



Cultra Manor.

Conferences & Corporate Events

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Our exceptional, corporate
venue facilities include:



Exclusive
Hire



Conveniently
Close



Scenic
Surroundings



Wi-Fi
Enabled



AV Equipped



Dedicated
Hospitality Team

Welcome to Cultra Manor

Fully secluded. Fully equipped.

Cultra Manor offers everything you expect from a Conference & Corporate Event venue – plus plenty of nice surprises. Take your team to a country retreat where Edwardian grandeur meets every modern amenity.

Built in 1902, Cultra Manor was the last country house raised by the landed gentry in Ireland.

It continues to embody the best of that golden age, thanks to meticulous conservation and restoration under the direction of the National Museums NI Curatorial Team. Inside, you'll discover spacious rooms, furnished with period pieces and décor, brought up-to-date with cutting edge audio visual and IT equipment.

The mansion stands on a ridge above the Ulster Folk Museum in Holywood and enjoys sweeping views of Belfast Lough, expansive lawns, woodland and gardens. It offers a world away from the noise and confusion of everyday life – a country retreat on the fringe of the city available for your exclusive use.

Your Unique & Private Venue

Cultured

The Kennedy family were local squires, gentry farmers and keen sportspeople who had lived at Cultra since the 17th century. Sir Robert Kennedy, an accomplished diplomat, built Cultra Manor at the turn of the 20th century to crown his achievements in London and abroad.

That heritage makes Cultra Manor a fitting setting to advance your organisation's professional goals. We believe that the right environment is so important for lifting the sights and focusing the minds of any team.

Secluded

A little distance from the everyday world is the key to strategic thinking. Cultra Manor is eight miles from Belfast City Centre, in the hills between Holywood and Helen's Bay. That's close enough for convenience, but totally secluded. Fresh sea breezes, expansive views, rejuvenating gardens.

Exclusive

Cultra Manor and its grounds are available for your exclusive use. Your team is close to the action every day. Give them the space to gather their thoughts away from the distraction of a busy office. Our team will support yours in focusing solely on what you want to achieve – whether that's working out the details of your strategy, or celebrating outstanding work.

Professional

Our corporate events team has years of experience creating just the right atmosphere for productivity, creativity and breakthroughs. They are here to help through every stage of the planning – from food, to meetings, to activities.

Digital detox

The internet is a powerful tool. It's also a powerful distraction. While our meeting rooms have the latest IT technology, we understand the importance of getting time away from notifications and updates. Take your team back in time and out of doors to help focus minds. We can help you host all kinds of activities on our grounds and in the Ulster Folk Museum. It's the perfect way to get your team talking and collaborating



As part of National Museums NI, every corporate event held at Cultra Manor raises much needed funds to help support our work in the local community.

Your booking helps to continue our work to protect and cherish the things that are easily forgotten in this busy world.

Event Spaces

Lavish award dinners, sprawling workshops or confidential board meetings. We offer a space to suit every event.



Cultra Manor Capacity

Indoor	180
Area	351 m ²

Kennedy Room



The Kennedy Room is our signature space. It offers a large yet friendly space, adorned with period furniture & fittings as well as a modern AV system including an integrated projector and screen.

Broad sash windows overlook the demesne gardens and Belfast Lough. It's the perfect space for launching new initiatives, celebrating your team's achievements, or welcoming large groups of visitors.

Kennedy Room Capacity

Theatre	110
Banquet	110
Reception	110
Classroom	60
Boardroom	30
Area	184m ²

Drawing Room



The Drawing Room is where the Kennedy family withdrew to find quiet and privacy. It still serves that purpose today.

Bring your team together for plenary sessions, strategy meetings, or workshops. You'll find the rich décor makes the perfect setting for private gatherings. This space also has a modern AV system including an integrated projector and screen.

Drawing Room Capacity

Theatre	90
Banquet	60
Reception	60
Classroom	30
Boardroom	24
Area	87m ²

Dining Room



Cultra Manor's Dining Room is a small space for big ideas.

It's perfect for hosting breakout groups during large conferences, or as an exclusive space for board deliberations. This space also has a modern AV system including an integrated projector and screen.

Dining Room Capacity

Theatre	-
Banquet	18
Reception	-
Classroom	-
Boardroom	18
Area	53m ²

Study



The Kennedy's former study is still a space for cerebral pursuits.

Host a small workshop or planning session in the same place that Sir Robert once penned letters to leaders across the world.

Study Capacity

Theatre	25
Banquet	-
Reception	20
Classroom	8
Boardroom	8
Area	27m ²

Foyer



A warm welcome awaits your staff or guests as they arrive into Cultra Manor's impressive Foyer. They will immediately feel at home as they mingle in this beautiful space; perfect for registration, refreshments or for use as a small breakout space at the front of the house later in the day.

Library Bar



The Library Bar offers a retreat for tea and coffee during the day, or a civilised drink once the work is done. It's also a great place to relax with your team during staff away days or a green room for VIP guests.

