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Welcome to the British Ecological Society (BES) Annual Meeting 2023. This guide will help you get the most out of the conference and give you an understanding of what to expect. You can find the full programme, including abstracts, on the Whova app for which you will have already received instructions.

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We are delighted to be returning to ICC Belfast for this meeting and would like to thank Belfast City Council, Tourism Northern Ireland and Visit Belfast for their support of the BES Annual Meeting 2023.



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ATTENDEE INFORMATION

App

The conference app is now live, and you can access it with a link sent to you by Whova on 28 November 2023. **The email address you used to register must be used to log in.** If you have not received the link, please check your junk mail.

For the desktop version of the conference platform, you do not need to download or install any software, you only need to have access to the internet. We strongly recommend using the **Chrome** web browser as other browsers may not display the platform correctly.

For the mobile phone app, search for Whova in your app store and download it. Open the app and enter the email address you used to register for the conference. If the event does not show up automatically, you can search for 'British Ecological Society Annual Meeting 2023' in the search bar, and then click 'Join'.

We recommend logging in ahead of the first live session to spend some time familiarising yourself with the platform, looking at the online presentations, adding sessions to your calendar, and getting to know other delegates.

If you are experiencing any issues logging in, or want further information about using the platform, you can find more detailed instructions [here](#).

Please note: the conference app will allow you to search for talks, read abstracts, and discover where each session is held. This information is only available on the app so you will need the app at BES2023.

Please ensure your devices are fully charged and consider bringing a portable charger as charging points at the venue will be limited.

Agenda

In addition to viewing the agenda on the Whova app, you can also access the full event agenda on the website [here](#), where it is also available to download as a pdf.

Accessibility

ICC Belfast operates a T-Loop System in the Main Auditorium and the Studio.

An IR system is in place on the ICC side of the building (Hall 1, Hall 2, Meeting Rooms etc). Headsets for this are available from the cloakroom desk at registration.

Cloakroom

The cloakroom can be found opposite Registration at the Riverside Foyer. The cloakroom is complimentary and will be open for the duration of the meeting and will close 30 minutes after the last event of the day. If you can, please leave your suitcase

with your hotel. Please be aware that queues for the cloakroom can be long after the closing plenary on the final day.

Contemplation Room

The CEO Room on Level 3 is a dedicated contemplation room, which can be used for prayer. The contemplation room can also be used if you need a moment to pause and reflect. Please do not use this room for working and ensure that all electrical items are switched off or on silent when using this space.

Currency

Belfast uses Pound Stirling (GBP).

Electricity Voltage

220 - 240 Volts, Type G electrical plug with three rectangular prongs.

Families

Boardroom 2 on Level 2 is a family room. The room contains a microwave and fridge. There will be an area for breastfeeding, but you are of course welcome to breastfeed anywhere in the venue. Please feel free to bring toys to use in this area.

It is your responsibility to ensure children are accompanied by an adult at all times.

First Aid

Should you require first aid assistance during the meeting, please contact a BES staff member, recognisable by a large red 'E' badge, who will be able to guide you to an appointed first aider.

Food and Refreshments

Drinking water will be available throughout the conference centre. Please bring a refillable bottle with you.

Your registration includes a drink at the Welcome Mixer on Tuesday evening, tea/coffee and lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and a free drink at each Poster Session.

Tea/coffee and lunches will be served in the main Exhibition Area (Hall 1) during the designated refreshment breaks. Please refer to the meeting overview for exact times.

All food provided will be vegan and clearly labelled as such. If you have any specific dietary requirements and have notified us of these, please speak to one of the Allergen Champions, recognisable by their green aprons.

ICC Belfast have asked us to make sure you are aware of the following:

“Hospitality Belfast operate an artisan kitchen with all known allergens present.

Therefore, Hospitality Belfast is not in a position to guarantee a complete allergen-free environment, rather to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for effective responses to possible emergencies.”

Staff will be able to provide you with a list of common allergens present in the lunch and offer you a replacement should it not be suitable for you.

Insurance and Liability

It is recommended that participants arrange their own personal health, accident and travel insurance. The meeting organisers will not accept liability for personal injury or loss/damage to property/belongings of participants or accompanying persons, before, during or following the meeting, on tours or during your stay in Belfast.

Lost Property

Please hand in lost property to the Information Desk, where it will be made available for collection.

Mobile Phones

As a courtesy to speakers and other delegates, we ask that all mobile phones and electronic devices be changed to silent mode before entering any session.

