

# Stitching Solidarity: Activism in Textile Art Symposium

## Information

### Belfast Information for Symposium Participants

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#### Public transport

Belfast is a relatively walkable city, with the walk from UU Belfast Campus to QUB/Ulster Museum taking approximately 40 minutes. For those staying in Room2, it is about a 15 minute walk to UU and 20-25 minutes to the Ulster Museum. For public transport in the city the options are bus or taxi.

#### Bus

Metro buses (dark pink in colour) operate to and from the area surrounding Belfast City Hall to the rest of the city. You can pay in cash (coins only) or use contactless card. The following buses take you from city centre to QUB/Ulster Museum: 7a, b, c – get off at Botanic Avenue or College Green for QUB/Ulster Museum. 8a, b – has stops at Queen's University Belfast and Ulster Museum

#### Taxi

The two largest taxi companies are FonaCab and Value Cab. Both have an app you can download, or you can call 02890333333 (Fona) or 02890809080 (Value). Both take payment using cash or card, if you are near City Hall there is a Black Taxi rank beside Cleaver House on Donegal Place, opposite the front entrance to Belfast City Hall; please note these are often cash-only. Belfast also has Uber, though it can be more expensive.

#### Groceries

For groceries (near city centre):

- Tesco (11-13 Donegall Place)
- Marks & Spencer (Donegall Place)
- Lidl on High Street

## Pharmacy

Pharmacy (near city centre): Boots (35-47 Donegall Place)

## Food & Eating Out

Belfast is a very good city for food. Below are some suggestions for the areas the Symposium is taking place in. Unless indicated these all have good vegetarian options.

### Near Ulster University (Belfast campus)

#### Meals

Deerah (Palestinian-owned, Lebanese Food) (Royal Avenue and Lower Garfield Street)

Madame Pho (Vietnamese) (St Anne's Square)

Coppi (Italian) (St Anne's Square)

House of Zen (Japanese) (St Anne's Square)

7 Spice (Bangladeshi) (St Anne's Square)

Mumbai 27 (Indian) (Talbot Street)

Orto (Pizza) (Talbot Street)

Pizza Punks (Waring St)

For something different (casual) (off Dunbar Street)

The Common Market (covered warehouse with various street food and bars)

### Lunch and Good Coffee Shops

MAC (across from Art School)

Hjem (attached to Art School)

Established Coffee (Talbot Street) (best coffee in Belfast!)

Linenhall Library Café (City Centre)

Harlem Cafe (City Centre)

Ulster University 6th Floor (Vert Cafe, great vegetarian food)

Various university cafes ground floor of BC Building

### City Centre

#### Meals

Jumon (Fountain Street)

Yugo (Wellington Street)

Mourne Seafood (not great for vegetarians but delicious if you like seafood)

### **Near Queen's University Belfast (QUB)**

There are a number of places on Botanic Avenue, which is on the way from the city centre to QUB. All of the below have good vegetarian options. For anyone who is coeliac, Bo Tree is a good choice.

#### **Botanic Avenue**

- Layalina (Palestinian-owned, Arabic and Middle-Eastern food)
- Umi Falafel
- Madame Pho
- Bo Tree Kitchen (Thai food) (University Avenue behind QUB)

#### **Stranmillis Road (opposite Ulster Museum)**

- Ravenous (lunch only, sandwiches)
- Oishi Sushi

### **Pubs we like!**

#### **Belfast City Centre/Ulster University Area**

- Sunflower (small pub that generally has beers from local, independent breweries on tap and great pizza in the beer garden)
- Duke of York (off Hill Street on the nicest street in Belfast)
- John Hewitt (music and atmosphere, off Donegall Street and near St Anne's Cathedral)
- Maddens or Kelly's also for music
- The Crown Bar (across from Europa Hotel, just for the history)

### **Shopping**

There are shops all across Belfast especially around Royal Avenue, but we recommend:

Craft NI Shop  
Championing Craft in Northern Ireland  
115 – 119 Royal Avenue  
Belfast, BT1 1FF

### **Maps**

#### **Ulster University**

Map of the Belfast Campus  
<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/maps/belfast>

Virtual Maps and Tours  
Belfast Campus <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/virtualcampus/belfast>  
Derry-Londonderry Campus <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/virtualcampus/derry-londonderry>

Queen's University Belfast Map

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/about/Campus-and-facilities/>

## Cultural Activities

### **The Belfast Welcome Centre**

Has a lot of information on the City, worth a visit if you are a first time visitor!

<https://visitbelfast.com/partners/visit-belfast-welcome-centre/>

### **Belfast City Hall**

Includes an exhibition about the history of the city

### **Linenhall Library**

17 Donegall Square North, BT1 5GB

Belfast's oldest library with a lovely cafe founded in 1788

A collection of political posters in its stairwell. If you need to work while in Belfast there are desks for non-members on the second floor.

