

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.

Certification: In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:

Private Sponsor(s):
Progressive Policy Institute

Travel Dates:
10/07/2023 to 10/13/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$1,650.00	\$1,035.00	\$490.00	\$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1)
- The final Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

11.2.2023

Date

Reynaldo Benitez
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/2/2023

Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:

Reynaldo Benitez

Employing Office/Committee:

OSSOFF, JON

Private Sponsor(s):

Progressive Policy Institute

Destination(s):

Liverpool, United Kingdom Belfast, United Kingdom Dublin, Ireland

Travel Dates:

10/07/2023 to 10/13/2023

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

This trip will allow me to have hands on learning about Brexit and what it means for Europe and U.S - U.K relations, and to better understand US-UK trade policy issues important to key Georgia stakeholders. This trip will help me become a more effective advisor to the Senator on trade and foreign policy issues.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?

No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

7 Sept 2023
Date


Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Sen. Jon Ossoff
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Rey Benitez
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.



(signify "yes" by checking box)

Date Sept 20, 2023


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Progressive Policy Institute: PPI Staff Del to Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin

 Reynaldo Benitez

Title:
Chief of Staff

Employing Office/Committee:
OSSOFF, JON

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Liverpool, United Kingdom
Belfast, United Kingdom
Dublin, Ireland

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Progressive Policy Institute

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☒ Yes ☐ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
1156 15th St NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Public Charity

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20005 United States

Phone Number
8605088554

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

The Progressive Policy Institute has sponsored several Congressional staff and member delegations since its founding in 1989. These educational trips have focused on a wide variety of policy areas and they aim to explore how issues moving on Capitol Hill have an impact on the real world. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in June 2023.

Educational Activities

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) think-tank, the nature of PPI's work is educational. We release dozens of reports, research and other policy analysis work annually. PPI also hosts public forums, congressional staff and member briefings, webinars, roundtables, and other events around issue education.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This is bicameral congressional delegation trip to meet with transatlantic counterparts and explore several key policies with elected officials, government staff, media, private industry and academia in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. Some of the key topics and themes that we will focus on include: 1. The continued fallout of Brexit and what it means for Europe and U.S.-U.K. relations moving forward 2. U.K. Labour's new policy positions at the "center ground" of British politics 3. Trade policy issues with Britain, Ireland, and the EU 4. New ideas in technology and innovation in the British and European private sector 5. How our allies are working together to protect democracy in the face of extremism

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

PPI has been conducting policy work since and facilitating educational dialogues with transatlantic allies since the 1990s. The meetings and events on the trip reflect PPI's commitment to working with our international partners in the Democratic world and advancing pragmatic policy solutions.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ✓ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ✓ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

i Members and staff from the House of Representatives will receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
10/07/2023 @ 05:10 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
10/13/2023 @ 03:40 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,650.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$1,200.00
Note Roundtrip airfare		
Airfare	Coach	\$125.00
Note Manchester to Belfast Flight		
Ground Transportation	N/A	\$75.00
Note Taxis, Ubers, Misc.		
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$250.00
Note Costs for shuttles busses per attendee		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,035.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
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Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/08/2023	10/10/2023	Hilton DoubleTree Liverpool	Liverpool	None	United Kingdom	2	\$240.00	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason Most reasonable rate available in Liverpool during busy week.								
10/10/2023	10/11/2023	Hilton Belfast	Belfast	None	United Kingdom	1	\$205.00	No
10/11/2023	10/13/2023	Hilton Dublin	Dublin	None	Ireland	2	\$175.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$490.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/08/2023	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Liverpool	None	United Kingdom	No
10/09/2023	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Liverpool	None	United Kingdom	No
10/10/2023	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Liverpool	None	United Kingdom	No
10/11/2023	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Belfast	None	United Kingdom	No
10/12/2023	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Dublin	None	Ireland	No
10/13/2023	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	Dublin	None	Ireland	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Updated itinerary

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: PPI StaffDel to Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin
Travel Date(s): October 7, 2023 - October 13, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Liverpool, England. Belfast, Northern Ireland. Dublin, Ireland

Sponsor: The Third Way Foundation (PPI is a project of the Third Way

Lindsay Lewis

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

8/31/2023

(date)

