



Belfast City Council and eThekweni Municipality

May 2018

Belfast Today: City Context



- 336,000 residents- 18% of NI pop
- 240,000 jobs - 28% NI GVA
- 39% workforce degree +
- 2 airports in 20 mins
- 230 flight weekly to London
- 40GB per sec USA/Europe
- Best superfast Broadband in UK
- City wide Wi-Fi
- Growing tourism economy
9.5m visitors each year worth £430m
- Growing student population
68,500 full and part time

Belfast Today: City Council Investment Programme

£393 million

Current value of our
Investment Programme

Over £330 million

What we'll spend on
capital projects by 2023

Over £100 million

Funding levered in from
others to deliver capital
projects

£105 million

What we'll spend to
transform and modernise
our leisure centres

Waterfront Hall



Mountain Biking



Girdwood



Innovation Factory



Belfast Today: Headline Results



The Business of Tourism





MPUMALANGA

SWAZI-
LAND

FREE
STATE

● Newcastle

KWA-ZULU
NATAL

● Ulundi

● Ladysmith

● Estcourt

Richards
Bay

Pietermaritzburg

Pinetown

DURBAN
METRO AREA

EASTERN
CAPE

Port
Shepstone



South
Africa

Fast Facts:

- 100kms coast
- 2557 sq kms
- 3,6m people
- 61% KZN GVA
- 1 of SA's top Metros





Population: **3.7 million**



3rd **largest city** in South Africa



2nd biggest **manufacturing hub** in South Africa



Home to the **largest port** in Africa



Largest “**Indian city**” outside of India



47 Billion Rand Annual Budget



Sub-Tropical climate



Main business sectors = **Manufacturing, Tourism, Finance**



Home to longest and oldest ultra-Marathon – the **Comrades Marathon**



Zulu name is “**eThekwin**i” from *itheku* meaning “bay”

DURBAN

LIVE WORK PLAY INVEST.

Quick Facts

about Durban



The **5th largest aquarium** in the **world** and the **biggest in Africa**, uShaka Marine world



Moses Mabhida Stadium can seat **70,000 people** and is widely considered one of the **world's most beautiful stadiums**



Durban has one of the largest concentrations of Art-Deco buildings in the world



Durban is named after the somewhat controversial Cape Colony governor **Sir Benjamin D'Urban**



The **world's tallest bungee swing** is found at the **Moses Mabhida stadium** (Guinness Book of Records, 14 May 2011)



Durban was home to the **first steam railway in the country**, which was opened in 1860



Rickshaw pullers have been operating in Durban for more than **100 years**



Seven million passengers capacity through the **King Shaka Airport** each year



The eThekweni City Hall is a replica of the Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland



EU WORLD CITES

Belfast

- Deep connections with peace processes and reconstruction / inclusive growth.
- Heavy plant, Smart tech, food.
- Invest NI opened first office in Johannesburg in Autumn 2017.
- Trade NI £40M
- QUB / UU links, both in post conflict and energy management



Finalised Areas of Collaboration

- Energy – CASE and eThekweni Energy office – Policy learning, TOR for Climate change Committee in DurbanC40 Cities, Piloting the Photo Voltaic systems pioneered by the Ulster University within some of the city's informal settlements and rural areas
- EThekweni should identify Academic partners to twin with the Cyber Security Industry in Belfast.
- Exchanging best practices and reviewing city level support for start-ups, entrepreneurs, incubators and accelerators – SmartXchange Durban and Catalyst Inc
- Sharing experiences around branding and development of tourism products.
- Exchange documentation on the development of Smart Cities Frameworks and Innovations
- Share experiences on community participation methodologies used in the cities, this would also include in sharing of social cohesion projects that involve, youth, women, vulnerable and disabled.

Urban Planning Challenges

Belfast

- Common post conflict cities.
- Planning legacy - City Centre regeneration 'Doughnut cities'.
- Local planning challenges 40, 40, 40.
- Planning –segregated neighbourhoods



