

# AHRC Critical Dance Pedagogy Network: Symposium 4: Leadership and Futures

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**9.30-17:00 Online & in-person**

**Free to attend but booking is essential (see link to form below)**

## **Drama and Film Centre, Queen's University, Belfast**

Join us for our forth symposium day as part of the Critical Dance Pedagogy Network that seeks to foster networking, collaboration, knowledge exchange, and exploration of some transformative practices in Critical Dance Pedagogy. Engage in discussions and workshops around addressing social assumptions, structural power relations, and inequities within dance and dance education.

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Please register to attend by clicking <https://forms.office.com/e/P64usftegi> or scanning the QR code

If you have questions about the Critical Dance Pedagogy network please

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# Information

The day will include sharing of practices, talks, workshops and knowledge exchange. Eeva Anttila (UniArts, Helsinki, Finland) will give an interactive keynote.

### Flying to Belfast

Belfast is served by two airports: George Best Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport which are both linked to the city by regular bus services. Dublin International Airport is located approximately 100 miles to the south.

### Getting to Queen’s from George Best City Airport:

Belfast City Airport is only 10 kilometres from the city centre. The easiest way to get to Queen’s University is to take a taxi. A taxi from the airport to the University or to the City Centre is approximately £9.00.

There are also [Airport bus services \(opens in new tab\)](#) from the Airport terminal to the City Centre (Donegall Square South. The service, Flexibus route no 600, operates between 05.30 hrs and 22.00 hrs, and costs £2.30 for a single journey.

See the [Belfast City Airport \(opens in new tab\)](#) for further information about travelling to the city centre from the City Airport.

### Getting to Queen’s from Belfast International Airport:

Belfast International Airport is approximately 30 kilometres from the city centre. There are [Airport Bus Services \(opens in a new tab\)](#) between the airport and city centre which runs every hour during the night and then at 10-30 minute intervals during the day from early morning. The journey time is approximately 35 minutes and a single fare costs £9.00. The route terminates at the Grand Central Station in the city centre.

### Getting to Queen’s from Dublin Airport:

There is an excellent bus service which runs directly from Dublin airport to Belfast. The bus departs from Dublin airport every hour and if you take the direct bus the journey will take around two hours. More information about the Aircoach bus service here [Aircoach Dublin to Belfast and return \(opens in new window\)](#)

### Taking the ferry to Belfast

Fast ferry services including Stena Line and P&O Ferries make multiple daily crossings from Northern Ireland to ports in Scotland and England. The two main Belfast routes are from Liverpool and Cairnryan, both provided by Stena Line. An alternative route runs from Holyhead to Dublin, with excellent motorway connections between there and Belfast.

### Visit the websites:

- [Stena Line \(opens in a new tab\)](#)
- [PO Ferries \(opens in a new tab\)](#)

### Taking the bus and train

Queen’s is a five-minute walk from Botanic Train Station on the Bangor, Larne, Newry and Derry~Londonderry lines. A connection to Dublin is just two stops away, via Belfast Grand Central Station. Coach and bus services arrive at Grand Central Station and Great Victoria Street, which is also connected by rail (or alternatively is a ten-minute walk).

All public transport in Northern Ireland is organised by the [Translink company \(opens in a new tab\)](#). Visit their website for more information on fares, timetables, journey planners and online ticket bookings. Below is a list of their main services:

- [NI Railways \(opens in a new tab\)](#): Northern Irelands train service provider has services running from Portadown, Bangor, Larne, Derry / Londonderry, Portrush and Dublin.
- [Ulsterbus \(opens in a new tab\)](#): Ulsterbus is a public transport operator in Northern Ireland and operates bus services outside Belfast.
- [Ulsterbus Goldline \(opens in a new tab\)](#): Providing direct services to and from cities across Northern Ireland, including Derry / Londonderry, Coleraine, Newry and Armagh.
- [Metrobus \(opens in a new tab\)](#): Providing travel throughout the greater Belfast area.

### Map of QUB campus

The seminar is in the Drama and Film Centre, QFT, 20 University Square - location 26 on this map:

[QUB Campus Map 2024](#)

### Google Map of QFT in Belfast:

[Symposium Location on Google Maps](#) (opens in a new tab)

### Some Accommodation Suggestions

*Accommodation in the University Quarter and within walking distance to the symposium location:*

- Ibis Hotel Queen’s Quarter (3 star)

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- Benedicts Hotel, Shaftsbury Square (4 star)

[Benedicts Hotel](#)

- Tara Lodge Hotel (4 star)

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*Further Accommodation Options in the city centre and not too far from the university:*

### 2 Star Hotel:

[Ibis Budget ETAP Hotel Belfast](#)

**3 star Hotels**

- [Hampton by Hilton Belfast City Centre](#)
- [Ibis City Centre](#)

**4 star Hotels**

- [Bullitt Hotel](#)
- [Holiday Inn Belfast City Centre](#)
- [Clayton Hotel Belfast](#)
- [Maldron Belfast City](#)
- [Europa Hotel Belfast](#)
- [Hilton Hotel](#)

**5 Star Hotel:**

- [Grand Central Hotel Belfast](#)

**Access**

The Brian Friel Studio/Rehearsal Room and the Brian Friel Theatre are in the same building as Queen’s Film Theatre (QFT), 20 University Square. Ramped access is via the QFT main entrance.

A café/bar is located on the ground floor which is accessible via a ramped, electronically assisted entrance door. On the ground floor there is also access to an adapted toilet and to a toilet with changing facilities.

The Studio/Rehearsal Room is located on the first floor and is accessible via an elevator.

We will have a room for parking buggies/prams and there will also be a dedicated room for breastfeeding/feeding, with access to a nearby kitchen that has a sink and a microwave.

Please make any access requests to the organizers and we will do our best to meet them.

**Further Info on Visiting Belfast**

- <https://visitbelfast.com/>
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