran for two weeks with only 10 days for the cast to rehearse and perfect their performances. The quality of the production in terms of set design, costumes and lighting was exceptionally high, as was the acting and singing ability of the performers.

The Opera House also provided Belfast Harbour with tickets which were offered out to staff and their families, with the feedback from those who availed of the opportunity being very positive.

Additional financial support from Belfast Harbour allowed the journey of the performers from initial casting to the opening night to be captured on film. Belfast Harbour also offered some assistance in the staging of a post-performance wrap party for the performers at which they were shown the film of their involvement with Bugsy Malone.



Mela marvels



Belfast Harbour once again lent its support to the annual Mela event, Northern Ireland's largest multicultural festival, held this year in Belfast's Botanic Gardens at the end of August.

In spite of the 'typical Belfast summer' weather on the day, the event was a major success, 18,000 visitors were entertained by 20 top-class international and local acts from the world of music, dance and visual arts. Included amongst the performers were Belfast Community Gospel Choir, Canadian-based 'Delhi 2 Dublin' and Bollywood dancers 'Three Bee'.

Organised by Artsekta, this year's Mela featured seven zones including a world food market incorporating a global cookery theatre, a global bazaar and eastern shopping area and a health zone offering alternative therapies and herbal treatments from across the world.

'Culture Land' was an interactive cultural learning experience for young people and, brand new to this year's festival, was the 'Mela Cinema' which offered visitors the

chance to sample Bollywood and Polish films in an eye-catching inflatable cinema.

Belfast Harbour would like to extend its congratulations to all at Artsekta for once

again organising such a colourful and enjoyable event. These images give a flavour of the sights, sounds and colours from the day.



Reaching out with **the Lyric**



After the success of last year, Belfast Harbour once again got involved with the Lyric Theatre's Summer Outreach Programme. The project affords young people the chance to work with the very best of Northern Ireland's theatre and arts professionals in acting, prop-making, scenic design and the writing and producing of new plays.

Belfast Harbour supported the project in the form of bursaries targeted at young people from economically deprived backgrounds and communities across Belfast, including members of Belfast's increasingly diverse population such as migrant workers and asylum seekers. Children from a number of special needs schools in Belfast also took part.

Building on feedback from 2010, a new format was organised for 2011 so that each of the three age groups (7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years) worked towards a showcase performance that was attended by 100 family and friends and which had a specific theme – 'The Sea', 'Machines', 'Musical Theatre' and 'The Lab'.

The event, which took place from early July to mid-August, was once again hugely successful for all participating families and schools.



The images above show the Lyric Theatre's Summer Outreach Programme participants in full flow.

TITANIC BELFAST on schedule for completion

Titanic Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest ever tourism project, has passed a landmark stage in its construction with the 3,000th and final piece of its external facade now installed.

Titanic Belfast is an iconic six-floor building featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the City and people which made her. It is the world's largest Titanic exhibition.

The building will also house temporary exhibits, a 1,000 seat banqueting suite, education and community facilities, catering and retail space and a basement car park. Visitors will learn about the construction of RMS Titanic and the wide and rich story of Northern Ireland's industrial and maritime heritage.

The building's eye-catching surface is made up of individual aluminium shards which have been anodised, an electrical process which changes the microscopic texture of the metal and provides it with a shimmering effect. It's the first time the technique has been used in Northern Ireland on this scale.

Welcoming the ongoing development of Titanic Belfast, the Tourism Minister, Arlene Foster, said:

"Titanic Belfast is a striking and distinctive addition to the City skyline. The final piece of cladding being fitted marks a decisive milestone particularly as it has been so challenging to complete this work. It is a testament to the skill and professionalism of our local construction industry that such a complicated project has been completed on time.

"With the main construction complete, work will now continue to ensure the building

is finished on time for the opening in April 2012."

Supported by the Northern Ireland Executive, Titanic Belfast is a unique public / private partnership funded by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Belfast City Council, Belfast Harbour and Titanic Quarter Ltd. It is operated by Titanic Belfast Ltd and will be owned by the Titanic Foundation Ltd.

Roy Adair, CEO of Belfast Harbour, added:

"Belfast Harbour's relationship with the Titanic dates many years before her first keel section was even laid. The Harbour was pivotal in bringing shipbuilding to Belfast and creating the infrastructure which made the construction of the Olympic Class liners possible. We're thrilled to be able to maintain that historical link with our support for Titanic Belfast."

For more information, visit www.titanicbelfast.com



Titanic Belfast's 3,000th and final piece of cladding receives a Ministerial signature before it's installed. Joining Tourism Minister Arlene Foster are representatives from the project's funders: Roy Adair, CEO, Belfast Harbour; Pat Doherty, Chairman, Titanic Quarter Ltd; Alan Clarke, CEO, NITB and John McGrillen, Director of Development at Belfast City Council. Titanic Belfast is opening in spring 2012 for the centenary of Titanic's maiden voyage.