Name Badges

For security purposes, please wear your name badge at all times when inside the Belfast ICC. If your badge is lost, a new badge may be issued for a cost of £5. We recommend that you continue to wear your badge at the social events as well. Your recyclable badge will also function as your Annual Meeting party ticket so please remember to bring it with you.

Photography

There will be a photographer present for part of the event and the photographs taken may be used for promotional purposes; if you have any concerns or queries regarding this, please come and see us at the Information Desk.

Pronouns and Gender-neutral Language

The BES ALDER Network has produced a resource on the correct use of pronouns and gender-neutral language to reduce misgendering within the ecological community, particularly during events. [Please read this resource](#) before attending.

Security

In the event of an emergency the ICC staff will guide you to safety. There will not be any fire alarm tests during the meeting, therefore any fire alarm is the real thing.

Please follow instructions given by the ICC front of house staff and make your way to the nearest exit. ICC Staff will assist any person who requires additional assistance.

If at any point in the meeting you have any questions or require assistance, please contact a member of the BES staff either at the BES stand or the registration area, or any of our helpers – who can be identified by their bright green 'British Ecological Society' t-shirts.

Smoking Policy

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

Social Media

All attendees are encouraged to join the discussion via social media, please use the hashtag [#BES2023](#).

We understand that some people will not want their research broadcast. You can save a 'do not share' from [our website](#) and add it to your talk or poster presentation.



We hope that fellow attendees respect this and refrain from sharing the talks or posters which display the image.

Time Zone

Belfast is currently within GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). All times listed in this document are GMT.

Toilets

Accessible toilets are available on each floor of the venue. Baby change and accessible toilets are available. Gender neutral toilets will be located on Level 1.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary Wi-Fi is provided throughout the venue.

Disclaimer

All the best endeavours will be made to present the programme advertised. However, the BES reserve the right to alter or cancel, without prior notice, arrangements, timetables, plans or other items relating directly or indirectly to the BES Annual Meeting, for any cause beyond its reasonable control. The BES are not liable for any

loss or inconvenience caused as a result of such cancellation. Delegates are advised to take out their own travel insurance and extend their policy to cover personal possessions as the BES do not cover individuals against cancellation of bookings or theft or damage to belongings.

TOP THINGS TO MAKE YOUR VISIT EASIER

- Download the app in advance of the event, to familiarise yourself with it and to build your schedule of activity.
- Bring a refillable water bottle.
- Bring a bag. The BES will not providing a canvas bag this year and encourage you to reuse one from a past event.
- If you have an oral presentation, visit the Speaker Upload Area at least 2 hours prior to your presentation.
- If you have a poster presentation, make a note of when you can start to display your poster and do not remove the posters of other presenters.
- Bring a portable charger if you have one.

REGISTRATION TIMES

Arrival Advice

Collect your name badge from the Registration desks in the Riverside Foyer. Name badges will be ordered alphabetically by first name.

It will busy between 18:00 - 19:00 on Tuesday 12 December, and 08:00 - 09:00 on Wednesday 13 December. Please arrive in good time ahead of the sessions you wish to attend or aim to arrive outside of busy times to reduce your waiting time.

Registration will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday 12 December

- 13:00 – 14:00 (for pre-conference workshops only)
- 14:00 – 19:30 (for general registration)

Wednesday 13 December

- 08:00 – 19:00

Thursday 14 December

- 08:00 – 19:00

Friday 15 December

- 08:30 – 13:30

SPEAKER PRESENTATION UPLOAD

The Speakers' Upload Area is located in Bar 1, on Level one, and is fully equipped for speakers to hand in and review their presentations. Registration helpers will point you to the right location. To allow time for processing the upload, please bring your presentation to the Upload Area at least **2 hours before your session starts**. Technical staff will be on hand to help with any issues.

The Speakers' Upload Area will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday 12 December

- 14:00 – 17:00

Wednesday 13 December

- 08:00 – 17:00

Thursday 14 December

- 08:00 – 17:00

Friday 15 December

- 08:00 – 13:00

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW AND PRESENTER GUIDELINES

Presenter Guidelines

For those of you presenting either a talk or a poster, please read the [guidelines](#) on the conference website carefully before preparing your presentation.

Meeting Overview

A full overview can be found in the [Meeting Agenda](#) or on the Whova app.