Open Monday to Friday only 9.30 to 5.30

<https://www.linenhall.com/>

Poetry Celebrating International Women's Day (Linenhall)

4 March (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

<https://linenhall.com/event/poetry-archives-justice-celebrating-international-womens-day/>

### **Black Taxi Tours**

Belfast Political and Mural Tour

These tours are more reasonable with more than one person sharing the taxi.

<https://belfasttours.com/tours/belfast-political-mural-tour>

### **Bbeyond, North Belfast Festival and Stitching Solidarity**

#### **Saturday, March 1 Day of Performance**

Symposium participants are invited to attend a day of performance, beginning at Carlisle Memorial Church at 12:00 pm for performance art making with Bbeyond followed by a 2:00 pm artist talk by Keike Twisselmann. Proceeding to Ulster University, Belfast School of Art at 4:00 pm for a series of events for the Stitching Solidarity: Activism in Textile Art Symposium.

More information: <https://www.bbeyond.live/day-of-performance>

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### **University of Atypical**

109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FF

A new exhibition, Hell or High Water, of oil on sackcloth paintings

### **Belfast Exposed Exhibition**

23 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FF

Exhibition: The Clean Blue of Linen by Yvette Monahan

At the heart of *The Clean Blue of Linen* is the remarkable story of Mallon Farm in County Tyrone where flax farmers Helen Keys and Charlie Mallon are reviving chemical-free flax farming as part of a diverse, sustainable agricultural model. Their efforts breathe new life into Northern Ireland's once world-renowned linen heritage, but their work is not solely a nod to heritage. It has been rejuvenating soil, waterways and wildlife as part of a shared endeavour to strengthen resilience in the Northern Irish food and farming system. Opening Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

### **The MAC Exhibition**

10 Exchange St West, Belfast, BT1 2NJ

Exhibition: I See His Blood Upon the Rose

A major MAC exhibition across all three galleries that traces the history of the flower in art, its evolution from botanical illustrations to the opulent still-life paintings of the 17th century, their adoption as symbols of political influence, revolution, and human control over nature. Opening: Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

### **Brilliant Corners Jazz Festival, 28<sup>th</sup> February-8<sup>th</sup> March**

Brilliant concerts in brilliant Belfast locations. Reasonably priced and transformative music concerts.

<http://www.brilliantcornersbelfast.com/gigs/>

### **Golden Thread Gallery, History of the Present**

23-29 Queen Street

History of the Present opera-film is presented in our Upper Gallery, while in our Lower Gallery we are showing a site-specific installation with additional artworks, resources and research materials by Maria Fusco and Margaret Salmon, to bring the collaborative work to audiences in Northern Ireland for the first time. Opening: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

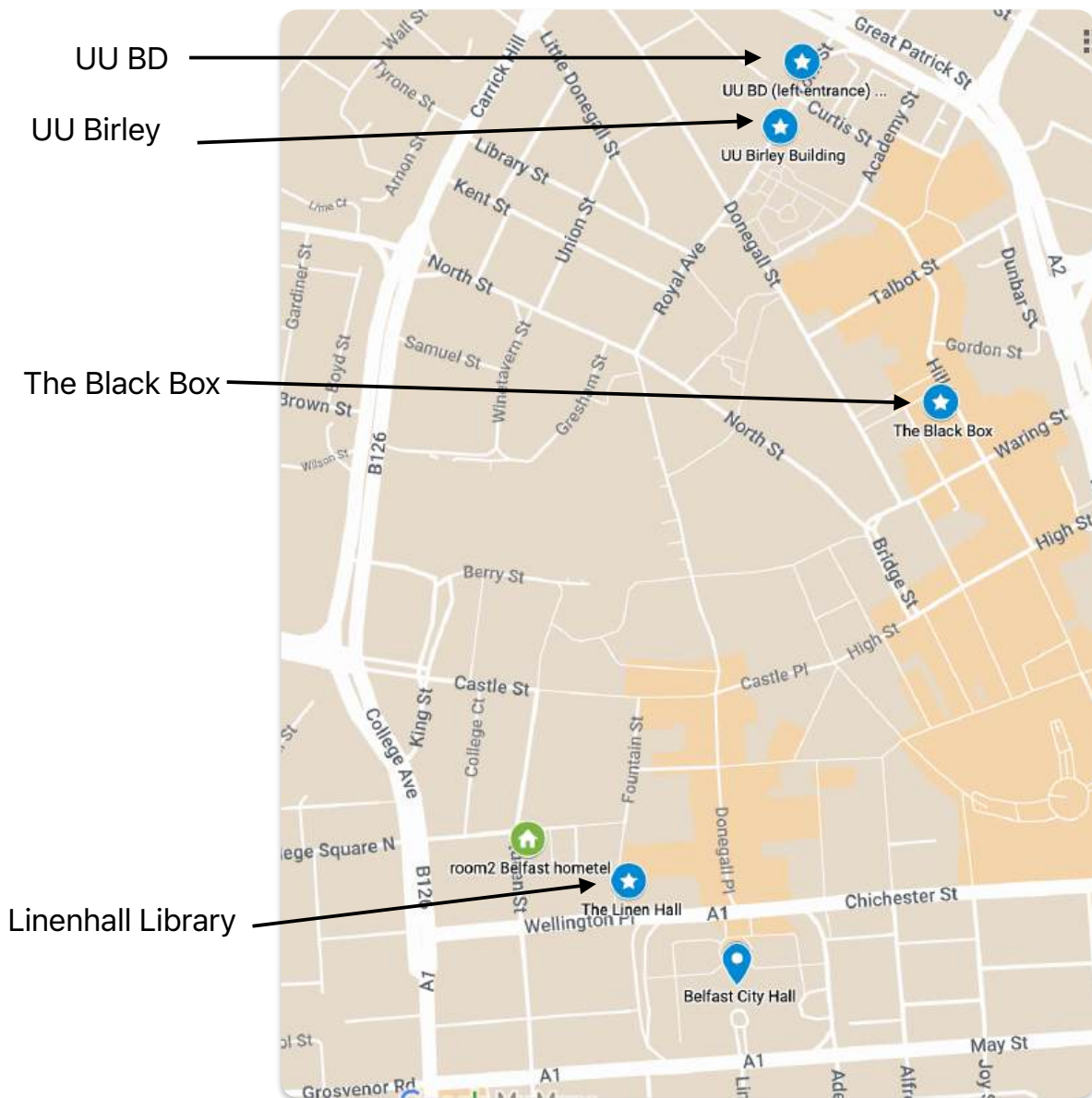
And if all else fails you can visit the Titanic Centre (booking essential)!