U.S. Senate Staff Invitees

PPI StaffDel to Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin - October 7-13, 2023

Rey Benitez

Chief of Staff

Sen. Jon Ossoff

Oliver Riquelme

Military Legislative Assistant

Sen. Martin Heinrich

Meredith Lilly

Senior Advisor

Sen. Raphael Warnock

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August 2, 2023

Mr. Reynaldo Benitez
Office of Sen. Jon Ossoff
303 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rey,

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), I'd like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic trip to **Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin from Saturday, October 7 to Friday, October 13, 2023.**

For years, PPI has hosted congressional delegation trips with members of Congress and staff for meetings with our transatlantic allies and international partners. This high-level trip will feature a select group of Chiefs of Staff working for pragmatic members of the House and Senate who are committed to advancing innovative and forward-looking policies.

Our trip will cover a wide range of topics in a short period of time. In Liverpool, we will meet with elected officials, key policy staff, and attend Leader Keir Starmer's speech outlining his vision and governing agenda for the U.K. should Labour reclaim power in Britain's upcoming general election. In Belfast, we will meet with top Northern Irish government officials and examine the entrenched divisions and political instability which still exist a quarter century after the Good Friday Agreement. And in Dublin, we will take a closer look at economic growth in the private sector and explore how the Irish capital has become an innovation hub for all of Europe.

Some of the key topics and themes that we will focus on include:

- The continued fallout of Brexit and what it means for Europe and U.S.-U.K. relations moving forward
- U.K. Labour's new policy positions at the "center ground" of British politics
- Trade policy issues with Britain, Ireland, and the EU
- New ideas in technology and innovation in the British and European private sector
- How our allies are working together to protect democracy in the face of extremism

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this trip will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions and reports.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational trip to Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin. Space is limited; please contact Stuart Malec at 860-508-8554 or smalec@ppionline.org if you have questions or require further information.

Regards,

Lindsay M. Lewis
Executive Director

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Saturday, October 7

5:10 PM - 5:15 AM+1

Aer Lingus flight EI 116 departing at 5:10 PM from Dulles Airport (IAD) arriving at 5:15am+1 at Dublin Airport (DUB). Travel time: 6 hr 45 min (overnight), 1 hr 15 min layover

Sunday, October 8

6:30 - 7:35 AM

Aer Lingus flight EI 202 departing at 6:30 AM from Dublin Airport (DUB) arriving at 7:35 AM Manchester Airport (MAN). Travel time: 1 hr 5 min

8:45 - 9:45 AM

Taxi to Hilton DoubleTree from MAN

Location: 6 Sir Thomas St, Liverpool L1 6BR, United Kingdom

11:00 - 12:30 PM

PPI Welcome Brunch and UK Overview

Location: DoubleTree, 6 Sir Thomas St, Liverpool L1 6BR, United Kingdom

PPI Executive Director Lindsay Lewis and Political Director Stuart Malec will provide a briefing on the trip agenda in Liverpool and Belfast.

1:00 - 3:00 PM

PPI/IPPR Joint Discussion: *'Renewing the Progressive Project: Lessons from Abroad'*

Location: IPPR Fringe Zone: Education Area 3, Museum of Liverpool, Pier Head, Mann Island, Liverpool

Will Marshall, PPI President, and Claire Ainsley, Director of PPI's Project on Center-left Renewal, will lead a discussion with senior leadership staff at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), a UK-based think tank, on different public policy approaches to address concerns of working class people in the US and UK.

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Meeting with Martin McTague, Chair of UK Federation of Small Businesses

Location: Hilton Liverpool City Center, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool



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Discussion on small businesses and entrepreneurship in the UK.

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Dinner Meeting with John Spellar MP, Senior Labour Member on Commons Defence Select Committee

Location: Côté Liverpool, 51 Paradise Street, Liverpool

Discussion on the UK government's response to Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, cooperation with the EU, and other shared national security and foreign policy concerns between the US and UK.

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

PPI & Progressive Britain Event with Labour Leader Keir Starmer

Location: Hilton Liverpool City Center, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool

Leader Keir Starmer will speak on UK Labour's renewed policy agenda. Reception with MPs and UK Parliament staff will follow the speaking program.

