

BELFAST, THE OTHER CAPITAL

The wall of Peace in Belfast

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland and has been its capital since 1920. It is an industrial centre and a busy sea-port. It is also a city with famous buildings, such as St. Anne's (a Protestant Cathedral), St. Peter's (a Catholic church), The Queen's University, The Spire of Hope (100 metres high) and the new famous area called the "Titanic Quarter", to honour the memory of the most famous transatlantic liner of the world and celebrate Belfast, the city where it was built. In West Belfast there is the " Wall of Peace", which separates two worlds: on the one hand the protestant Shankill, on the other hand Falls, the den of catholic nationalists. The Queen's University has become one of the most prestigious schools of the UK and one of its professors is the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995: Séamus Heaney. But Belfast is also the place of art, enjoyment and fashionable pubs. Only walking on the pavements ¹ of Shankill and Falls we can really understand why today Belfast is so enthusiastic of its serene and a little globalized normality.

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