



# Hunt begins to find the city's best cab driver

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**THE search is on to find Belfast's Taxi Driver of the Year.**

Cabbies across the city are being urged to ensure their vehicles are in tip-top condition to be in the running for the coveted first prize.

The winner will drive away with £1000 of free fuel while the runner up will receive half price car insurance.

The competition run by Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce is the first of its kind in Ireland and judges are looking to find friendly, helpful characters who really know their town.

Drivers will be marked on their knowledge and skill, courtesy and helpfulness, driver and vehicle presentation, safety and comfort, and overall customer service.

And Stephen Long, from West Belfast Taxis said he would be encouraging all public hire drivers to take part in the competition.

"We are delighted to support this competition and will be urging all our drivers to ensure their standards are top class."

The competition runs until December 12. Passengers can nominate a driver by filling in a nomination available in taxis across the city.

At the launch U105 DJ, Carolyn Stewart (*pictured*), said: "Everyone knows that taxi drivers are some of our city's most colourful characters and we want them to take pride in the fact that they can be brilliant ambassadors for Belfast."