Monday, October 9

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Breakfast Meeting with Dom Hallas, Director of the Startup Coalition, and David Lammy MP, Shadow Minister for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

Location: Double Tree, 6 Sir Thomas St, Liverpool L1 6BR, United Kingdom

Discussion on intersecting policy issues related to the tech industry and UK foreign policy, including the UK's International Technology Strategy.

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Meeting with James Murray, MP, Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury

Location: Conference Room A, M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Discussion on UK tax administration policy, European and other international tax issues, and trade policy post-Brexit.



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12:00 - 2:00 PM

**Transatlantic Luncheon with Claire Ainsley, Director of PPI's
Project on Center-left Renewal**

Location: Hilton Liverpool City Center, 3 Thomas Steers Way,
Liverpool

Discussion on strengthening transatlantic ties and areas of
cooperation between the U.S. and Europe.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, on
the State of the British Economy**

Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Staff will attend an address by Rachel Reeves MP at Labour
Policy Conference on taxation and spending priorities for the next
UK government.

6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Dinner Meeting with Dr. Patrick Diamond, Chair of the Policy
Network think-tank**

Location: Miller & Carter Albert Dock, Atlantic Pavilion Albert
Dock, Liverpool L3 4AF, United Kingdom

Discussion led by Dr. Diamond on Policy Network's research on
current policy and political challenges and the future of social
democracy in the UK.

10:00 - 12:00 AM

**PPI, Startup Coalition, Tony Blair Institute Late Night
Event for Policy Professionals**

Location: Madre, 6, Atlantic Pavilion Albert Dock

Networking event to connect staff with UK policy professionals
working at Tony Blair Institute and Startup Coalition.

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 - 10:30 AM

**Meeting with Joe Corry-Roake, Labour Senior International
Advisor**



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Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Discussion on foreign policy and areas of international cooperation between the US and UK.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

Session on Rebuilding the UK Relationship with Europe with Michèle Auga, Head of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's office in the UK and Ireland

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 St Nicholas Pl, Liverpool L3 1QW, United Kingdom

Discussion on priorities for the UK Government in terms of rebuilding ties with the EU post-Brexit.

12:15 - 2:00 PM

Lunch Meeting with David Evans, General Secretary for UK Labour

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 St Nicholas Pl, Liverpool L3 1QW, United Kingdom

Discussion on UK rules and regulations surrounding UK elections.

2:15 - 3:30 PM

Leader Keir Starmer Keynote Address on UK Labour Agenda

Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Staff will attend policy conference keynote address from Leader Starmer on the UK Labour policy agenda.

3:45 - 4:30 PM

Bus to Manchester Airport (MAN)

6:00 - 7:05 PM

Ryanair UK flight departing at 6:00 PM from Manchester Airport (MAN) arriving at 7:05 PM at Belfast International Airport (BFS).
Travel time: 1 hr 5 min

7:45 - 8:00 PM

Taxi to Hilton Belfast

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

8:30 - 10:30 PM

Dinner meeting with Sam McBride, Northern Ireland Editor for the Belfast Telegraph

Location: Riverside Restaurant & Bar, 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK



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Discussion on the general political landscape in Northern Ireland and the ongoing campaign for a united Ireland.

Wednesday, October 11:

8:30 - 10:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting with Emma Little-Pengelly, MLA

Location: The River Rooms, 5 Donegall Quay, Belfast BT1 3EA, United Kingdom

Discussion with Emma Little-Pengelly, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Northern Ireland and other officials on the Northern Irish system of government and general policy priorities.

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Meeting with Professor Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast

Location: University Rd, Belfast BT7 1NN, United Kingdom

Discussion on the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement (the political agreement that ended most of the violence in Northern Ireland and Ireland) the peace and prosperity it brought, and the entrenched divisions and political instability that still persists.

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Lunch meeting with Margaret Hearty, Chief Executive, InterTrade Ireland

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

Discussion on the Northern Ireland Protocol, and other customs and immigration issues at the border on the island of Ireland between Northern Ireland (UK) and the Republic of Ireland, a member of the EU, post-Brexit.

2:15 - 3:00 PM

PPI Briefing on Visit to Dublin

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

Head of PPI's European Office, Michael Quigley, will brief staff on the upcoming trip to Dublin.

