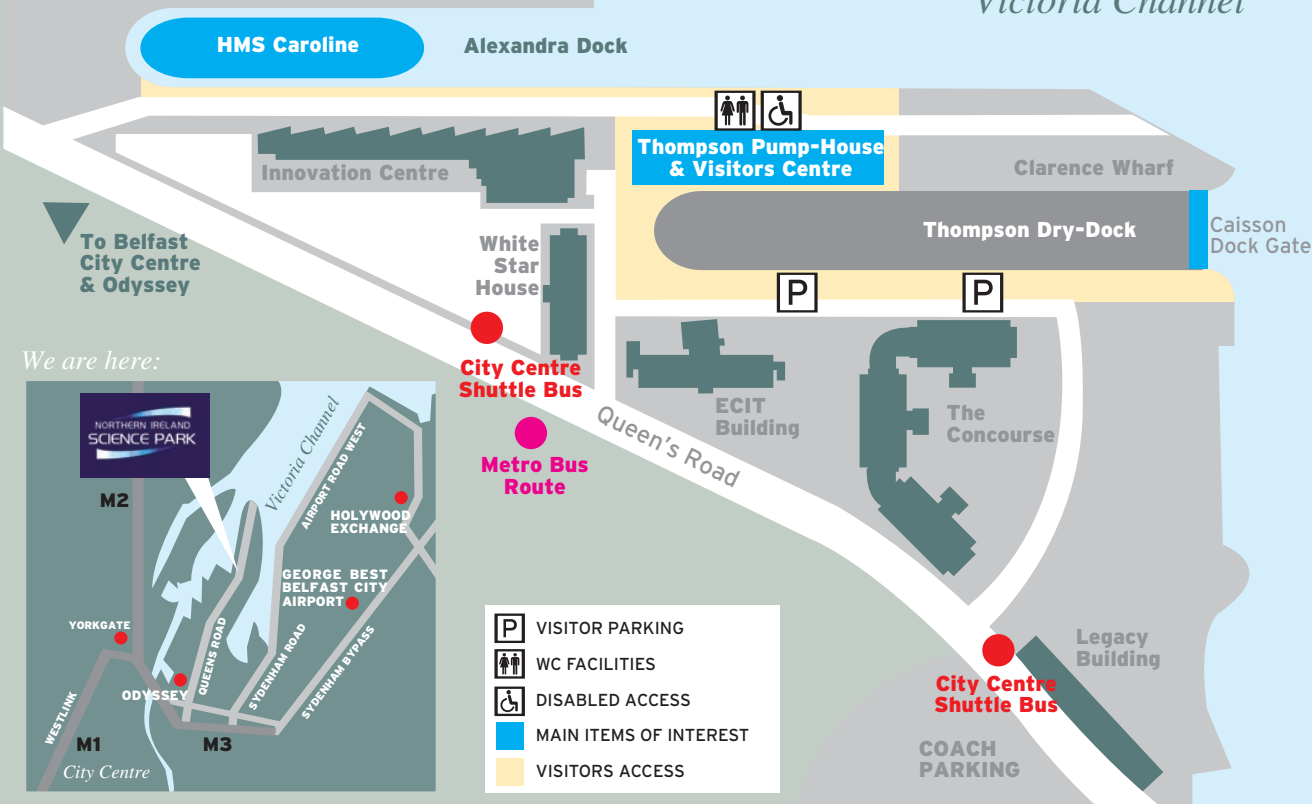


Victoria Channel



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GUIDED TOURS

Public tours are available every **Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at 2 p.m.**

Our tour will give visitors an in-depth understanding of the story of the dock and the people who worked here. Be brought back in time to the sights, sounds and smells of the steam-powered pumps and hear the apprentice's story of his first week at work. Tour takes approx. 50 minutes.

Please note: It is advisable to call beforehand as tour times may be subject to change.

Cost
 Adult: £3.50
 Concession (OAP/Student) £3.00
 Child (Age 5-16) £2.50
 Family ticket £10.00
 (2 adults and up to 3 children)
 10% discount for groups of 20+

PRIVATE TOURS

We offer private pre-booked tours suitable for large groups or tour operators which we can adapt to suit your time schedule. We are also happy to arrange tours for smaller special interest groups. Itineraries and prices available on request. Maximum 50 people per tour. Please call us to book.

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GETTING HERE

Bus: Take the Metro Route No. 26 to Queen's Road from Donegal Square East, beside City Hall.