TRAVELLING TO BELFAST

Venue Address and Location

ICC Belfast is conveniently located within a 10-minute walk of the city centre. The entrance is located beside the River Lagan, overlooking picturesque views of the river. This entrance is aptly named the Riverside Entrance. The address is:

ICC Belfast
2 Lanyon Place
Belfast
BT1 3WH
Northern Ireland

Our recommended mode of travel from mainland UK to Belfast, based on the carbon cost, is via public transport and ferry.

If you are unfamiliar with travelling via ferry and aren't sure how to get started, you can use [Rome2Rio](#) to help you plan travel from anywhere in the UK.

By Ferry

If you are travelling from England and Wales, we recommend taking the ferry from Liverpool to Belfast. Taking the train and ferry to Belfast uses on average 83% less carbon than flying directly from major cities in England and Wales. The ferry crossing from Liverpool to Belfast departs twice daily and takes approximately 8 hours. Overnight ferries are available. The crossing from Cairnryan in Scotland is significantly shorter, if you are based close to the Scottish border, we recommend exploring both options.

The Stena Line Liverpool Port is located at 12 Quays Terminal, Birkenhead. It is a short walk from Hamilton Square rail station and bus services run frequently from the city centre.

Belfast ferry port is only a 30-minute walk from the ICC Belfast, alternatively multiple train and bus services operate into the city centre.

[From Scotland](#)

If you are travelling from Scotland, the ferry crossing from Cairnryan to Belfast takes just 2 hours and 15 minutes. Coaches depart for Cairnryan ferry port from Glasgow Buchanan bus station daily.

Belfast ferry port is only a 30-minute walk from the ICC Belfast, alternatively multiple train and bus services operate into the city centre.

[From Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland](#)

Our recommended mode of travel from the republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland is via train or bus where possible.

ICC Belfast is within walking distance of both of Belfast's city centre train stations, with Lanyon Place Train Station just a two-minute walk from the venue. There are eight daily [Enterprise rail services](#) connecting Belfast Lanyon Place Station and Dublin Connolly Station.

The two city centre bus stations are also a short walk from the venue and there is a [Translink Glider](#) stop right outside. The [Aircoach bus service](#) connects Belfast with Dublin Airport and Dublin City Centre, operating over 10 daily routes.

By Air

If you do need to fly to Belfast, there are two airports with convenient links to the city centre.

Belfast City Airport is just three miles from Belfast City Centre and has flights from Aer Lingus Regional, British Airways, KLM, Flybe, EasyJet and Eastern Airways. The Translink Airport Express 600 bus service runs between the airport and Belfast City Centre.

Belfast International Airport is a 30-minute drive from Belfast City Centre and has flights from EasyJet, Ryanair, Jet2, Virgin Atlantic, TUI and Wizz Air. The Translink Airport Express 300 bus service runs between the airport and Belfast City Centre.

By Car

It is possible to take a car ferry across to Belfast but please note that travelling alone via car over long distances emits more carbon than flying. If you plan to travel via car ferry from Liverpool or Cairnryan, please consider carpooling with other delegates you know.

If you are driving, there are two privately owned car parks beside the venue.

[Oxford Street](#) or [Lanyon place](#)

SOCIAL EVENTS

As well as a packed programme of presentations and workshops, there are also many social and networking events, providing great opportunities to meet old colleagues and create new connections.

Tuesday 12th December:

Freshers' Function

This social event is for anyone new to our Annual Meeting, or new to scientific conferences. It's a great way to get to know your peers in an informal setting before the main Welcome Mixer. Meet us in the Arc Bar on the Ground Floor from 17:00 – 18:30 on Tuesday 12 December.

Welcome Mixer sponsored by Field Studies Council

We're excited to kick things off this year with a huge social event giving you plenty of opportunity to mingle before the conference begins!

Come and meet your fellow delegates at the main BES2023 Welcome Mixer. The Welcome Mixer takes place from 18:30 – 20:30 on Tuesday 12 December in the Exhibition Area (Hall 1) on Level 1 at the ICC



Wednesday 13th December:

Mentoring Workshop Breakfast

Suitable for both early career, mid-career and senior ecologists, mentoring is a way to help fellow ecologists fulfil their potential by providing unique perspectives and advice, inspire, and support each other. Join us for juice, teas and light breakfast from 8:00- 8:45 in the Arc Bar to find out more about how to get involved.

Isabella Tree book signing

Our plenary speaker, Isabella Tree, will be meeting delegates and selling and signing her book at the BES stand during the first coffee break on Wednesday.

Poster Session 1 sponsored by LifeWatch ERIC

Poster Session 1 will take place in the Exhibition Area (Hall 1) on Level 1 from 18:00 – 19:30 on Wednesday 13 December. Group A posters will be presented (see the conference app for details).



