



Invest Derry~Londonderry: Your Lifestyle Choice

INTRODUCTION

'When we moved from Scotland we initially thought we would be in Derry for a year... that was five years ago.'

Brian Gillion, Senior Manager, Learning and Development (Europe), Seagate Technology

Londonderry, also known as Derry is the regional shopping and arts centre for the North West. As candidate for UK City of Culture 2013, an ambitious regeneration programme is ongoing to make the Historic Walled City a world-class destination for visitors and citizens alike. House prices in Derry are extremely competitive with a depth of quality and variety. This combined with a great range of schools, acute hospital, and the recreational opportunities provided by the Causeway Coast, Sperrin Mountains and stunning Donegal, create a highly attractive lifestyle choice.

ARTS, CULTURE & FESTIVALS

The city's is culturally diverse and a hotbed of creative activity. There are several popular cultural entertainment venues, predominantly located in the city centre and providing facilities for a huge variety of musical and cultural events. These include the Millennium Forum, the Derry Playhouse, Waterside Theatre, St Columb's Hall and the Nerve Centre.

There are also major plans for another flagship outdoor venue, the 'Ebrington Performance Quadrangle'. Its elevated waterside location, scale, setting and the Peace Bridge link will combine to provide an anchor project not just for the Ebrington Arts and Culture Cluster, but for the entire city. The space is being designed so that it can cater for a wide variety of entertainment and performance including film, music, theatre, exhibitions and events.

This is a joyful city filled with celebration and inspiration, which manifests itself in the sheer number and quality of our festivals and events throughout the year. Energetic, outward looking and high-spirited, this is truly a city for all seasons. A few of the many highlights of the 26 major events for 2010 include the City of Derry Jazz and Big Band Festival, Halloween Carnival, St. Patrick's Spring Carnival, Foyle Film Festival, Big Tickle Comedy Festival and Maiden City Festival. Visit www.derryvisitor.com to find out more.

SCHOOLING

The region is administered by the Western Education and Library Board. Within the region, education is provided at pre-nursery, nursery, primary, secondary, further and higher level. Lumen Chisti, based in Derry has been consistently ranked as one of Northern Ireland's best performing school's.

In the region there are:	
Pre – Nursery & Nursery schools	74
Primary Schools	231
Secondary and Grammar Schools	44

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HOUSING

The city and surrounding area offer a wide choice of residential property at an average price of £149,000 as opposed to an NI average of £161,249 (Q4 2009). There is a wide choice of Victorian, Georgian, contemporary housing and apartments of an extremely high quality.

HEALTHCARE

Altnagelvin Area Hospital is the largest and best-equipped hospital in NI outside Belfast and treats patients from all over the Province. The hospital provides 490 beds and employs 60 consultants. Altnagelvin is a sub-regional hospital specialising in oral surgery, orthopaedics, and eye surgery. As well as Altnagelvin, the city has four other hospitals providing specialist care.



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