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Travel to Hilton Dublin

Location: Charlemont Place, Dublin, Ireland



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6:00 - 9:00 PM

Dinner with Arthur Beesley, Current Affairs Editor of the Irish Times

Location: The Stephen's Green Hibernation Club, 9 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Discussion on Brexit, its impact on Ireland, and general overview of the Irish political landscape.

Thursday, October 12:

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Meeting with Neale Richmond, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Location: 23 Kildare St, Dublin 2, Ireland

Discussion about US-Ireland business relations, trade, antitrust and tax policy.

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Meeting with Pat Ivory, Director of EU and International Affairs, IBEC

Location: 84/86 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2

Discussion of Brexit and the business implications of a hard border

11:30 - 12:15 PM

Meeting with Frances Fitzgerald, MEP, Fine Gael

Location: Dean Hotel, 33 Harcourt Street

Discussion of the global minimum tax and its implications on Ireland

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Lunch Meeting with Cathaoirleach of the Senate, Senator Jerry Buttimer and Parliament Tour

Location: Kildare St, Dublin 2, D02 TK75, Ireland

Discussion on Ireland political landscape and guided tour of Leinster House, the parliament of Ireland.

2:15 - 3:00 PM

Joe Hackett, Secretary General of the Dept. of Foreign Affairs

Location: Café en Seine



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Dinner with Dr. Daniel Geary, Trinity College

Location: Charlemont Bistro

Discussion on Dr. Geary's work on US-Ireland and US-Northern Ireland relations during the Troubles

8:30 - 10:30 PM

PPI Closing Reception

Location: McCaffertys at the Barge

Closing reception with PPI staff.

Friday, October 13:

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting to Recap Trip

Location: Hilton Dublin, Charlemont Place, Dublin, Ireland

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Travel to DUB (taxi)

12:35 - 3:40 PM

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Location: Double Tree, 6 Sir Thomas St, Liverpool L1 6BR, United
Kingdom

Discussion on intersecting policy issues related to the tech industry and UK foreign policy, including the UK's International Technology Strategy.

10:30 - 11:30 AM

**Meeting with James Murray, MP, Shadow Financial Secretary
to the Treasury**

Location: Conference Room A, M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1
8LW, United Kingdom

Discussion on UK tax administration policy, European and other international tax issues, and trade policy post-Brexit.



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12:00 - 2:00 PM

**Transatlantic Luncheon with Claire Ainsley, Director of PPI's
Project on Center-left Renewal**

Location: Hilton Liverpool City Center, 3 Thomas Steers Way,
Liverpool

Discussion on strengthening transatlantic ties and areas of
cooperation between the U.S. and Europe.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, on
the State of the British Economy**

Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Staff will attend an address by Rachel Reeves MP at Labour
Policy Conference on taxation and spending priorities for the next
UK government.

6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Dinner Meeting with Dr. Patrick Diamond, Chair of the Policy
Network think-tank**

Location: Miller & Carter Albert Dock, Atlantic Pavilion Albert
Dock, Liverpool L3 4AF, United Kingdom

Discussion led by Dr. Diamond on Policy Network's research on
current policy and political challenges and the future of social
democracy in the UK.

10:00 - 12:00 AM

**PPI, Startup Coalition, Tony Blair Institute Late Night
Event for Policy Professionals**

Location: Madre, 6, Atlantic Pavilion Albert Dock

Networking event to connect staff with UK policy professionals
working at Tony Blair Institute and Startup Coalition.

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 - 10:30 AM

**Meeting with Joe Corry-Roake, Labour Senior International
Advisor**



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Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Discussion on foreign policy and areas of international cooperation between the US and UK.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

Session on Rebuilding the UK Relationship with Europe with Michèle Auga, Head of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's office in the UK and Ireland

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 St Nicholas Pl, Liverpool L3 1QW, United Kingdom

Discussion on priorities for the UK Government in terms of rebuilding ties with the EU post-Brexit.

12:15 - 2:00 PM

Lunch Meeting with David Evans, General Secretary for UK Labour

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 St Nicholas Pl, Liverpool L3 1QW, United Kingdom

Discussion on UK rules and regulations surrounding UK elections.

