



Belfast Harbour reveals teaching's 'Green' Giant



Jackie Gibson, Graham Construction, David Knott, Safety and Environmental Manager, Belfast Harbour, and Webster the Port Monster congratulate the winner of the 2011 Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year Award, Mr Neil McAllister, from Fairview Primary School, Ballyclare

A primary school teacher from Ballyclare has been crowned Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year 2011 at an exciting Challenge Day at W5.

Mr Neil McAllister, from Fairview Primary School, scooped the top prize in the Northern Ireland-wide search for the primary school teacher who showed most leadership and took most responsibility for the environment.

Second prize was awarded to Mr Black from Phoenix Integrated Primary School in Cookstown and Mrs Phoenix from St Colman's Primary School claimed third prize overall.

The unique competition, sponsored by Belfast Harbour and organised through Action Renewables, called on primary school pupils across Northern Ireland to help find the region's 'greenest teacher' by nominating their teacher and explaining, in

no more than 100 words, the hard work their teacher does to look after the environment and educate children about 'eco' issues.

The Green Teacher of the Year 2011 Awards came to an exciting finale at an environmental challenge day at W5 on Wednesday, November 16th, attended by the Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Niall Ó Donnghaile, during which the six shortlisted teachers and their classes enjoyed an interactive 'Talking Rubbish' show. They also designed, built and trialled their own wind-powered racing machines - as well as meeting Webster the Port Monster, Belfast Harbour's Environmental Guardian.

Congratulating the winners and finalists, Roy Adiar, Belfast Harbour CEO, said:

"Belfast Harbour would like to congratulate all of the individual entries for this year's award along with our skilled panel of judges - the competition was again so strong, that choosing the six finalists from

over 320 entries was an extremely difficult job. We would like to extend particular praise to Mr McAllister for his success, along with the finalists who came from schools across Northern Ireland.

"Belfast Harbour is actively committed to fulfilling our environmental responsibilities and highlighting the benefits of reducing waste and energy consumption to a wider audience. The Green Teacher initiative is a key element of our extensive engagement with schools as we believe it is important to educate children at a young age on green issues and actively reward those who bring the benefits of environmental responsibility to the forefront of education."

The entries were judged by a panel of experts, including David Knott, Safety & Environmental Manager, Belfast Harbour, and Laura Coey, Primary School climate change teacher, Action Renewables, as well as sustainability representative, Jackie Gibson from Graham Construction.



Lord Mayor shows support for Green Teachers

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Niall Ó Donnghaile, showed his support for the Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year Award by joining in the fun at the Challenge Day at W5.

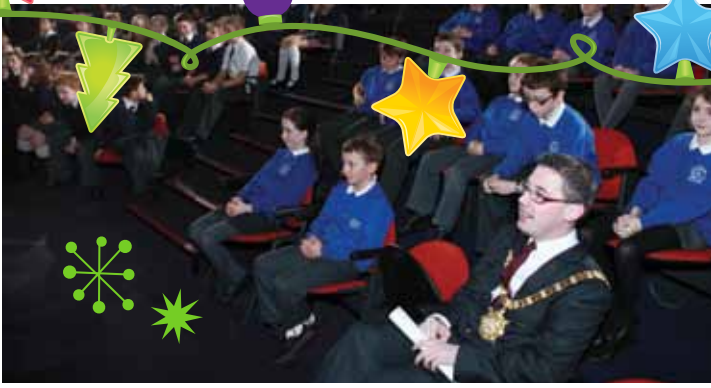
Speaking at W5, the Lord Mayor said:

"I would like to congratulate every school, pupil and teacher who has participated in Belfast Harbour's Green Teacher of the Year award. The huge number of entries this year is a testament to our schools' commitment to teaching environmental knowledge and responsibility to our next generation of leaders.



"It is fantastic to hear about the environmental work local teachers are involved in, such as setting up eco clubs, reducing energy in school, and even creating wormeries at school. The environment is extremely important to everyone and Belfast City Council has a sustainable action plan to protect our environment. We are currently working on recycling, reducing our energy using and exploring sustainable travel methods."

As well as enjoying the Challenge Day, the successful teachers also won large hampers, goodie bags and tickets for their class to see the Ulster Orchestra perform the music to the Christmas classic 'The



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Snowman' at the Ulster Hall. The other finalists were Mr. Moran from Holy Child Primary School in Belfast, Mrs McCann from Glengormley Integrated Primary School and Mrs Griggs from Spires Primary School in Magherafelt. All finalists received goodie bags in addition to a workshop with the Ulster Orchestra.

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

"Action Renewables is delighted to have teamed up with Belfast Harbour for the third year of this extremely successful competition, recognising primary school teachers' continued commitment to

environmental projects while educating children about green issues. The Challenge Day is a great way to reward both pupils and their teachers while allowing children to learn about local and wider environmental issues in an innovative and exciting way, such as creating a wind-powered racing machine.

