

Event	Details	Date(s)
<b>June</b>		
Belfast Photo Festival	A Public and vibrant hub of photography celebrating cultural diversity and identity through events / exhibitions for young people aged 8-16. Artwork from workshops bringing together south Belfast schools / ethnic minority community groups will be exhibited, encouraging participation, skills, inclusion and exploring / highlighting common values within the community.	04/06/15-30/06/15
UK National Piping Championships, Stormont Estate	Only in its second year this Royal Scottish Pipe Band championship attracted 12,000 people in 2014.	13 June 2015
Ciclovía 2015	This is an international movement which promotes the closure of streets within cities in order to facilitate walking and, in particular, cycling on certain days in city centres. It is proposed that an event to promote the movement takes place in Belfast on Sunday 14 June to mark the start of Bike Week in the Botanic Avenue/Dublin Road Area of the city.	14 June 2015
Belfast Urban Ballet	Belfast Urban Ballet will be a new event for the Belfast summer calendar, building on the past two decades of Beat's parade innovation and international connections. It will be a festival of street bands and urban carnival choreography with dance and music performances in the streets and public city-centre spaces. Delivered by Beat Initiative.	20 June 2015
<b>July</b>		
Community Together Arts and Culture Festival	A Community based Festival of Culture and Arts relating to to the community. Community led encouraging all members of the community young and old to take part in all events. A show case of local talent and abilities from both young and old and culture awareness.	01 July 2015
Belfast Tall Ships	500,000 are expected to attend 'the event of the year.' Total cost of the project is £2.3 million inclusive of Council support of £1.3 million.	2 to 5 July
Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust (TAGIT)	Through feedback and surveys from the community, TAGIT aim to have a 5 day festival, that will include all members of the Tullycarnet and Ardarn communities. TAGIT aim to promote Health and Well Being, Education, Intergenerational activities, Cultural/ Heritage and strengthen Neighbourhood cohesion, for all residents.	08/07/2015-12/07/2015

August Féile	August Féile is Ireland's biggest Community Arts Festival/Summer School. This ten day festival presents a wide range of arts and cultural activities, including music concerts, comedy, exhibitions, discussions, debates, youth & literary events, dramas, family, outdoor and community events, street performances, carnival parade, sports, tours and walks	31/07/15-9/08/15
<b>August</b>		
Belfast Pride	The organisers wish to increase the scale and impact of the event and regard it as an opportunity to promote Belfast as a modern, tolerant and multi-cultural cosmopolitan city.	1 August
Colin Summer Festival	A week long community festival that will cater for all ages that will include a community carnival and fun day, art workshops, cultural food tasting and craft fair, inter-generational trips, all ability sports days, Family walks, trips and visits to parks and museums for families.	03/08/15-08/08/15
New Lodge Summer Festival	A week-long summer festival in the New Lodge area to promote the arts and culture and bring positivity to an area at a time when tensions can arise with an increased risk of anti-social behaviour - organised by Ashton Community trust.	06/08/2015-14/08/15
Caribbean Week One Love Festival	Caribbean based festival with activities including story-telling/ Caribbean folklore, dub-poetry/ workshops and Caribbean influenced music & other performing arts. This event will highlight the growing Caribbean community and showcase the Caribbean's history, culture and ability to contribute positively to enriching community spirit and tourism in Belfast.	10/08/2015-16/08/2015
Eastside Arts Festival	EastSide Arts Festival and Summer School 2015 will be a community-led exploration and celebration of the rich artistic and cultural heritage and identity of East Belfast designed to present a positive image of, and animate the arts in, East Belfast and promote social cohesion and regeneration.	19/08/15-31/08/15