Meet the SIGs & SIG Socials

Come and meet our Special Interest Groups on Wednesday 13 December to learn more and get involved. Our volunteer groups provide a focus of activity in specific areas of ecology and organise meetings and exciting events throughout the year. Find them at the Riverside Foyer, BES information desk, ground floor, 18:00 – 19:00.

After the meet and greet sessions, our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will be heading to various locations around Belfast for some friendly socials. You can meet the organisers at the Riverside Foyer at 19:30 to head to the venues together. Please check the conference app for the times and locations of each of the events, as most of them will not be held in the Belfast ICC.

Early Career drop-in sessions

Join early career representatives from various BES community groups during the poster sessions on both Wednesday at 18:00 – 19:00 and Thursday 17:00 – 18:00 located in the Arc Bar. The session allows for early career ecologists to chat informally, share experiences and have their questions answered. Find out how to get actively involved with the BES and make the most of your membership.

Thursday 14th December:

Christian Breakfast

On Thursday morning of the conference there will be a Christian Breakfast hosted in the Arc Bar on the Ground Floor from 8:00 – 8:45. All are welcome to attend, and light breakfast, tea and coffee will be provided.

Speed Review

Have a paper idea reviewed fast – by an editor! The BES journals are running a speed review session where you can get an editor's opinion on your manuscript. All you need to do is sign up at the BES stand and bring along a figure or a key finding from your research to have a discussion and get some feedback. Speed Review will take place in the Riverside Foyer on the Ground floor from 17:00 – 18:30 on Thursday 14 December.

Grants Drop-in

Talk to the Grants Officer and members of the Grants Committee about your research and outreach ideas. Get some grant writing tips and learn about our new grants portfolio, which includes new long term research grants, pedagogical grants and supporting Ecologists from the Global South. This will also take place in the Riverside Foyer on the Ground floor from 17:00 – 18:30 on Thursday 14 December.

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Poster Session 2 sponsored by LifeWatch ERIC

Poster Session 2 will take place in the Exhibition Area (Hall 1) on Level 1 from 17:00 – 18:30 on Thursday 14 December. Group B posters will be presented (see the conference app for details). There will be a free drink available.



Intersectional Ecology Community Mixer hosted by the ALDER, EDGE, REED and SEED Networks

This year we'll be joining together our four community networks into one large social event. Join us on Thursday 14 December 18:30 – 19:30 for an informal and relaxed opportunity to mix and chat with fellow ecologists over refreshments. Each network will have their own individual stand where you can find out more about joining the network, speak to the committee members, and enjoy smaller chats with other members of your respective network.

ALDER: Advancing LGBTQIA+ Diversity, Equality & Representation network

EDGE: Equity and Diversity for all Gender in Ecology network

REED: Racial and Ethnic Equality and Diversity network

SEED: Socioeconomic Equality and Diversity network

BES2023 Annual Meeting party

Join fellow ecologists at Belfast's oldest family run pub to catch up with friends over a game of pool, make new connections in the quieter games room, or dance the night away until 2am!

The BES Annual meeting party will take place at Lavery's pub from 20:30 Thursday 14 December until 02:00 on Friday 15 December.

If you have purchased a ticket for this event, it will be indicated on your conference badge. **You will need to bring your badge with you to gain entry.** Your ticket will include two complimentary drinks and access to the full event including entertainment from a traditional Irish band!

There will be some tickets available to buy at the Registration desk until 12:00 noon on 14 December or until stock runs out. If you would like to buy a ticket, please come to the registration desk.

Food is not included in the party ticket and we encourage you to explore Belfast's many restaurants and cafes.

Friday 15th December:

Christmas Day

On the last day of the meeting, we invite you to start celebrating the holidays with Christmas Day! You can come dressed in festive attire (jumpers, ties, tinsel, and reindeer antlers – whatever takes your fancy) and tweet a photo of yourself to #BES2023.

Meet the Committee

We are recruiting for number of voluntary positions to join our BES Committees in 2024. If you're looking to take your first step in governance or if you're an experienced professional, we'd like to hear from you. Come along to the BES stand in the Exhibition Hall between 12:00 - 13:00 on Friday 15 December to meet our current committee members and learn more about how you can help shape the future of our activities.

CODE OF CONDUCT

BES2023 is an opportunity for delegates to be inspired, hear new ideas and different perspectives, connect with each other and learn from each other. We believe that all participants – organisers, exhibitors, speakers, chairs and delegates – have a responsibility to ensure a safe, welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable environment for everybody.