"It was tremendous to see so many schoolchildren interact with each other at the Challenge Day and be educated about the importance of caring for their environment in a fun-filled way. From speaking to teachers and pupils here today, it is encouraging to see so many Northern Ireland teachers and pupils with genuine

enthusiasm about creating a greener environment."





Work underway to Harbour's £50m investment project



Len O'Hagan, Chairman, Belfast Harbour, DETI Minister Arlene Foster, DRD Minister Danny Kennedy and Eamonn Sweeney, Farrans MD, on a recent visit to the site where the assembly of offshore wind turbines will be undertaken.

A £50m investment by Belfast Harbour to develop a new terminal for the assembly of offshore wind turbines is providing a major boost for the Northern Ireland construction and aggregate sectors. The project, the largest ever in the Harbour's 400-year history, will create 150 construction jobs and generate demand for one million tonnes of stone from local quarries.

It has been confirmed that Northern Ireland-based Farrans (Construction) Ltd has won the contract to deliver the new terminal. The 50-acre facility will initially support the construction of the West of Duddon Sands offshore wind farm – a 50/50 joint venture between DONG Energy and ScottishPower Renewables. The facility will then be utilised by DONG Energy for its future Irish Sea operations.

Work on the terminal, now underway, will take 750,000 man hours to complete before it opens in 2013. The development is the first bespoke offshore wind installation and pre-assembly harbour in the UK, and is part of Belfast Harbour's wider plans to create a renewable energy hub.

Welcoming the DETI and DRD Ministers, along with representatives from DONG

Energy and ScottishPower Renewables to a site visit, Len O'Hagan, Chairman of Belfast Harbour, said:

"This is one of the most important developments in the history of Belfast Harbour, providing a platform from which to market Northern Ireland as one of the UK's leading green hubs."

"DONG Energy and ScottishPower Renewables are world leaders in renewable energy and their decision to invest in the Harbour is a major coup. That decision was the result of a long-term investment strategy by Belfast Harbour and we are already proactively pursuing other commercial opportunities from within the green sector."

"The appointment of Farrans to develop this major marine engineering project is great news for Northern Ireland's hard-pressed construction sector, but the potential to promote Belfast as a centre for renewable energy projects may yield even greater rewards for the wider economy."

Eamonn Sweeney, Farrans MD, added:

"We were delighted to have been awarded this project by Belfast Harbour with whom we have had a long-term relationship through the construction of many major marine projects in the past. The project is a much needed boost for Farrans in these difficult times and will provide employment for many within the company and in the supply chain."

"It is a massive scheme requiring in excess of 100,000 tonnes of concrete and 500,000 machine hours, and it is very satisfying to see a local company win this ahead of stiff international competition."

The new facility, designed by Northern Ireland firm, Doran Consulting, is one element of a £1.6bn investment by DONG Energy and ScottishPower Renewables to develop an offshore wind farm known as West of Duddon Sands. Located nine miles from the Cumbrian coast at Barrow-in-Furness, the site will generate 389MW, enough to meet the energy requirements of 300,000 homes, when it becomes operational in 2014.

The £50m cost of the terminal will be funded entirely by Belfast Harbour which will, in turn, lease the facility to DONG Energy.

Over 100 turbines, each with a rotor diameter of 120m, will be shipped to Belfast before being transported using two purpose-built installation vessels. West of Duddon Sands will be one of the world's largest offshore wind farms when it is commissioned in 2014.

The UK has plans to develop 11,000 new offshore wind turbines at a total cost of £100bn. Almost a quarter of these are expected to be built within 150 nautical miles of Belfast.



Stena Line's Superfast VII

All aboard the new **Stena Line**

Stena Line's new £80 million Loch Ryan Port and terminal facility in Cairnryan was officially opened recently, heralding the start of a new route between Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Two new ships, Stena Superfast VII and Stena Superfast VIII, the largest ferries ever to sail between the two countries, will operate 12 scheduled sailings per day between Belfast Harbour and Cairnryan, completing the crossing in two hours and 15 minutes.

The opening of the new port brings Stena Line's recent investment in the service to a massive £200 million, which also includes the opening in 2008 of the VT4 port in Belfast.

Speaking at the official opening, Dan Sten Olsson, Chairman of Stena Line said: "Today is a historic day for the people of Scotland and Northern Ireland. The long term future of this important ferry link between both countries has been secured for future generations and I'm delighted that Stena Line has been able to play its part in maintaining a connection between both countries which goes back over 150 years.