Brian Friel Festival	An international destination multi-arts and multi-disciplinary festival celebrating Ireland's greatest playwright of past 50 years in theatre, readings, talks & discussions, music, dance, food and leisure. The leading play is Friel's most popular play Dancing at Lughnasa in its 25th anniversary year to be produced by the Lyric Theatre Belfast. Five mini-Belfests will come into existence responding to the themes and concerns of this one signature play: (1) Amongst Women talks & discussions programme (2) Dancing Cranes outdoor dancefest (3) New Norths: Trade-Contemporary music from Ireland, Scotland, Scandinavia and the Baltic (4) The Kitchen Table Foodfest (5) Michael's KiteTanica Kite flying mini-fest	26/08/2015-31/08/2015
Belfast Mela	The Belfast Mela is NI's largest festival of world cultures held annually in Botanic Gardens. Attracting up to 30,000 people, the festival is an iconic highlight in the region's festival calendar, showcasing music, dance, crafts and food from over thirty nations across the globe.	30 August 2015
<b>September</b>		
The Community Festival at Skainos	This is a weekend festival, to be held in the Skainos Centre in East Belfast. It will bring a wide range of activities to inner East Belfast residents of all ages and will also encourage residents from other parts of Belfast to visit the area and celebrate its cultural identity.	01 September 2015
Bounce! - Arts Festival	Bounce! Arts Festival 2015 will showcase new work by disabled and deaf artists, celebrating and inspiring talent and artistic excellence. Showcasing artistic excellence, with challenge, warmth and a quirky sense of fun, Bounce! is the first and still the only festival of its kind on the island of Ireland.	03/09/15-06/09/15
Belfast Tattoo 2015	This is a new large scale event in the city which celebrates its Ulster-Scots culture and has taken place in the Odyssey Arena over the past two years.	4-5 September 2015
BBC Proms in the Park, Titanic Slipways	11,000 people are expected for the BBC managed live concert, on the Titanic Slipways, to mark the Last Night of the Proms series.	12 September 2015

Belfast's Autumn Fair, Botanic Gardens	A two day horticultural and family friendly event in Botanic Gardens organised in conjunction with BCC Parks and Leisure.	12 & 13 September
Culture Night	Writer's Square will be the focal point for community-led performances and activities, and a hub of outdoor activity and media attention on Culture Night Belfast (CNB) 2015. Community activity will be supported by complimentary programming and services to ensure an encouraging, welcoming and lively atmosphere for all ages.	18 September 2015
BabyDay	BabyDay will be an extraordinary day that will capture the imagination of the whole city. With art in the streets, music in the air and families everywhere, there'll be a real festival feel and Belfast will be one big bundle of joy!	27 September 2015
<b>October</b>		
Draw Down the Walls	Golden Thread Gallery will present Invisible Barriers: Moving Images, a programme of films in unusual and surprising sites across North Belfast. This will include art films, mainstream movies and community-authored productions, inviting audiences to imagine a city without barriers.	01 October 2015
International Cinemagic Festival	Cinemagic will use film, television and digital technologies through screenings, workshops and other participative opportunities to educate, motivate and inspire young people.	9/10/15-4/11/15
Belfast International Festival	This is an international multi art form festival taking place in venues across the city.	16 October - 1 November
Nine Nights	In 2015, ArtsEkta will present a large scale multi-artform outdoor arts spectacle to tell stories from age-old Indian folklore. Nine Nights is being artistically produced in partnership with Walk the Plank, an internationally renowned theatre company credited with major cultural events in Northern Ireland such as landmark UK City of Culture event The Return of Colmcille. The free evening show will play out to audiences in Autumn 2015 and light up Belfast City Centre in a way you have never seen before.	24 October 2015
Halloween Metro Monster Mash, Titanic Slipways	An evening of family fun and entertainment culminating in a massive fireworks display at the Titanic Slipways.	31 October 2015
<b>November</b>		

Christmas Lights Switch-on, City Hall	A one hour family orientated event, at City Hall, to mark the start of the Christmas festivities	14 November 2015
<b>December</b>		
BBC Sports Personality of the Year, Odyssey Arena	Thousands will be able to avail of tickets for this iconic award ceremony, which will be staged in the Odyssey Arena and managed by the BBC.	20 December 2015
<b>March 2016</b>		
Belfast Children's Festival	Belfast Children's Festival is an annual international festival for children aged 0 - 14 years and their accompanying adults. Events take place both in and out of school time for schools, groups and families to attend. Young at Art is a leading arts charity presenting a wide range of arts events and activities all year round for children and young people in Northern Ireland. Their annual Belfast Children's Festival is back for the 18th year to light up the city with a colourful array of art and performance to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.	01 March 2016
St Patrick's Day, City Centre parade and Custom House Square	Now in its ninth year the Council organised celebration incorporates a parade and live concert from Custom House Square.	17 March 2016
Circuit of Ireland Rally, City Hall and Titanic Slipways	Three days of international racing that is part of the World Rally Championships, which starts from Belfast City Hall.	24 to 26 March 2016
<b>TBC</b>		
Lord Mayor's Event, venue tbc	Details of this annual event are tbc with Lord Mayor, Cllr Arder Carson. Over the last three years previous Lord Mayors have staged: a multi-cultural event, a live music day and 'come-try-it' sports show-case.	tbc