Foot: From the Odyssey, we are a 15 minute walk along the historic Queen's Road where you can view other Titanic related points of interest along the way.

Other information:
 Please note there are uneven surfaces across the site. Please wear appropriate footwear and take extreme care. There is no external lighting, so visits are restricted to daylight hours only. Please do not attempt to climb over any guard rails, there is CCTV in operation. Visitors to the site enter at their own risk and NISP accepts no liability for any injury to persons or personal belongings. No dogs except guide dogs.

Immerse yourself in the authenticity of Titanic's Dock & Pump-House



Thompson Pump-House from the River Lagan

Titanic's Dock

The story of the Titanic captured the public's imagination the day the great ship was launched almost one hundred years ago. Titanic by name and Titanic by nature, she was the technological marvel of the Edwardian era. Such was her scale and grandeur that even before her tragic loss in April 1912, the Titanic legend had already begun.

Titanic's story begins in Belfast where she was designed and built. Based at the Thompson Dry Dock, where the Titanic was fitted out, **Titanic's Dock** is the only original part of the ship's legacy open to the public. As the last place she rested on dry ground, 'Titanic's Dock' is Titanic's physical 'footprint' in history.

Based at Northern Ireland Science Park's site at Queen's Island, Belfast, **Titanic's Dock** is an awe inspiring, interactive visit to the birthplace of the Titanic.

At the heart of the exhibition is the huge Thompson Dry Dock, built especially to accommodate the Titanic and her sister ships.

In today's money the dock cost £50m to build and was the largest in its day. Taking seven years to build, the dock is almost 900ft long (the Titanic just fitted in) and can hold 23 million gallons of water. Nothing else conveys just how enormous Titanic must have appeared to those who saw her completed and ready to sail.

The Pump-House

As well as the physical spectacle of the Thompson Dry Dock, there's a visitor centre in the Thompson Pump-House, another fascinating piece of Belfast's impressive industrial heritage.

Built to serve both the Thompson Dock and the adjacent Alexandra Dock, the Pump-House, which extends 40ft below ground, accommodated three massive

steam pumps that could pump 1 million imperial gallons of water in four minutes. Such was the accuracy of the design that its operators could make fractional adjustments to the level of water in the docks.

Everything about Queen's Island is remarkable – not least the fact that this immense site, stretching to hundreds of acres, has been reclaimed entirely from the mud



View from inside the Pump-House

and water of Belfast Lough over the past 150 years.

Today the docks and the Pump-House are among the last remnants of a rich shipbuilding tradition that gave the world the Titanic.

Discover that legacy for yourself by taking an audio visual guide in the Pump House. Find out about the history of Queen's Island, the stories behind the ships which were built there and how the

immense pumps which controlled the dry docks worked in an era when steam was king.

Alexandra Dock

By a quirk of history, **Titanic's Dock** is also home to the second oldest active vessel in the Royal Navy, HMS Caroline, berthed in the Alexandra Dock beside the Thompson Pump House. Launched just two years after Titanic was lost, HMS Caroline was also a special ship - built and commissioned in only eight months she could run on either coal or diesel. Caroline is also the last surviving vessel from the Battle of Jutland, the only major sea battle of World War I when the British Grand Fleet and German High Sea fleet engaged each other in 1916.

HMS Caroline, whose motto is 'Firmness with Purpose' is still used by Northern Ireland's Royal Navy Reserves.

The Alexandra Dock was a precursor to its longer and wider cousin, the Thompson Dock.

Much of the infrastructure for Belfast's world famous ship building industry was built by the Belfast Harbour Commissioners, the Board responsible for overseeing the development of Belfast Port. Keen to attract the business associated with ship building the Commissioners built both the Thompson and Alexandra Docks (Thompson was named in honour of the Board's Chairman).

Opened over 20 years before the Thompson Dock, Alexandra was used to help lengthen steel ships, a complicated task that involved cutting them in half and adding an extension.

At its heyday over 30,000 people worked in the shipyards based on Queen's Island, earning Belfast the nickname of 'Titanic Town'. Titanic and vessels like her were the equivalent of modern jumbo jets, using the latest technology and design.

Today **Titanic's Dock** is part of Northern Ireland Science Park, providing facilities for hi-tech ventures.

Titanic's Dock is a constant example of the heights to which human ingenuity can aspire. One hundred years ago Belfast was a leading player in the Industrial Revolution. The aim of the Science Park is to recapture that innovative spirit and help Belfast become a hub in the Knowledge Revolution.



Titanic ready for her maiden voyage

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