"This investment represents one of the biggest financial route commitments ever made by Stena Line and I'm delighted that after years of planning and hard work the day has finally arrived when we can enjoy using one of the most modern port and terminal facilities in the UK."

Minister for Regional Development in Northern Ireland, Danny Kennedy MLA, added: "This significant investment by Stena Line in Loch Ryan complements

the company's earlier investment in the modern facilities at the Port of Belfast, which handles 60% of Northern Ireland's seaborne trade. The recent major investments in port facilities in Scotland and Northern Ireland will help strengthen this commercial link and its trading position."

Scheduled sailings from the new Loch Ryan Port began on Monday 21st November 2011.



Stena Line's Superfast VII docked at the £80m Loch Ryan Port and terminal facility

The Factory's Happen



The Harbour Office threw open its doors recently and welcomed Happenstance Theatre Company for its production of Dan Gordon's 'The Boat Factory'.

As part of the Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's, the acclaimed play about Belfast's Harland & Wolff Titanic Shipyard was performed in the Barnett Room by Dan Gordon and Michael Condrón over 10 nights at the end of October.

The location for the production was particularly poignant, as many of the

names and personalities depicted in the play were Harbour Commissioners and directly involved in building the future of the Port and the City.

The Boat Factory celebrates the history and achievements of Belfast's famous shipyard by taking the story of the yard workers into the heart of the community. Written by local

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actor and director Dan Gordon, the play brings to life the vibrant history of the east Belfast shipyard.

The story is told through the eyes of yardman, Davy Gordon, and his fellow worker Geordie Kilpatrick, as they recount the glory days of the yard that employed 35,000 skilled workers at its height, manning the power

station, docks, machine shops, engine works and sawmills.

Andrea, an audience member, from Newtownabbey commented:

"A skillfully crafted production which is wholly befitting of the Belfast men it celebrates. I marvelled, laughed out loud

and cried sore - it quare took it out of me! The show left with me a new sense of pride about being born in Belfast and having grown up in the shadow of The Yard. Well done to all. Good on ye!"

A flavour of the Festival

As well the performance of Dan Gordon's *The Boat Factory* in the Barnett Room, the Harbour also supported two other projects which formed part of the 2011 Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's.

These were 'Merge', delivered by Dance United NI, and *Westside Story*, performed by Music Theatre 4 Youth (MT4 Uth).

Merge is an exciting new performance project involving 80 young people, including contemporary and urban street dancers, opera singers, a rap choir, BMX bikers, skate boarders and visual artists, who created a set in live time.

Dance United NI worked in partnership with Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre, New Lodge Arts, Square Pit Productions and YouthAction to deliver Merge. It was also supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Belfast City Council and the The Linbury Trust.

The production of *Westside Story* was performed by a 50-strong, talented young cast selected from auditions across Ireland and took place in May Street Presbyterian Church.

MT4 Uth is the only all-Ireland performing arts education charity for 11 – 25 year olds. Established in 2005, MT4Uth provides young people in Ireland with an opportunity to access the very best quality musical theatre tuition, along with the chance to perform on the stages of various theatre venues across the country.

These images capture the young people in action during the performance of Merge.







Put your Trust in Barn Owls

Belfast Harbour was the venue for the recent launch of the Ulster Wildlife Trust's Barn Owl Project. Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Niall Ó Donnghaile, joined the Trust at the Harbour Office to launch the appeal which calls on the public to support work dedicated to ensuring that the decline in Northern Ireland's barn owl population, one of the most iconic bird species, is reversed. Members of the Harbour's Finance department, Marian Rafferty, Linda Fulford and Reg Anderson sought wisdom from the Barn Owl in tackling the November Accounts.



Harbour sails away with top environmental gong



Peter Dixon, Chair of ARENA Networks, with David Knott and Lindsey Johnston from Belfast Harbour and John McMillen, CEO of the NIEA

Belfast Harbour was revealed as the top scoring company in the 13th Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking Survey, announced recently by Business in the Community's ARENA Network campaign.

The Survey, carried out by ARENA Network and supported by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, annually assesses top businesses in Northern Ireland for environmental management, performance and assurance.

The top results (in order of scoring) were achieved by: Belfast Harbour, Royal Mail, Dale Farm Ltd, Farrans (Construction) Ltd, Pritchitts, Seagate Technology (Ireland) Ltd, IKEA Belfast, Bombardier Aerospace, BT and John Graham (Dromore) Ltd.

David Knott, Safety and Environmental Manager at the Harbour, commented:

"We wouldn't regard this as a competition or an award, more as a benchmarking

exercise that lets us measure ourselves against other organisations but, significantly, we also use it as a gap analysis to identify where our weaknesses are and try and improve on those year on year."