Gardens

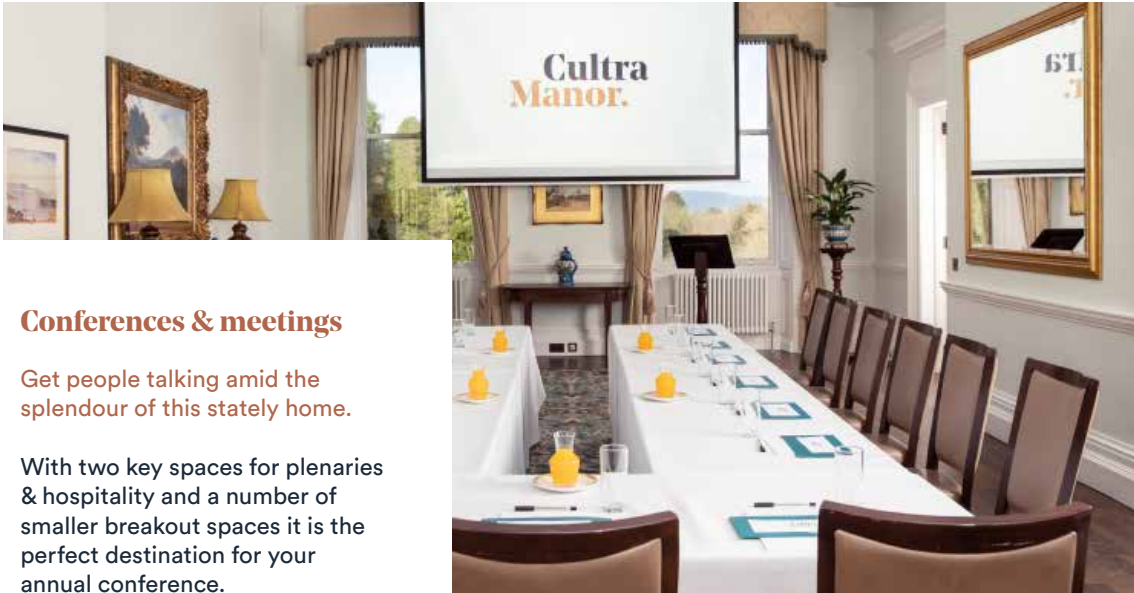


Cultra Manor's 175 acres of gardens and woodland is a great setting for boosting employee morale.

Our team can help your organise a range of traditional games on the lawn – egg-and-spoon races, hopscotch or croquet – or provide support to your contractors for activities like archery, wall climbing or clay pigeon shooting. Gather your team on the patio for a mouth-watering barbecue at the end of a long working session or fun teambuilding day.

Your Conference & Corporate Event Location

Cultra Manor's Edwardian grandeur and modern facilities lend themselves to all kinds of events.



Conferences & meetings

Get people talking amid the splendour of this stately home.

With two key spaces for plenaries & hospitality and a number of smaller breakout spaces it is the perfect destination for your annual conference.

Gala dinners, award ceremonies & evening receptions

Sweep your guests off their feet with an elegant, glamorous party they'll remember for years to come.

Private, exclusive, relaxed and memorable - the perfect evening out! Our dedicated events team will look after every detail.



Workshops & lectures

This secluded, intimate spot is a great place to work through complex ideas or help people focus on subjects of special interest.

Get creative – Cultra Manor is a great place for artist's and wellness or keynote lectures.

Teambuilding and family fun days

Make your staff away and family fun days stand out by hosting your event in this cultural landmark. You will have exclusive use of the estate, an informal lunch in the Drawing Room and traditional activities on the lawn.

Create a bespoke day to include a visit to the museums where they can see traditional activities such as blacksmithing and basket weaving and the opportunity to finish the day with a summer barbeque and band on the terrace.



The Cultra Kitchen

Our chefs are inspired by Northern Ireland's wealth of fresh, local and seasonal produce.

With a farm and apple orchard on-site, we are inspired by locally sourced ingredients and endeavour to showcase Northern Ireland's phenomenal food provenance.



A menu for every event

Our chefs believe that collaboration is the key to successful corporate event catering. They will work with you to produce perfect platefuls for casual events, sit-down banquets, working lunches, or relaxed barbecues. Talk to them about curating grazing tables and sharing platters.

They'll be sure to create food and drink that wows your colleagues, guests or delegates.



Our seasonal larder and local producers

The Cultra Kitchen is proud to showcase Northern Irish food. Our chefs draw on a country-wide network of growers and suppliers. The result is fresh, delicious and uniquely local food and drink that everyone will love.

History and Heritage

The Kennedy family have been resident in Cultra since the late 17th century, when they moved from Ayrshire. Their initial residence was a Tudor revival home known as Cultra House.

The family was renowned as local gentry farmers and keen sports people. They were among the first to patronise the local yacht club.