2:15 - 3:30 PM

Leader Keir Starmer Keynote Address on UK Labour Agenda

Location: M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L1 8LW, United Kingdom

Staff will attend policy conference keynote address from Leader Starmer on the UK Labour policy agenda.

3:45 - 4:30 PM

Bus to Manchester Airport (MAN)

6:00 - 7:05 PM

Ryanair UK flight departing at 6:00 PM from Manchester Airport (MAN) arriving at 7:05 PM at Belfast International Airport (BFS).
Travel time: 1 hr 5 min

7:45 - 8:00 PM

Taxi to Hilton Belfast

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

8:30 - 10:30 PM

Dinner meeting with Sam McBride, Northern Ireland Editor for the Belfast Telegraph

Location: Riverside Restaurant & Bar, 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK



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Discussion on the general political landscape in Northern Ireland and the ongoing campaign for a united Ireland.

Wednesday, October 11:

8:30 - 10:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting with Emma Little-Pengelly, MLA

Location: The River Rooms, 5 Donegall Quay, Belfast BT1 3EA, United Kingdom

Discussion with Emma Little-Pengelly, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Northern Ireland and other officials on the Northern Irish system of government and general policy priorities.

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Meeting with Professor Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast

Location: University Rd, Belfast BT7 1NN, United Kingdom

Discussion on the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement (the political agreement that ended most of the violence in Northern Ireland and Ireland) the peace and prosperity it brought, and the entrenched divisions and political instability that still persists.

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Lunch meeting with Margaret Hearty, Chief Executive, InterTrade Ireland

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

Discussion on the Northern Ireland Protocol, and other customs and immigration issues at the border on the island of Ireland between Northern Ireland (UK) and the Republic of Ireland, a member of the EU, post-Brexit.

2:15 - 3:00 PM

PPI Briefing on Visit to Dublin

Location: 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3L, UK

Head of PPI's European Office, Michael Quigley, will brief staff on the upcoming trip to Dublin.

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Travel to Hilton Dublin

Location: Charlemont Place, Dublin, Ireland



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6:00 - 9:00 PM

Dinner with Arthur Beesley, Current Affairs Editor of the Irish Times

Location: The Stephen's Green Hibernation Club, 9 St
Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Discussion on Brexit, its impact on Ireland, and general overview
of the Irish political landscape.

Thursday, October 12:

9:00 - 10:00 AM

**Meeting with Neale Richmond, Minister of State at the
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment**

Location: 23 Kildare St, Dublin 2, Ireland

Discussion about US-Ireland business relations, trade, antitrust
and tax policy.

10:30 - 11:15 AM

**Meeting with Pat Ivory, Director of EU and International
Affairs, IBEC**

Location: 84/86 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2

Discussion of Brexit and the business implications of a hard
border

11:30 - 12:15 PM

Meeting with Frances Fitzgerald, MEP, Fine Gael

Location: Dean Hotel, 33 Harcourt Street

Discussion of the global minimum tax and its implications on
Ireland

12:30 - 2:00 PM

**Lunch Meeting with Cathaoirleach of the Senate, Senator
Jerry Buttimer and Parliament Tour**

Location: Kildare St, Dublin 2, D02 TK75, Ireland

Discussion on Ireland political landscape and guided tour of
Leinster House, the parliament of Ireland.

2:15 - 3:00 PM

Joe Hackett, Secretary General of the Dept. of Foreign Affairs

Location: Café en Seine



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6:00 - 8:00 PM

Dinner with Dr. Daniel Geary, Trinity College

Location: Charlemont Bistro

Discussion on Dr. Geary's work on US-Ireland and US-Northern Ireland relations during the Troubles

8:30 - 10:30 PM

PPI Closing Reception

Location: McCaffertys at the Barge

Closing reception with PPI staff.

Friday, October 13:

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting to Recap Trip

Location: Hilton Dublin, Charlemont Place, Dublin, Ireland

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Travel to DUB (taxi)

12:35 - 3:40 PM

Aer Lingus flight departing at 12:35 PM from Dublin Airport (DUB) arriving at 3:40pm at Dulles Airport (IAD). 8 hr 5 min.