

## Introducing Irish Design Afternoon Tea at The Westbury The Year of Irish Design

*Dublin's luxury hotel renowned for supporting art, culture and design launches Irish Design Afternoon Tea in support of their corporate partnership with Irish Design 2015*

In a city known for its beautiful art and culture, Dublin's Westbury Hotel has created Irish Design Afternoon Tea to mark a year long celebration of Irish Design in 2015. Guests enjoying the beautiful surrounds of The Gallery, which features one of Ireland's foremost private art collections, will now be able to relax and enjoy a truly creative afternoon tea inspired by the work of local Irish makers.

The tea includes a collection of beautifully handcrafted pastries, cakes and sandwiches, paying homage to some of Ireland's top designers and craftspeople inspired by PORTFOLIO: Critical Selection 2015-2016 published by the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland. The biennial publication features the best of Irish contemporary design and craft in a world-class context in order to increase awareness and understanding of top Irish makers and their work.

The Westbury Hotel's executive pastry chef Tatjana Upelniece-Kiselova has taken her artistic vision from the work of five Irish makers to create our Irish Design Afternoon Tea including; a sumptuous Earl Grey cheesecake served on a crunchy base which emulates Karl Harron's glasswork titled *Migration Reactive Bullseye*, while the sour cream mousse with blackberry cremoux echoes Angela O'Kelly's *Long Round Sculptural Neckpiece*.

Cillian O'Súilleabháin's *Tetrahedra* chest of drawers in walnut and ash has inspired a chocolate éclair with lemon curd, while a dulcely panna cotta, mango and banana caramel pot is inspired by *Ash Footed Vessel* by internationally renowned woodturner Liam Flynn. The delicious blueberry rollage, chocolate and mascarpone Chantilly has been influenced by ceramic designer Jack Doherty's *Duo Porcelain*.

Speaking about the partnership and afternoon tea Karen Hennessy, Chief Executive of Irish Design 2015 commented; "We are delighted to be working with The Doyle Collection and The Westbury Hotel as part of this year long celebration of Irish Design. The Doyle Collection's support of art and culture made them an ideal accommodation partner. In particular, I am excited to see how the work of Irish designers and makers has inspired the creation of the Irish Design Afternoon Tea; this in itself is another example of how design infiltrates all areas of our lives. The use of different ingredients to develop textures, colours and shapes which echo the work of Irish designers and makers is an artistic achievement in itself."

Tatjana Upelniece-Kiselova, pastry chef at The Westbury Hotel described how she enjoyed working on this project; "As a chef it is fantastic to have the opportunity to work with established Irish designers. Taking inspiration from jewellery, to woodwork, to porcelain and glasswork we used a range of ingredients and techniques to create a truly bespoke afternoon tea that showcased the best of Irish design."

Guests can enjoy the bespoke Irish Design Afternoon Tea which is available for €45 per person, and €55 per person with champagne from the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. Advance bookings are advised and can be made through the hotel on 01 646 3311.

For those looking for further opportunities to explore the art and culture of Dublin city the Westbury Hotel have created the Irish Design Inspired Overnight Experience which comprises of Irish Design Afternoon Tea for two to be enjoyed in The Gallery, one night's luxury accommodation and full Irish Breakfast.

The Irish Design Inspired Overnight Experience *at The Westbury Hotel* is available from €350 and is subject to availability. Advance bookings are recommended and can be made through the hotel on +353 1 646 3333.

For more information on The Westbury Hotel visit:  
<http://www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-westbury-hotel>

Guests can also visit PORTFOLIO @ Solomon where work from the Design & Craft Council of Ireland's PORTFOLIO programme is being showcased through a year-long programme of exhibitions, providing visitors and collectors with a unique opportunity to acquire one-off or limited edition pieces from internationally collected and emerging practitioners working to the highest standards of design quality and technical skill. The new 60m<sup>2</sup> gallery space, which is being run by Solomon Fine Art, in conjunction with the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland, Irish Design 2015 and The Doyle Collection, is located at the main entrance to The Westbury Hotel and Westbury Mall on Balfe Street.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

**Further details on the pieces which inspired Irish Design Afternoon Tea**

- **Glass:** Earl Grey cheesecake on crunchy base. Inspired by *Migration reactive Bullseye glass* by Karl Harron
- **Jewellery:** Sour cream mousse, blackberry cremoux. Inspired by *Long Round Sculptural Neckpiece* by Angela O'Kelly
- **Wood:** Dulcey panna cotta, mango, banana caramel. Inspired by *Ash Footed Vessel* by Liam Flynn
- **Ceramics:** Blueberry rollage, chocolate, mascarpone chantilly. Inspired by *Duo Porcelain* by Jack Doherty
- **Furniture:** Chocolate éclairs with lemon curd. Inspired by *Tetrahedra, walnut and ash* by Cillian Ó Súilleabháin

**PORTFOLIO: Critical Selection** is a biennial publication which features the best of Irish contemporary design and craft in a world-class context. Selected by an international expert panel, the makers are those producing innovative objects, either one-off pieces or limited editions, and working to the highest standards of design quality and technical skill. The volume is published by the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland in order to increase awareness and understanding of top Irish makers and their work, particularly among Irish and international collectors, galleries, commissioning bodies and museums. PORTFOLIO: Critical Selection 2015 – 2016 features 22 makers across the disciplines of ceramics, jewellery, glass, metals, leather, fashion, stone, furniture, woodwork, and basketry.  
[portfolio.dccoi.ie](http://portfolio.dccoi.ie)

**Irish Design 2015** (ID2015) is a year-long programme of events and activities exploring, promoting and celebrating Irish design both in Ireland and internationally. It aims to showcase the very best of Irish design in order to drive job creation, grow exports and increase competitiveness. ID2015 is an island of Ireland initiative engaging the public, the design community and businesses, promoting Irish design in just about every form at home through events and exhibitions while also targeting the export market through trade missions and events in international capitals of design and commerce. ID2015 is being convened by the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland (DCCoI), in collaboration with partner organisations, on behalf of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Enterprise Ireland. Irish Design 2015 partners include Founding Partners - MCO Projects; Accommodation Partners - The Doyle Collection; Venue Partners - OPW; Exhibition Partners – DAA; Technology Partners – IBM; Transport Partners – Bus Éireann Expressway; Construction Partners – SISK and Broadcast Partners – RTÉ. [www.irishdesign2015.ie](http://www.irishdesign2015.ie)

### **The Westbury**

A member of Leading Hotels of the World, The Westbury is one of the great social hubs of the city; nestled between Trinity College and St Stephen's Green. Dubliners know the place to be seen is the hotel's grand drawing room – The Gallery – famous for its exquisite afternoon teas. The decadent Marble Bar comes to life in the evenings where the city's most glamorous residents sip classic and contemporary cocktails created by knowledgeable mixologists. The Westbury is the perfect base from which to explore two very different sides of Dublin. Yards from the hotel entrance is trendy Grafton Street with its designer outlets and department stores, including the famous Brown Thomas. But slip out of the hotel's Clarendon Street entrance and lose yourself in the winding streets of the city's Creative Quarter. Discover here the city's hipster bar scene, fun restaurants and quirky independent stores popping up every week. For more details please visit [www.doylecollection.com/westburyhotel](http://www.doylecollection.com/westburyhotel)

### **The Doyle Collection**

The Doyle Collection is a luxury hotel group that comprises eight hotels in five cities around the world. These design-led properties provide modern havens for modern day travellers, as well as stylish bars and restaurants for local consumers. For more details please visit [www.doylecollection.com](http://www.doylecollection.com)