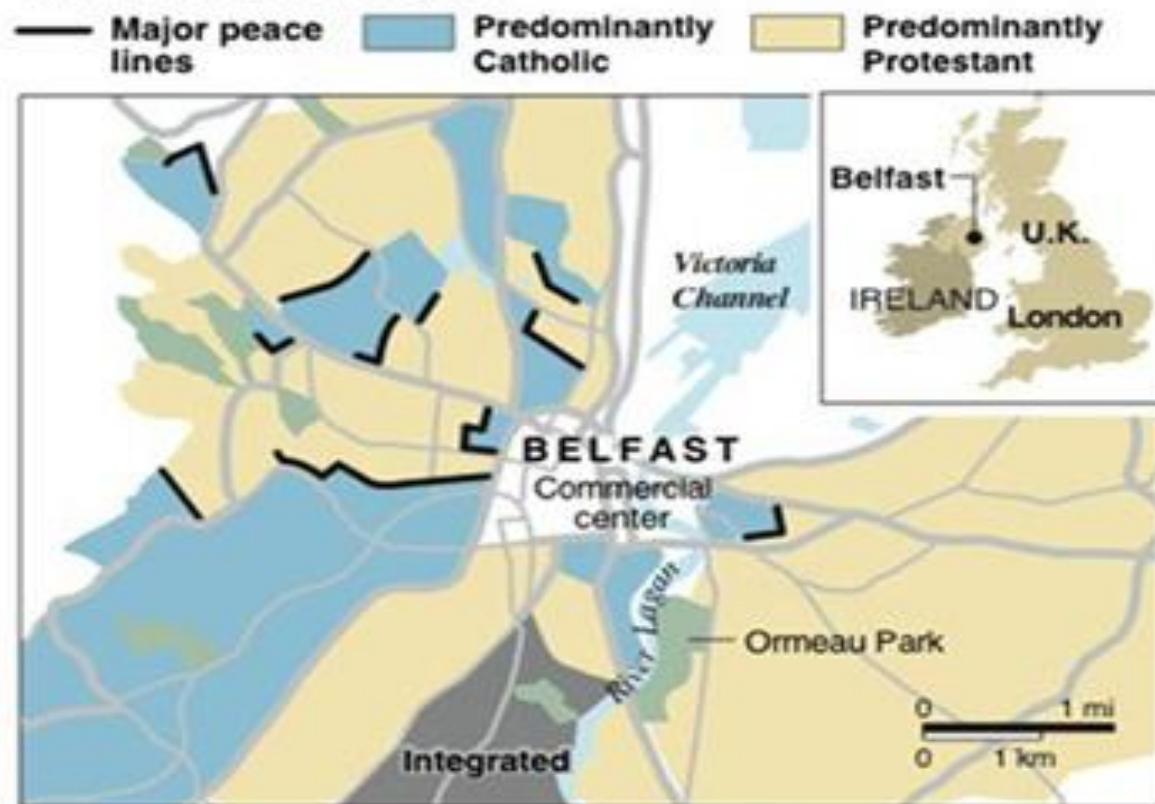
Social Cohesion / Peace Lines

- Physical separation **Communities**
- **Opportunities** to reconnect
- Potential for **shared** environments



Enduring remnants of Belfast's strife

Ten years after peace was declared in Northern Ireland, many of Belfast's Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods remain separated by barriers called "peace lines."



