

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## **Building the Border Economy Post Brexit**

A major cross-border conference, jointly hosted by Newry and Dundalk Chambers, will focus on Building the Border Economy Post Brexit

The event, which will be in the Carrickdale Hotel on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, will focus on the impact of the future trading relationship for the border region post Brexit and will provide a range of practical advice and support for border businesses.

More than 250 people have already registered to attend this high-profile conference. The programme includes a keynote address from Oliver Mangan, Chief Economist AIB, who will examine The Economic Outlook and what a Future EU – UK Trade Deal will mean for businesses.

Paul Healy, Skillnet Ireland CEO will also discuss the “21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace” where he examines the importance of placing employee development centre stage to enable businesses to prosper in an era of Brexit, digital transformation, skills shortages and an environmentally sustainable economy.

Speaking ahead of the conference, President of Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade, Emma Marmion said:

“The UK’s Exit from the EU will present new challenges for businesses operating within the cross-border economy. Dundalk and Newry are central to the economic corridor between Dublin and Belfast and our businesses make a significant contribution to the All Island Economy. This cross-border conference will provide a timely update for businesses on the challenges and support available for Businesses post Brexit. “

Highlighting the importance of the conference to border businesses, President of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, Pat McCormick said:

“Our objective is to demonstrate the strength of cooperation that exists within the border economy. Cooperation has been central to the economic success of the Dundalk and Newry region. Our businesses need to plan for the future trading relationship post Brexit. The conference programme includes a number of key specialists who will provide practical advice and support for border businesses.”

The conference is supported by IntertradeIreland, Louth County Council, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Local Enterprise Office Louth and Skillnet Ireland.

MC for the conference will be the broadcaster, Mark Simpson.

The conference is FREE, and spaces can be booked through Newry Chamber, Dundalk Chambers or Eventbrite.

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