

REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY OFFERED TO US

Directorate:	Principal & Chief Executive	Name:	Mel Higgins	Year:	2025/2026
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1 st Oct 2025	Mel Higgins	Christine Brown	Rob Nitsch, CEO of FAB (Federation of Awarding Bodies)	Invitation to Dinner in the Titanic Hotel, Belfast	The Federation has an interest in the Skills agenda in Northern Ireland and how qualifications support it, including apprenticeships. The Federation visited NI in May 2025, meeting up with DfE officials to gain an insight into more of the main priorities in NI and discussed addressing low employment rates, low productivity and low wages. To further explore opportunities, challenges and potential impact that we all face FAB are hosting a Dinner in Belfast supported and	No current links with FAB. Event being supported by SIAS, with whom the College has just been recognised as an Approved Centre.	Guest Invitation Est value: £50.00	Declined by Mel Higgins Accepted by Christine Brown	MB	29 th Sept 2025	CEO/2025-26/01

					sponsored by SIAS that brings together the skills and FE community in NI. The aim is to strengthen the sense of community in the sector and to raise the profile of what we do and achieve.						
19 th Nov 2025	Mel Higgins	Matt Murray	MEGA	Invitation to the MEGA Directors' Breakfast 2025	Links with MEGA and the Magherafelt Campus of the College	Current links	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Declined by Mel Higgins Accepted by Matt Murray	MB	29 th Sept 2025	CEO/2025-26/02
17 th Oct 2025	Mel Higgins		Ulster University	Invitation to Tip O'Neill Diaspora Awardees Event	College delivers HE programmes with Ulster University	Current links: The College delivers HE programmes with Ulster University	Guest Invitation Est value: £10.00	Declined	MB	20 th Oct 2025	CEO/2025-26/03
5 th Dec 2025	Mel Higgins		Ken Nelson LEDCOM	Invitation to Annual Business Networking Lunch	College links in relation to Larne CWBP and Ken Nelson, ex NRC GB Chair	Current links: In respect of LCWBP	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Declined	MB	21 st Nov 2025	CEO/2025-26/04
11 th Dec 2025	Mel Higgins		Principal of Stranmillis College Belfast	Invitation to Celebration of Christmas in Words & Music 2025	College engages with Stranmillis on HE programmes and staff training.	Current links: College engages with Stranmillis on HE programmes and staff training.	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Declined	MB	27 th Nov 2025	CEO/2025-26/05

16 th Jan 2026	Mel Higgins		M O'Neill, Ulster University	Invitation to Éigse Cholm Cille 2026, Launch of Columban Landscapes and Irish Manuscripts publication.	Delivery of HE programmes with the College and UU.	Current contract in programme delivery	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Declined	MB	14 th Jan 2026	CEO/2025-26/06
26 th Jan 2026	Mel Higgins		Ulster University	Invitation to Burns Night Event	Delivery of HE programmes with the College and UU.	Current contract in programme delivery	Guest Invitation Est value: £40.00	Declined	MB	14 th Jan 2026	CEO/2025-26/07

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5 th Sept 2025	Sean Lavery		NI Chamber Events	Invitation to attend Trends, Transformations & Tactical Leadership Session: The Finance Function in a Changing World to be held at Culloden Estate & Spa.	Networking Event. The College is a member of NI Chamber.	The College is a member of the NI Chamber.	Guest Invitation Est Value: £10.00	Accepted	MB	11 th Sept 2025	COO/2025-26/01
9 th Dec 2025	Sean Lavery		Jason Miles-Campbell, Director of Jisc Scotland & Northern Ireland	Invitation to attend Jisc Northern Ireland Engagement Forum at the Crowne Plaza Belfast. This flagship event is a key opportunity to reflect on Jisc's work across Northern Ireland, sharing insights, reviewing progress and shaping future	Networking Event. To reflect on Jisc's involvement across Northern Ireland	Colleges across FE Sector use Jisc for IT connectivity but this contract is managed by central government.	Guest Invitation Est value: £10.00	Accepted	MB	11 th Sept 2025	COO/2025-26/02

18 th Nov 2025	Sean Lavery		Ballymena Chamber in partnership with Danske Bank	direction together. Invitation to attend Business Breakfast at Galgorm Resort & Spa.	The College is a member of Chamber of Commerce and customer of Danske Bank. Networking Opportunity.	The College is a member of Chamber of Commerce	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Accepted	MB	17 th Nov 2025	COO/2025- 26/03
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10 th Sept 2025	Christine Brown		Annette Deighan Causeway Chamber	Causeway Chamber AGM on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at The Lodge Hotel followed by a dinner for Chamber Council members as a thank you for time and contribution over the last year.	Current member of Chamber Council	College is a member of the Chamber	Guest Invitation Est value: £25.00	Accepted	MB	29 th August 2025	CD/2025-26/01
3 rd Oct 2025	Christine Brown		Catherine O'Mullan, Curriculum Director NWRC	To attend the President's Dinner, North West Chamber	MoU now in place between North West and Causeway Chambers. Curriculum Director sits on Causeway Chamber Council, as does NWRC – increasing potential opportunities for collaboration	College is a member of the Causeway Chamber	Guest Invitation Est value: £75.00	Accepted	MB	25 th Sept 2025	CD/2025-26/02

5 th Dec 2025	Christine Brown		Ken Nelson	Invitation to attend LEDCOM Business Networking Lunch	between the two colleges and Chamber Councils Personal Invitation & Networking Opportunity	College links in relation to CWBP and Ken Nelson, ex NRC GB Chair.	Guest Invitation Est value: £20.00	Accepted	MB	21 st Nov 2025	CD/2025-26/03
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25 th Feb 2026	Mel Higgins	-	ATI	Invitation to ATI Graduation 2026.	The College has students undertaking the ATI qualification.	Current contract in course provision.	Guest Invitation Est value: £30.00	Declined	MB	20 th Feb 2026	CEO/2025-26/08

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19 th March 2026	Sean Lavery	Mark Walker	Tracy Windrim on behalf of Mark Spence, Chief Executive of CEF.	Invitation to attend the NI Construction Dinner at Titanic, Belfast.	Construction sector networking event	CEFNI are the body for the Construction Skills Register which provides CSR cards. No current contract.	Guest Invitation Est Value: £60.00	Declined by Sean Lavery Accepted by Mark Walker	MB	13 th March 2026	COO/2025-26/04

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Advanced Technologies:	Head of Department	Name:	Matthew Murray	Year:	2025/2026
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19 th March 2026	Matthew Murray	David Russell	Tracy Windrim on behalf of Mark Spence, Chief Executive of CEF.	Invitation to attend the NI Construction Dinner at Titanic, Belfast.	Construction sector networking event.	CEFNI are the body for the Construction Skills Register which provides CSR cards. No current contract.	Guest Invitation Est Value: £60.00	Declined by Matthew Murray Accepted by David Russell	MB	18 th March 2026	COO/2025-26/01

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