

DISCOVER DUNDEE WATERFRONT



Economic Summit

As the pace of development in Dundee heats up, council chiefs are set to update the business community at the city's fourth economic summit.

Focussing on "connections" the summit will hear from Dundee City Council, local and international businesses and experts from Liverpool on the renaissance of the Merseyside city

. Ken Guild council leader said: "As well as sharing what has been going on and what is planned next for Dundee the event will also have an outside perspective from another city and speakers that we can learn from.

"Focussing on how, where and why Dundee is connected is a timely theme for this year's summit with infrastructure a key element of the regeneration of the waterfront and the need to grasp the latest technology to keep us in the forefront of development."

As in previous year facilitator for the event will be Grant Ritchie, current depute principal and principal designate of Dundee and Angus College.

Council director of city development Mike Galloway and Stewart Murdoch director of leisure and communities will cover some of the developments taking place in the city which are helping to connect Dundee with customers and other communities including the smart cities and City Deal schemes, Unesco City of Design, V&A Dundee and the East of Scotland Tourism Partnership.

Chris Martin CEO of local games developer Waracle will share his vision of a digitally connected Dundee and the developments that are taking place to help us achieve and take advantage of the opportunities companies like his and other local firms are creating.

Caroline Miller from the Retreat will explain how a connected rural business from a field in Angus is attracting people from London and beyond using effective marketing and communication techniques.

Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce chief executive Alison Henderson is set to discuss the benefits of businesses networking and linking together and also about the Regional Youth Investment Group.

Train operator Abellio's head of economic development James Ledgerwood, will present on the company's plans for improving rail services and in particular what opportunities the firm sees for Dundee.

Chris Wood a director at Liverpool Marketing will share the story of the city's journey to the modern popular destination it is today, focussing on the role connectivity has played in that success.

Up to 200 people are expected to attend the morning-long summit at the Apex City Quay Hotel on Tuesday June 16.