Postgraduate and Executive Education Centre at Riddel Hall

Business centre boost for economy

Belfast Harbour has joined a number of major local businesses in supporting a £14m business centre at Queen's University aimed at providing vital support to the Northern Ireland economy.

October saw the opening of the £14 million Postgraduate and Executive Education Centre at Riddel Hall on Belfast's Stranmillis Road. The facility will support leaders in all sectors of Northern Ireland's economy by developing bespoke leadership and executive education programmes designed

to address short and long-term challenges.

In a response to a call from Northern Ireland's top executives, businesses are being offered the opportunity to join a Founders' Club designed to give leaders the strong support mechanisms to ensure that their businesses succeed, along with networking opportunities at a very senior level.

Belfast Harbour is among the organisations committed to the Founders' club, along with companies such as Andor Technology, Liberty IT, the SHS Group and Ulster Bank.

Members will have the opportunity to work in partnership with the Centre's management experts from across the world to shape the content of what is delivered and ensure that courses address problems facing Northern Ireland businesses.

The investment in the Postgraduate and Executive Education Centre will see the appointment of 15 leading management professionals from across the globe. The centre will also serve as a meeting and conferencing venue suitable for small and large conferences.

Harbour on board for Féile



The RMS Titanic Float, sponsored by Belfast Harbour, on parade during the Féile carnival parade

Part of our 2011 Corporate Responsibility programme saw Belfast Harbour provide core financial support for Feile Belfast's staging of the 'Féile an Phobail' (Festival of the People) during the summer.

This year's Féile comprised a broad range of quality arts events for 11 days including 17 exhibitions, 13 dramas, eight literary events, a children's programme, a disability development programme, five days of street theatre, four multicultural events and 11 nights of concerts (including four nights in Bank Square marquee).

There was also a whole range of community events which included street parties and a carnival parade which had participation from many community organisations. Féile also organised several events in day centres for people in sheltered accommodation.

Workshops on mask and puppet making, float design and fashion design/recycling were provided for community groups to enable increased and improved participation in the Carnival Parade – for which Belfast Harbour sponsored the Titanic Float.

CAFRE scoops Harbour - sponsored energy gong



David Knott, Health and Safety Manager, Belfast Harbour, presents the award for Best Use of Renewable Energy Sources to CAFRE (College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise) at the recent Sustainable Ireland Awards 2011. Also pictured at the awards ceremony at the Ramada Hotel in Belfast are BBC presenter and awards ceremony host, Noel Thompson, Gold Burrows, General Manager, Sustainable Ireland, and members of the CAFRE team.

An independent panel of judges was impressed with how CAFRE had reduced its £1 million plus annual energy bill by introducing wood chip boilers, solar panels, wind turbines and air source heat pumps across all of its facilities. By next year it hopes to be producing 25% of its energy needs through these renewable sources.

Michael Portillo journeys to Harbour Office



Former Defence Secretary Michael Portillo dropped in to the Harbour Office recently to film parts of a TV programme, entitled Great British Railway Journeys. The programme saw the current affairs commentator use Michael Bradshaw's 1840 railway guidebook to explore how the railways have had a profound influence on the social, economic and political history of Britain. Mr Portillo caught up with Harbour CEO, Roy Adair, during his visit.

Princess on Harbour Mission

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, paid a visit to the Harbour Office during the summer – just over a year after the Icelandic volcanic ash cloud prevented her making the trip when originally planned.

Princess Anne was due in Belfast in May 2010 as the special guest at a gala dinner to launch the 150th anniversary celebrations of The Mission to Seafarers, Northern Ireland, in her capacity as the Mission's Worldwide President.

The Lord Lieutenant of Belfast, Dame Mary Peters, proved to be a welcome and very capable deputy last year, but it was with great delight that the Mission was able to welcome The Princess Royal to the Harbour Office as a Royal guest of honour in August.

The event allowed the Mission to Seafarers to appeal to the business sector in Belfast to support its work in ministering to the over 5,000 seafarers who dock annually in the Port of Belfast. The Princess made a very well-informed appeal and the Chaplain, The Revd Colin Hall-Thompson, presented her with a booklet about the Mission to Seafarers in Belfast which he had put together and



