COMMUNITY REGENERATION PROJECTS, North Belfast



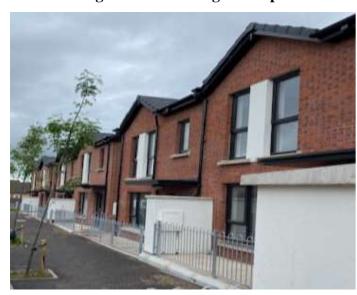
New Life for Brookfield Mill – Town Houses and Apartments. The old mill building contains 55 apartments and an additional 22 town houses.

New "shared" Community / Education, Health & Leisure Centre



Flax Trust is working in collaboration with ABC Trust and Urban Villages to develop this Community Regeneration project providing health, recreational and training facilities and an arts centre.

Galgani New Housing Development



The Galgani development consists of 53 new affordable housing units of which 29 are houses, 24 apartments and 5 retail units

Flax Trust Scholarships and Apprenticeships 2021 Young People from North Belfast win Flax Trust Scholarships and **Apprenticeships for third level education**



Antoin Morelli

















Eva McKernan





Danielle McClurkin





Hayley Coulter





Mollie Tolan



Maryanne McDonald Burns Georgia O' Neill





The Flax Trust Conductor's CBYO Award

Tilly Martin, Oboe Winner of The Flax Trust Conductor's Award City of Belfast Youth Orchestra Conductor Paul McBride

The Flax Trust Music Bursary Awards 2021

Queens University Belfast



Katie Lyons, Soprano







Naimh McCloskey, Flute Dairine McCaughley, Soprano

Welcome to the Thirty Second New York Event

FLAX TRUST LUNCHEON Wednesday, October 12th 2022

Guests of Honor

John A Coleman

President Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the City of New York

Sophie Colgan

Program Director the Ireland – U.S. Council

Aer Lingus Acceptance Bill Byrne

Senior Vice President Global Sales United States of America

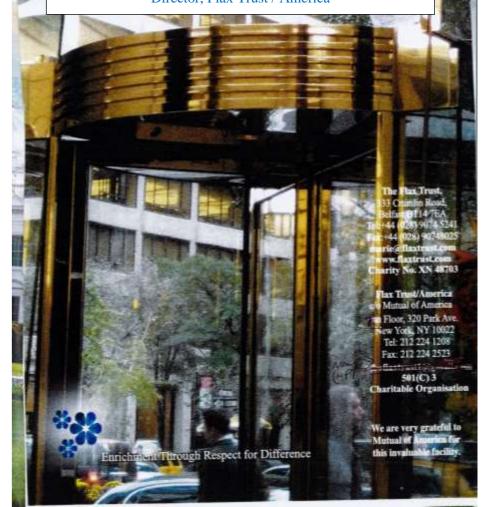
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John Coleman

President Friendly Sons of St Patrick in the city of New York



John A. Coleman has served as the President of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St Patrick in the City of New York since 2019. The Society has been in continuous operation as a charitable organization since its founding in 1784, and focuses its philanthropic efforts in the areas of education and Irish arts & culture.

Over the course of John's tenure, the Society voted to admit women to its membership for the first time in its history, incepted a scholarship fund and has formed long term partnerships with Irish cultural institutions in New York City.

John is a portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley. Prior to Morgan, he was a principal at Longbow Capital Partners, an alternative asset management firm, where he worked in senior investment and operational roles. He began his career on the New York Stock Exchange.

John was awarded an MBA from Columbia Business School and an A.B. in economics, cum laude, from Georgetown University. He is a CFA® Charter holder and a member of the CFA Society of New York. He lectures in economics as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University and lives in New York City with his wife and three daughters.

New York 2021 Flax Trust Award Recipients



Gerald C. Crotty President, Weichert Enterprise LLC



Shawn M. Griffin Partner, Harris Beach PLLC

The Flax Trust as a registered, charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with intercommunity activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes and personal development.

Sophie Colgan

Program Director The Ireland-U.S. Council



Sophie Colgan is a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Living in New York having immigrated to America almost a decade ago, she has made her mark in her professional career as a young leader and innovator in several prestigious organizations spanning business and cultural affairs in the Irish American community. Currently, she is the Program Director for the Ireland-U.S. Council, the leading business organization serving the dynamic and important economic and

business space between America and Ireland. She has also spearheaded recent efforts to reform the American Irish Historical Society. She earned wide acclaim for her successful efforts at broadening and developing community engagement projects for the Society.

She has been a key figure in a group of influencers who are working to block the sale of the Society's signature headquarters on Fifth Avenue in New York City. She shaped several community-based campaigns - none more telling than a community-wide Petition of support urging action to prevent this iconic jewel from passing from ownership of the community of Irish Americans not just in New York but throughout the United States.

Sophie has founded a fast-growing management consulting company SC Communications which offers strategic and management services in communications, strategy and event planning. She counts among her clients, successful companies such as CIE Tours International, the leading travel tour operator across the Atlantic into Ireland.

She hosts her own internet-based podcast " Navigating New York " interviewing guests who are immigrants to the United States. She discusses their personal and professional journey as they build new lives in America. She hopes that through these conversations she helps to make living in New York a little less overwhelming for new arrivals.

In 2015, Sophie was the New York Rose of Tralee, an International Festival in Ireland that recognizes the achievements of Irish women in Ireland and around the world. She also headlined The Meithel – a community effort to source and deliver PPE to frontline healthcare workers during the worst of the Covid Pandemic.

Recently, Sophie coordinated a charity run in Central Park in the aid of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America and an "Empowering Women in Sport" hybrid event to fundraise for local female amateur sports teams in New York.

In April, 2022 Sophie was honored by the Irish American Building Society for her contribution to the Irish American Community with "The Irish Spirit" Award.

Aer Lingus Acceptance Bill Byrne

Senior Vice President Global Sales United States of America



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Bill Byrne is the Senior Vice President, Global Sales for Aer Lingus, based in the United States. Byrne played a critical role in Aer Lingus throughout the pandemic, and his leadership is invaluable as it moves forward in recovery. Byrne oversees corporate and leisure passenger sales across the entire Aer Lingus network.

Before joining Aer Lingus, Byrne was the Vice President of Inbound Sales for Hertz. In that role he was responsible for sales of the Hertz, Dollar and Thrifty brands from all global markets for rentals in the United States and Canada. Byrne also looked after all sales programs for Federal and state governmental agencies.

He enjoyed a 30-year career at United Airlines lastly as the Managing Director of Specialty Sales, where he was responsible for passenger sales in a number of specialized segments such as On-Line Travel Agencies, Military and Government Travel, Leisure, Meetings and Incentives, Small Business Products, and the Caribbean. He also led sales of United Vacations.

Among his other roles at United he was responsible for Global Sales transformation, Central Division Regional Sales, and Country Director for France. He also was the Managing Director of Organizational Development.

The School for Social Enterprises in Ireland (SSEI) founded in 2005 as a strategic alliance between Flax Trust and Ulster University is devoted exclusively to leadership, management, business development programmes and events for the social economy sector.









Rosie McCreight Gerard Gray

Linzi A Webb









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Barbra Snowarska

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Flax Trust Arts production of Fiddler on the Roof 2022 MAC Theatre, Belfast - cast of 60

Leads:

Tevye: Bass/Baritone Jim McGuigan

Golde: Soprano Megan Mooney