SOURCE: ESRI

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11
All
BNA
Roll
Tribe

257

SEND THIS
TO TRUMP

Anchor
Pulls

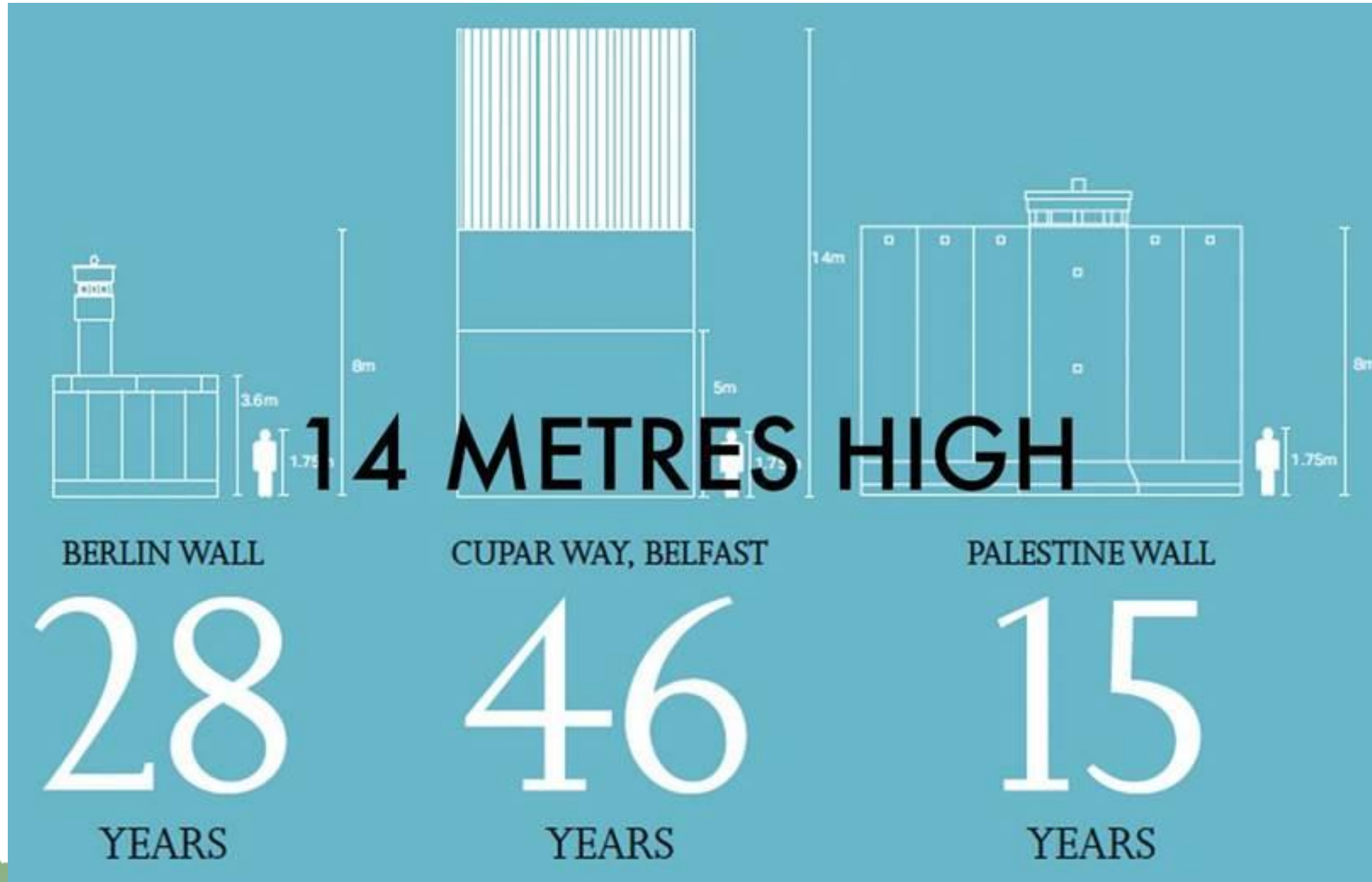
LONG
WIND

Bob
Burdie
8.12.16

Nicarla
Hindle
8.12.16

NELLY
GONE BUT NEVER
FORGOTTEN
ASH 2016

Social Cohesion / Peace Lines



Black Taxi Tours - peace walls and history of the Troubles





Need for on-going dialogue and interventions that integrate people and removes violence and conflict



Inter-faith prayer and actions for peace





1. Part of broader strategy to rejuvenate region
2. 1000's of new jobs
3. R3 billion+ mixed-use commercial/residential project
4. Joint Venture partnership with Tongaat-Hulett Developments

Spatial Integration

Bridge City

**DURBAN**

CORNUBIA FRAMEWORK LOCALITY MAP



Belfast Innovation Factory

- ▶ Based on the Peace Line
- ▶ Encourages new business start ups
- ▶ Soft landing for fin tech and smart digital and low carbon
- ▶ Deep connections into the local neighbourhoods
- ▶ Internships , business mentoring.
- ▶ Collaboration with private sector – Catalyst Inc (established as part of Good Friday Agreement)





Social Cohesion / Peace Lines



Girdwood Community Hub – A shared space



City Development Placemaking

Belfast

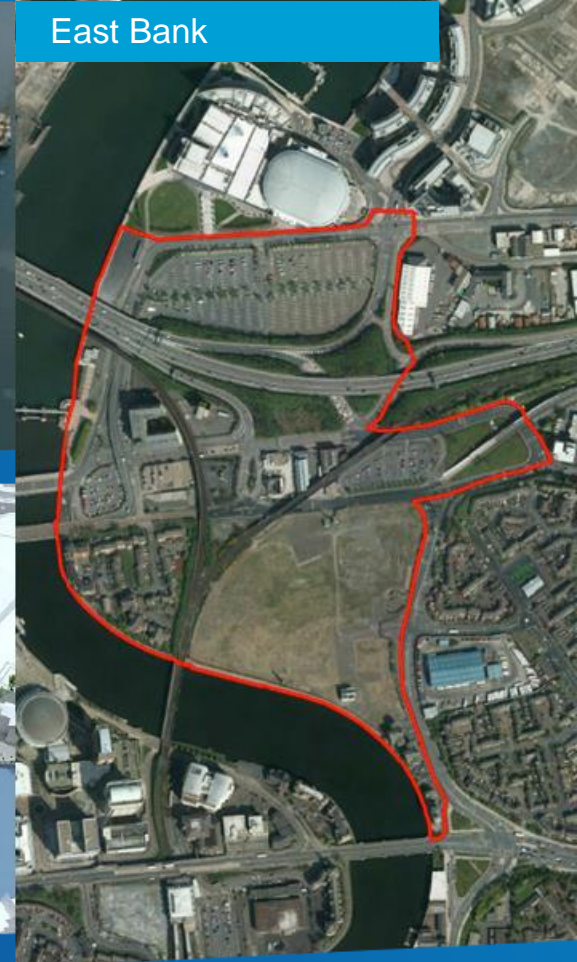
North East Quarter



Titanic Quarter



East Bank



Linen Quarter



Sirocco Works



City Centre Regeneration



City Hall Renovation – a key tourist attraction



City Branding



LONELY PLANET

TOP REGION 2018







There are more grounds
for optimism here than in
most other capital cities
in the world today. Make
sure you don't forget that.
Set yourself some stretch
goals that really extend
expectations about what
you can achieve so that
everyone reaches for those
goals together."

Declan Kelly

Former US Economic Envoy

Many thanks to EU World Cities

Benefits of the Program

- Promotes active engagements between cities
- Triple Helix engagements that build and develop synergies
- 18 month timeframe allows for better interaction and collaboration
- Practical exchanges on real projects
- Provides a safe space for city officials to learn and share ideas
- Program Funders allowed the city's to develop their own agendas
- Furthers the SDG Agenda



Thank You