



MEDIA RELEASE

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St Teresa's Chosen As Titanic Belfast's Education Partner

St. Teresa's Primary School, Glen Road, Belfast, has been selected as a Titanic Belfast education partner.

As Titanic Belfast's education partner, St Teresa's Primary School, will get to experience the world-class education programme, trialing new and existing activities at no cost to themselves for a two year period.

The education programme is recognised as a leading learning resource and has welcomed over 70,000 participants since its opening in 2012. St Teresa's Primary School will play a vital part in developing its offering and receive preferential booking for any special learning events hosted by the organisation.

Titanic Belfast visited St Teresa's Primary School to kick-start the partnership. At the school, they were joined by the Dunmurray based Survitec Group. The leading manufacturer of marine, defense and aerospace survival technology has been working with Titanic Belfast as its education partner since 2014.

St Teresa's Principal, Mr Rodgers, said, "We are delighted to be Titanic Belfast's new partner school! Our pupils got a sneak peak of the five-star education programme when the team visited the school. They are very proud to be partnering with Titanic Belfast and can't wait to learn, go back in history and explore the oceans over the next two years!"

Siobhán McCartney, Titanic Belfast's Learning and Outreach Manager, commented, "Titanic Belfast is a unique learning resource for students of all ages. Learning is at the heart of what we do and our education partnerships enable us to work with local schools to set the standard of excellence for education outside the classroom. We look forward to sharing our passion and enthusiasm for the RMS Titanic, Belfast and its maritime, industrial and social history with the pupils of St Teresa's Primary School."

Titanic Belfast's Learning Team was recently awarded the prestigious Sandford Award for Heritage Education 2015, joining leading historic houses, museums, galleries, such as Hampton Court Palace, Brunel's SS Great Britain in Bristol and Edinburgh Castle.

Having recently taken over operations of the SS Nomadic, Titanic Belfast has a growing menu of education workshops. The Learning Team has developed a 'New Beginnings' workshop for Key Stage 2 pupils on board Nomadic which focuses on European emigration

in the early 20th century. This workshop compliments Titanic Belfast's new Brave New World guided experience for schools.

Titanic Belfast now offers a total of eight workshops and two guided tours as part of its programme which covers a variety of subjects and skills, ranging from maritime communication, marine science and exploration to 5 star customer service. For more information, visit www.titanicbelfast.com/learning.

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Notes to Editors

Photo Caption:

1: Pupils from St Teresa's Primary School (Sarah Close-Ledgewood, Katie Brennan, Caolan Fitzsimmons, Lucy Morgan, Ben Mullins, Tiarnan Webb Magee and Bronagh Morris) are pictured with Principal Mr Rogers and Titanic Belfast's Siobhan McCartney, as they are officially named as the world-class exhibitions partner school. Judith Mars and Helena Haddick from Dunmurray based Survitec Group also joined the celebrations as Titanic Belfast's education partner since 2014.

2: St Teresa's Primary School pupils Caolan Fitzsimons, Michaela Murray Craig and Sarah Close-Ledgewood are pictured with Siobhan McCartney getting a sneak peak of the five-star education programme as they are officially named as Titanic Belfast's education partner. About Titanic Belfast

Titanic Belfast is an iconic six-floor building featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the City and people which made her. It is the World's Largest Titanic exhibition.

The building houses temporary exhibits, a banqueting suite, education and community facilities, catering and retail space, and a basement car park. Visitors learn about the construction of RMS Titanic and the wide and rich story of Northern Ireland's industrial and maritime heritage. Supported by the Northern Ireland Executive, Titanic Belfast is a unique public/private partnership funded by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Belfast City Council, Belfast Harbour and Titanic Quarter Ltd. It is operated by Titanic Belfast Ltd and owned by the Titanic Foundation Ltd. For more information, please visit: www.titanicbelfast.com

Titanic Belfast's Education Programme

Titanic Belfast offers eight workshops for Education Groups.

My Granda's Piece Tin is a special programme for 6-to-8 year olds which looks at life for young apprentices at Harland and Wolff during the 1940 to 1970 era. The children take a one-hour workshop that looks at the lunch break in the yard; the contents of the men's "piece tins" and the games they played. The second half of the programme is a living history tour of some of the galleries where, dressed like an apprentice and guided by an apprentices' supervisor, they hear stories, sing and then cheer as Olympic is launched.

Dit and Dah is a workshop that looks at long range communication methods and is most appropriate for 8-to-12 year olds. There are three components to the workshop; an introductory,

information based presentation, a practical activity based session where the pupils try three communication methods (Morse code, semaphore and signal flags) and then a plenary activity in the form of a strengths and weaknesses analysis of the methods they tried.

The Panel is aimed at secondary aged students and the delivery can be adjusted to suit 11-14 year olds right up to 18 year olds. Students are given access to primary source material in the form of excerpts from the Titanic inquiry testimonies. They must decipher the archaic and, at times, legalistic language and use active learning techniques to work out what the witnesses feel went wrong. They then role play as members of a board of inquiry advisory panel giving advice to the legislative bodies of 1912 who must write new laws to help prevent the tragedy ever happening again.

Dipping Your Toe is a workshop suitable for students aged 8-14 years old and is an introduction to Ocean Literacy which will encourage them to think proactively about the wider world around us. Participants will find out about the importance and operation of our oceans, how we negatively impact on them and what we can do as individuals to protect them for the future.

Exploring the Depths will allow pupils to dive deep into the ocean to uncover hidden shipwrecks and discover the world of modern ocean exploration. Using our unique interactive learning environment pupils will discover the zones of the ocean and some of the specialised creatures that live there. Pupils, aged 8 -14, will come away with a new appreciation and respect for our oceans, and will be inspired by the future of ocean exploration and scientific research.

From White Star to Five Star gives students an opportunity to meet Titanic Belfast's crew and ask questions about Northern Ireland's first ever 5 Star tourist attraction. It is suitable for students studying Travel and Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management from GCSE to Foundation Degree Level.

Abandon Ship has been designed to provide an opportunity for pupils to further develop important transferable skills in communication, problem-solving and decision-making as well as promoting self-confidence, self-esteem, co-operation and teamwork. The workshop is based around the scenario of being the crew of 3 yachts which collide with an iceberg and must abandon ship into the liferafts (Actual liferafts supplied by Survitec Ltd).

New Beginnings, takes place on SS Nomadic and is designed for KS2 pupils, and concentrates on its and Titanic's links with emigration and the story of 20th century emigration from Europe, particularly Ireland. It draws of the emotions of men, women and children who made the brave decision to leave all they knew behind.

The Learning pages on www.titanicbelfast.com contains tailored information for teachers. We provide thorough logistical information about planning a visit, what happens while with us, and a risk assessment document that is suitable for education group leaders.

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