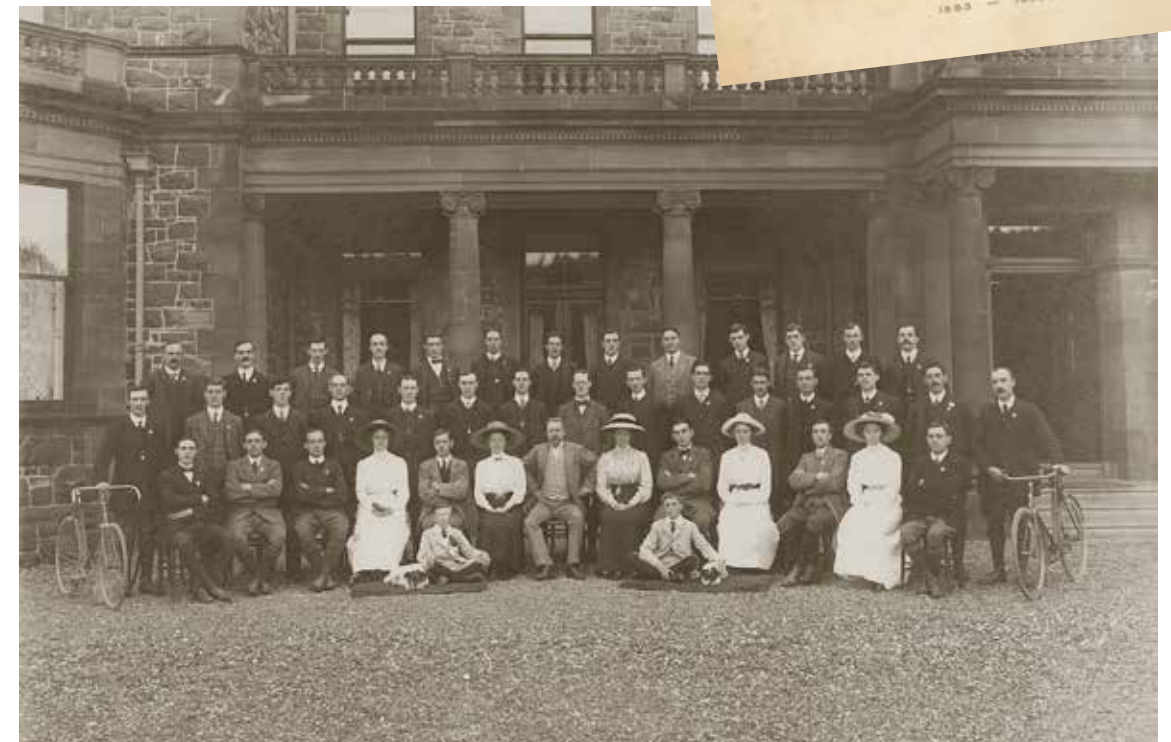
Sir Robert Kennedy inherited the Cultra estate 1872, at the beginning of an illustrious career. He graduated from Oxford two years later and went on to a distinguished diplomatic career. His duties saw him posted to the Ottoman Empire, South America and Central Asia. His wife, Bertha, became “the first European woman to enter Afghanistan”.

The Kennedys built Cultra Manor to celebrate their life's work and as a comfortable retreat for their retirement. It was built in local greywacke and Scottish sandstone to designs by James Hunter, the architect behind the Scottish Provident Buildings on Donegall Square. Construction was completed in 1902 and the Kennedys moved here permanently in 1912. They passed away within months of each other in 1936.

National Museums NI acquired Cultra Manor in 1961 and it has been our privilege to maintain and restore this exquisite estate ever since.



Early 20th century view of Cultra Manor with hay stacks on the lawn



Above left: The Kennedy Family with the Belfast Cycling Club outside Cultra Manor, 1912.

Above right: Lady Bertha and Sir Robert Kennedy on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the steps of Cultra Manor, 1933

Here for Good

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National Museums NI celebrate who we are as a society.
We tell the stories of our past, challenge our present
and shape our future.

When you book your event at Cultra Manor, the revenue generated helps us to continue our work of safeguarding and perpetuating Northern Ireland's unique heritage for future generations.



National Museums NI

Corporate Event Spaces

We offer spaces for all kinds of events at each of our locations.



The Irish Railway Gallery
at Ulster Transport Museum

This spectacular setting is the perfect backdrop for black-tie events, awards ceremonies, presentations and corporate social evenings. Your guests can arrive in style, travelling by steam train to one of Europe's finest transport museums. Here, they will enjoy a unique occasion in a spacious gallery, amid Ireland's most extensive transport collections.



The Belfast Room & Lecture Theatre
at Ulster Museum

Bring your team together in these exquisite spaces overlooking the iconic Botanic Gardens. Equipped with state of the art tech, these multi-functional spaces offer professional conference facilities in a unique setting.



The Atrium
at Ulster Museum

This spectacular contemporary space spans four stories and is surrounded by some of the most iconic pieces from the museum's national collection. Glass balconies overlook the dining area which is set against the spectacular backdrop of the Window on Our World gallery.

A beautiful, sophisticated space, it offers a blank canvas on which to add the colour and detail of your event. It is also a great focal point for larger networking events across multiple floors in the museum.



The Ship & Dockside Gallery
at Ulster American Folk Park

Throw a staff celebration they will never forget alongside a migrant transport ship, ready to set off for the New World or organise a staff teambuilding or family fun day using the whole Folk Park. Our dedicated events team will look after every detail.

Your Viewing

Come and see Cultra Manor for yourself.
Get in touch with our team and arrange a viewing.

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