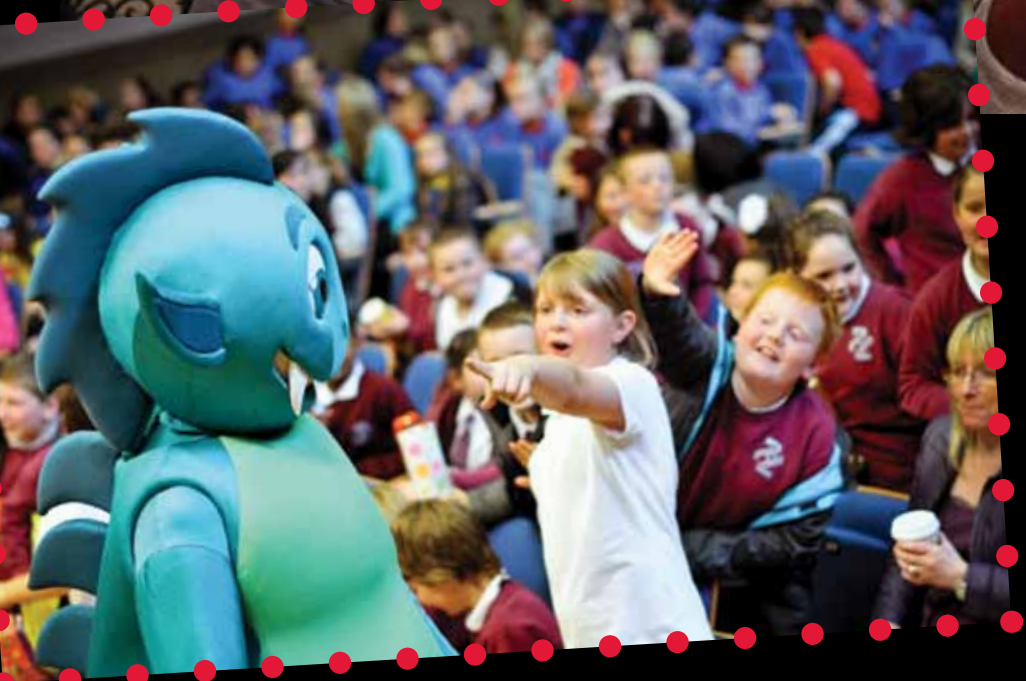
Environment Minister Alex Attwood, who gave the keynote address commending all participants for their leadership and achievement, said:

"One of the most effective ways of achieving progress is by business and government working together. That is why I am pleased that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency is entering into a three year strategic partnership with Business in the Community to build on its work with ARENA and its members."

Peter Dixon, Chair, ARENA Network, said:

"This year, the Survey was made even more robust and results prove that businesses here are leading the way in terms of environmental improvement and performance management."

Caption competition



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME



As efficient and organized as we like to think we are on the Portfolio editorial team, there are times when some important events do not receive their rightful place on these pages.

The birth of Aidan Daly's son James and Mark Howell's son Isaac were two such occasions. Apologies it took us so long, guys, but congratulations on your new arrivals. Congratulations, also, to Constable Helen Larmour of the Belfast Harbour Police on the birth of her daughter, Amelie.

We would also like to extend a warm Harbour welcome to James Gillespie, our new Deputy Harbour Master, who started this month. Welcomes also go to Alan Hannon, who is working on a short-term contract as Project Engineer; Martin Campbell, who is working as Handyman within the Facilities Department for a period (formerly the Civil Works Department) and Denise Amor, who is currently working for a number of months as Secretary within the Corporate Services Department. We hope you enjoy your time at the Harbour.

Portfolio would not be Portfolio without our ever-popular caption competition. We thought of giving you a break to allow you to concentrate on the Bake-Off, but we couldn't deal with the letters of complaint which would no doubt have followed.

So, for this edition we are asking you to have a look at the picture above and turn your minds to coming up with a witty caption.

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

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

A big well done to Tony McAuley who is the winner of the caption competition for the Autumn edition of Portfolio. Tony's winning entry for the above picture was:

"I'm not making it up – I can see a big green monster. Look, there he is!!!!!!"

Tony can now turn his thoughts to whether you would like to claim a case of wine or dinner for two as the prize for your efforts.

Let the **Bake** **Off** begin

To help facilitate the season of Goodwill and to add to the Festive spirit throughout the Harbour Office this Christmas, the Marketing Department has organised the Harbour's first ever Baking Challenge.

The challenge, in aid of local charities, invites all Harbour staff to don their aprons, get out their rolling pins and get baking. It will take place in the Moreland Room on Monday 19th December from 10.30am

You are invited to compete in one, or all, of five categories – cakes, traybakes, pies, biscuits and bread. Initial feedback has been extremely positive and an array of hidden talents could be brought to the fore.

Get Baking!



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