



Media Release

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Titanic Tea-osts for 104 Year Old Beth Thompson

Today, 104 year old Beth Thomson from Holywood, who was born the same year as the RMS Titanic, fulfilled her dream to visit Titanic Belfast.

Beth and friends from Oakmont Lodge Care Home, Bangor, were treated at Titanic Belfast, the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, as they launched the exhibition's Senior Thursday offer, which aims to encourage senior citizens to reconnect with stories of yesteryear and the legend of the Titanic throughout October.

She and her friends enjoyed highlights of the fully immersive nine gallery exhibition, learning more about the ship from her conception, construction and launch in the early 1900s to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Seniors citizens can enjoy the same experience with free tea/coffee and biscuit for £10 every Thursday throughout October.

Chief Executive of Titanic Belfast, Tim Husbands MBE, commented, "We were delighted to welcome Beth and the group from Oakmont Lodge Care Home, who grew up on stories of Titanic and Belfast's maritime history at Titanic Belfast today. The team thoroughly enjoyed hearing their stories of what Belfast was like in the first part of 20th century! There has never been a better time for over 60's, like Beth and younger, to rediscover the Titanic at Titanic Belfast this October."

Mel Watson, Activities Organiser at Oakmont Lodge Care Home commented, "We were delighted to be able to bring Beth and her friends to Titanic Belfast this week! It was a dream come true for them and they couldn't contain their excitement! They loved seeing the Titanic story brought to life in one of the most spectacular buildings in Northern Ireland and we would like to thank all the staff from who made the trip possible."

Titanic Belfast, which has been described by the Prime Minister as 'absolutely brilliant' was recently named the ninth best rated museum in the UK in the Travellers' Choice™ awards for Museums, announced by TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site. This summer, it re-vamped three galleries, where guests can now experience the excitement of launch day in 1911 and The Maiden Voyage, which transports visitors from four embarkation ports to Titanic's deck promenade, where they can see and hear the oceans and feel the engines rumbling.

Titanic Belfast has now welcomed over 2.5 million visitors from over 145 countries. For more information, visit www.titanicbelfast.com.

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Photo Caption 1: 104 year old Beth Thomson tea-osts Titanic Belfast's new Senior Thursday offer!

Beth, who was born the same year as the Titanic, and Joyce McFarland (92) from Oakmont Lodge Care Home were today treated by Donal Kelly at the Titanic Experience as they launched the world-class exhibition's Senior Thursday offer, which aims to encourage senior citizens to reconnect with stories of yesteryear and the legend of the Titanic throughout October. The £10 senior rate for Titanic Belfast is available every Thursday, including free tea/coffee and biscuit. For more information, visit www.titanicbelfast.com

Notes to Editors

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.

Useful links:

- Titanic Belfast: www.titanicbelfast.com
- Belfast City Council: <http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/events/Event-36148.aspx>
- Visit Belfast: <http://visit-belfast.com/>
- Titanic Quarter: <http://www.titanic-quarter.com/news-events>
- Northern Ireland Tourist Board: <http://www.nitb.com/>
- Titanic Foundation Limited: <http://www.titanic-foundation.org/>

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