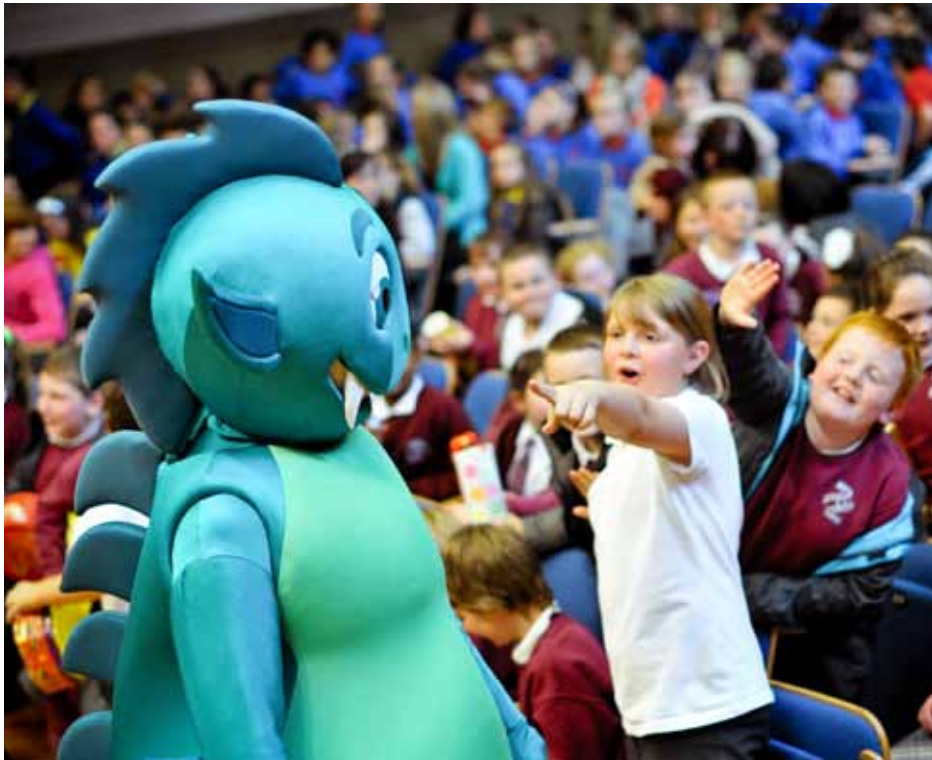
The Revd Colin Hall-Thompson (second left) is introduced to The Princess Royal during her visit to Belfast by Robert Ferris OBE, Chairman, Mission to Seafarers, NI, (third left). Looking on are (from left) Trevor Anderson, Operations Director, Belfast Harbour, Dr Ian Adamson OBE, the High Sheriff of Belfast, Councillor Ruth Patterson, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast and Jim McDonald CBE, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Belfast

which was sponsored by the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

Mr Hall-Thompson said: "Princess Anne complimented me on the booklet as a very professional publication and took one to

show to other port centres. We were thrilled to have the Princess at the reception, she's a very hard-working and good President and is a great supporter of the Mission."

Caption Competition



It's time for, you've guessed it, Portfolio's ever-popular (Ed – don't you mean 'infamous'?) caption competition. So, without any further ado, it's time for you to get the thinking caps back on, get the creative juices flowing (or whatever else helps you get in 'the zone') and come up with a witty caption for the above picture of Webster.

Anyone who has witnessed a school event with Webster in attendance will vouch for the fact that schoolchildren just love hanging out and having fun with our resident environmental guardian. This image captures a scene from one such event and we are asking you to send us your interpretation of what's going on.

As usual, email your answers to portfolio@belfast-harbour.co.uk or send a note with your name and department to Paula McMillan-Taibot at the Harbour Office

A prize of a case of wine or dinner for two is up for grabs for the winner. Get thinking and good luck.

The caption competition winner from the last edition is Fintan McGreevy. His winning effort, relating to the picture below is: "Eh, I think that girl just lapped me"

Congratulations to Fintan and enjoy your prize.



Congratulations and celebrations

This is the part of the magazine where Portfolio takes the opportunity to make special mention of significant milestones or events concerning Harbour staff, both in and out of work.

On the business front, two of our team have earned promotions since the last edition – Eugene McBride has been appointed Port Engineer and Paul Hayes has been appointed to the role of Deputy Harbour Master. Congratulations to you both and we wish you every success in your new positions. Meanwhile, Andy McAllister and Stephen Hetherington have received long service awards after clocking up 50 years at the Harbour between them. Here's to many more!

Stepping outside the office, and we have a new addition to the Harbour baby club – congratulations to Michael Robinson and wife, Sarah, on the birth of their baby son, Harry. We hope you are enjoying the new arrival and managing to get some sleep at the same time. Congrats to Ricky Ellis and his wife on the birth of his daughter, Zoe.



On to affairs of the heart, and we had three Harbour weddings to celebrate in recent months. Darren Byers, Pamela Tolan and Christine Conway all tied the knot and we wish them every happiness. And the fancy suits and hats will be out again soon as Lindsey Johnston is now engaged to be married – congratulations from all at the Harbour.