The symposium is organised by staff from Ulster University (INCORE), Belfast School of Art (Ulster University), Queen's University Belfast, Manchester University, University of Galway, University College Cork, the International Association of Women's Museums, and the Conflict Textiles Trust.

### **Sponsors**



## Ulster University and Symposium, Workshops and Event Locations



## Queen's QUB Locations & Ulster Museum



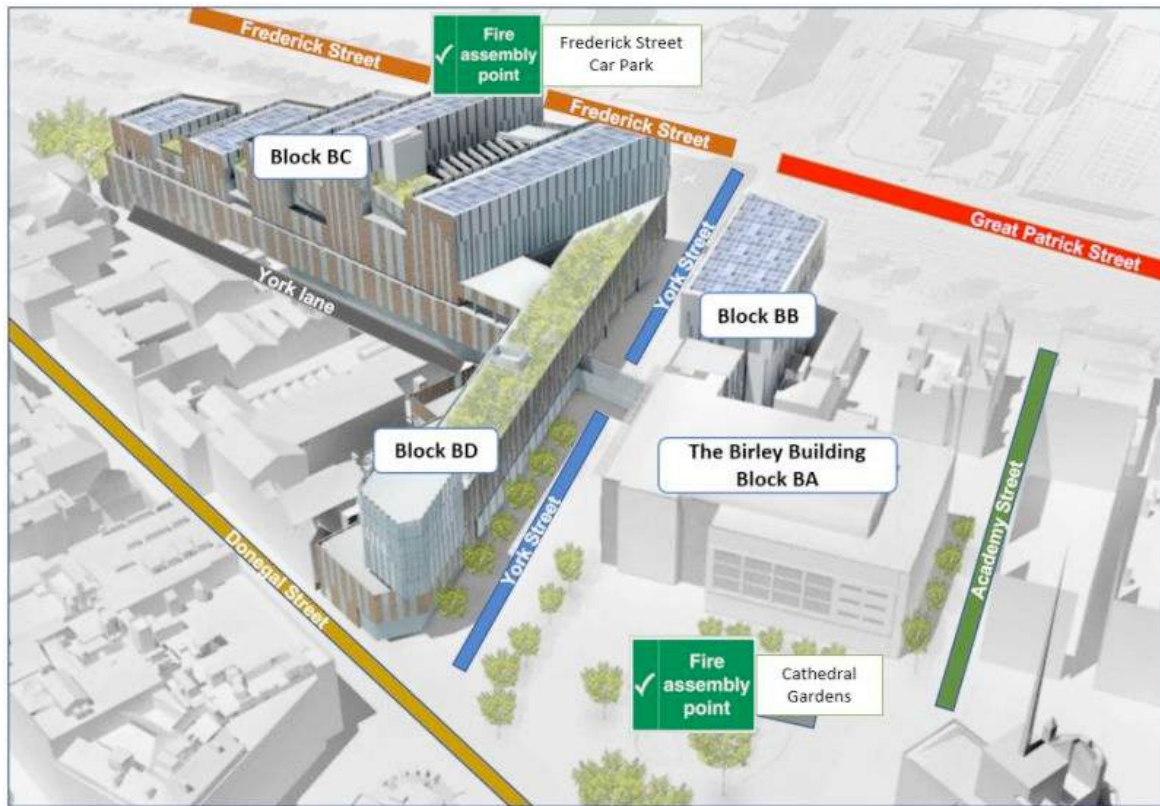
Access via GoogleMaps:



Queen's University Belfast Locations and Ulster Museum



## Map of Ulster University (Belfast)



## Map of Queen's University Belfast