Please take the time to read our [Code of Conduct](#) prior to attending.

ABOUT BELFAST

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland, standing on the banks of the River Lagan on the East coast of the island. Belfast blossomed from very humble beginnings when it started out as a small hamlet with fertile land along the mouth of the River Lagan. Soon, marauders and pirates realised the lough was deep and the shores were safe from the North Atlantic storms - the perfect haven for repairing sea-ravaged ships. From these early stages the industrious locals developed a boat-building trade, and the rest is history.

Today, Belfast is packed with history, culture, exciting events, great food and shopping. It was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, which famously struck an iceberg and sank in 1912. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards' Titanic Quarter, which includes the Titanic Belfast, an aluminium-clad museum reminiscent of a ship's hull. Sightseers can also visit the shipbuilder Harland & Wolff's Drawing Offices and the Titanic Slipways, which now host open-air concerts.

The city also inspired the Chronicles of Narnia and Gulliver's Travels, and let's not forget it's the land of Game of Thrones!

We are delighted to be using the [ICC Belfast](#) as our venue. For more information on Belfast, please see the [Visit Belfast](#) website.

To help you make the most of your visit, Annual Meeting attendees can access a range of exclusive offers including this selection of free and discounted activities across Belfast and beyond. Click [here](#) to find out about all the deals on offer.

However you spend your time in the city, we hope you enjoy Belfast!

GETTING AROUND BELFAST

Walking

The venue's location makes it easy to discover Belfast on foot. Many key attractions, such as the Christmas Markets, Titanic Belfast and City Hall are located less than a 20 minute walk from the conference centre.

Bus

Within the city, Translink is Northern Ireland's public transport provider. The two city centre bus stations are a short walk from the venue and there is a Translink Glider stop right outside the venue. We recommend you use either Google/Apple maps or download Citymapper to help you plan bus journeys around the city.

You can pay for tickets on the bus using a contactless card or in cash if you have the exact fare (Adult:£2.10, Child (5-16):£1.05). Alternatively, you can buy tickets in advance through the [mlink app](#).

Taxi

Taxi ranks are available at locations around Belfast city center, the closest taxi rank to the ICC center is on Chichester street, near the corner of Chichester street and Victoria Street. A list of taxi stands can be accessed by visiting the [Belfast City Council website](#).

A number of taxi companies operate in Belfast, including:

- Value Cabs - 028 9080 9080
- fonaCAB – 028 9033 3333
- B- Cabs – 028 9099 9000

Car Parking

On-site parking spaces are not available at the Belfast ICC. However, there are many car parks within close walking distance to the centre.

These include:

- [Apcoa Parking, Oxford Street](#)
- [Apcoa Parking, Lanyon Place](#)
- [Q- Park, Victoria Place](#)

THINGS TO DO

Northern Ireland Tours

Experience and Explore NI are a group of experienced tour guides with a passion for showing off the great sights of Northern Ireland. Pick from a cultural tour or an energetic hike across one of many stunning scenic routes. Combine both and experience the best of hidden Northern Ireland on full and half day tours. If you have an idea in mind, contact them directly and they will be happy to work with you to draw up a personalised itinerary.

Belfast Christmas Market

In December there's plenty to do to get into the festive spirit in Belfast, and top of the list are the Christmas markets which have been running for over 15 years in the grounds of Belfast City Hall. Visitors can sample festive treats, crafts and gifts from over 100 exhibitors from 28 countries or enjoy the fairground rides around the square.

Open daily 10:00-22:00 | Free Entry

Game of Thrones Studio Tour

Located at the real filming location, the Game of Thrones Studio Tour invites you to step behind the scenes of The Seven Kingdoms and beyond, providing the perfect day out for any fan of the show. Explore the costumes, props, and art and find out how one of the world's most popular TV series was created and brought to life in Northern Ireland.

The studio tour is open daily. Delegates can get 25% off admission rates. Pre-book your tickets [here](#) using promo code "Delegate25" and present your conference name badge on arrival.

Titanic Belfast

Titanic Belfast is a world-leading visitor attraction which tells the story of RMS Titanic. Located beside the historic Titanic Slipways, the Harland & Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock – the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched, Titanic Belfast tells the story of Titanic from her conception, through her construction and launch, to her maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

The gardens are open 10:00-16:15 Daily | Free Entry

Titanic Belfast is open daily. Delegates can access a discounted rate for the Titanic Galleries of £21.95 per person. Pre-book [here](#) using the promo code "CONFDELS2023" and present your conference name badge on arrival.

