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Providing access to connections, thought leadership, innovation and research

The Chief Executives’ Club at Queen’s University Belfast (CEC) offers valuable opportunities for high level networking between members.

The CEC was established in 1991 to strengthen links between higher education and the business community. Bringing in leading experts in a range of fields as guest speakers, CEC events help to keep you up-to-date on new and emerging trends. Membership also facilitates access across Queen’s University and to its international networks and research strengths.

Our members comprise leaders from a wide range of businesses; private, public, charity and social enterprise organisations; higher education; plus successful entrepreneurs.

What can the CEC offer you?

- High calibre, regular business and networking events - early morning, lunchtime and evening.

- Exclusive access to high level dinners after events.

- Access to national and international thought leaders as speakers, and a forum for informed debate on topical issues.

- Priority invitations to a range of prestigious University lectures and conferences.

- Access to Queen’s University academic subject experts and their research.
Recent CEC events

**The Chief Executives’ Club at Queen’s Inaugural Dublin Lecture - Building a Shared Island**

Dr Mary Canning, President, The Royal Irish Academy, Micheál Martin, Former Taoiseach, and Professor Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, Queen’s University Belfast. Hosted by the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin.

**Levelling Up, What, Why, How? - Andy Haldane**

Professor Emma Flynn, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Research and Enterprise, Queen’s University Belfast and Andy Haldane, Chief Executive, The Royal Society of Arts and Chair of the Levelling Up Advisory Council.

**‘The Importance of Shared Spaces: Our Common Need for Nature, Beauty and History’ - Hilary McGrady**

Hilary McGrady, Director General of the National Trust and Professor Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Queen’s University Belfast.

**The Annual Mary McAleese Diversity Lecture - ‘I’ve Done My Part: Why Gender Diversity Promotes Prosperity and Peace’**

Professor Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Queen’s University Belfast; Professor Deirdre McCloskey, Professor Emerita, University of Illinois and Professor Ravishankar, Dean and Head of Queen’s Management School.
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The Annual John Bell Day Lecture - Professor Susana Huelga

Professor Susana Huelga, ULM University, gave the 2022 Annual John Bell Day Lecture online which was entitled “Coherent effects in biological processes. A new twist for Bell-type arguments”.

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Who can become a CEC member?
Membership is available to the Chief Executive, Managing Director, Chairperson and/or senior Directors of an organisation.

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‘The UK Economic Outlook, with a Focus on Northern Ireland’s Unique Challenges’ in association with National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR)

Prof Arnab Bhattacharjee, Research Lead, NIESR; Professor Stephen Millard, Deputy Director, NIESR; Elvina Graham, Member of Queen’s Senate; Professor John Turner, Finance and Financial History, Queen’s Management School and Dr David Jordan, Research Fellow, Queen’s Management School.

The Annual KPMG Lecture - ‘Does Salvation from Climate Change Rely on the Moral Compass of the Corporate World?’

Johnny Hanna, Partner in Charge, KPMG NI; Professor Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Queen’s; Sir Tim Smit, Executive Vice-Chair and Co-founder, The Eden Project; Ashleen Feeney, Partner, KPMG NI and Professor Nigel Scollan, Director of IGFS at Queen’s.

The Annual Chief Executives’ Club Breakfast hosted by PwC Belfast

Ryan Feeney, Acting Vice-President of Strategic Engagement and External Affairs, Queen’s; Cat McCusker, Regional Market Leader NI, PwC; Kevin MacAllister, Former Regional Market Leader NI, PwC; Professor Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, Queen’s; Elvina Graham, Member of Senate, Queen’s and Dr Len O’Hagan, Pro-Chancellor of Senate, Queen’s.