Belfast Walking Tours

Whether you're interested in history, culture, food or all of the above, DC Tours have a tour for you. Join award-winning local tour guides and discover the city with the experts. Tours include a 2.5 hour city centre route exploring the history, culture, architecture and art of Belfast, perfect to fit in around the conference events. Their private and self-guided audio tours let you explore Belfast (and beyond) at your own pace.

DC Tours run daily. Delegates can access 15% discount on standard ticket price. Pre-book [here](#) using the code "MEET15" and present your conference name badge on arrival.

Belfast's Botanic Garden

Belfast's Botanic Gardens were established in 1828 and features tropical plants, giant bird feeders, rose and alpine gardens and sculptures. Beautiful trails around the park make a great way to spend an afternoon away from the hustle and bustle of the city. If you want an escape from the December weather you can also visit their Palm House and Tropical Ravine.

Belfast's Botanic Gardens are free to visit and open daily.

Belfast Zoo

Belfast Zoo's 55 acre site is home to more than 1000 animals and 150 species, the majority of which are endangered in their natural habitat. The zoo also carries out important conservation work and takes part in European and international breeding programmes which help to ensure the survival of many species under threat.

Belfast zoo is open daily from 10am to 4pm (last entry 2.30pm); delegates can get 10% off entry upon presentation of delegate badge.

Discover award winning wine and food tours

With their signature Belfast Food Tour, Gin Jaunt, City Cocktail Circuit and 5 Stop Brunch Tour, amongst others, Taste and Tour NI have made it their business to lead guests to Belfast's brightest and best flavours. Their local guides will lead the cheer, helping guests discover the people, the history and the top tastes in the city.

Taste and Tour NI runs tours daily, subject to availability. Delegates can get £5 off pp on all public tours by emailing and quoting 'Delegate Offer'

PLACES TO EAT

Jumon, Fountain street

A lively restaurant on Fountain Street in Belfast offering Asian vegetarian food, healthy dishes and drinks. Expect punchy flavours, good music and relaxed atmosphere. Asian influenced flavours in both their food and cocktails have helped make their menu one of the most popular in town. Book for dinner.

Has labelled vegan options. Open Mon 17:00-22:00, Wed-Sat 17:00-22:00, Sat 13:00-15:00. Wheelchair accessible.

Avoca, Arthur Street

The Arthur Street Café at Avoca Belfast city centre is a great spot to chill out in between shopping and sightseeing. Spacious with an eclectic vintage style, it features freshly prepared favourites from Avoca's award-winning menu. Including signature baking and locally sourced seasonal ingredients.

Open 9:00-17:00 Monday - Friday, 9:00-18:00 Saturday, 12-18:00 Sunday, | Wheelchair accessible.

Bobbin, Belfast City Hall

Bobbin café serves coffee and traditional food in Belfast City Hall (one of Northern Ireland's most iconic buildings) and is located in the centre of Belfast. Operated by Loaf Catering and Cafes, the café provides 15 training and work experience places each week for people with a learning disability, autism or Asperger's. All profits go to its parent organisation NOW Group, a social enterprise supporting people with learning difficulties and autism in jobs with a future.

Open Monday- Friday from 09:00-17:00 | Wheelchair accessible

BUBA, St Ann's Square

Buba is a casual, bright restaurant, serving classic Eastern Mediterranean cuisine, tapas style. They offer a delicious selection of small plates/tapas, flame grilled burgers, succulent steaks and grills, tasty sides and decadent desserts. Not forgetting about their cracking cocktails and boozy shakes! Vegan and vegetarian friends are well looked after too, as are those looking for GF options.

Open 12:00-15:00 and 17:00-21:30 Monday-Thursday, and 12:00-21:30 Friday and Sunday | Wheelchair accessible

Home Restaurant, Wellington Place

All-day joint offering cafe and bistro menus alongside the sale of art and second-hand furniture. Home started life as a pop-up restaurant in an off-the-beaten track location in Belfast City Centre in 2011. Initially for three months, the pop-up venture was an instant hit with foodies so much so that the restaurant extended its tenure for almost a year, before taking up a permanent home in its current location of Belfast's Wellington Place close to the magnificent City Hall. Vegan and Vegetarian menus.

Open Monday- Saturday 12-15:30pm / 17:00-21:30, Sundays 13:00-20:30 | [Wheelchair accessible](#)