



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Professor Terence Dooley
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Dear Prof. Dooley,

May I send my very best wishes to all in the Department of History in Maynooth University as you mark the 70th anniversary of your esteemed institution. Tréaslaím libh.

For the past seven decades, your department has consistently played a pivotal role in advancing historical research, preserving our cultural heritage, and nurturing the academic curiosity of countless citizens. Through your years of excellence in teaching, research and publication, you have illuminated the past, providing us with the insights necessary to navigate the intricacies of the present and the challenges of the future in an ever more interconnected and uncertain society, empowering students in the pursuit of understanding of our world to become informed and engaged citizens.

The Department of History has evolved significantly since its inception, now offering as it does a diverse range of programmes, courses and levels of qualifications. It has also made great strides in inclusivity, ensuring that those who are greatly under-represented on our campuses and in our lecture halls are afforded the opportunity to study there, their lived experiences enriching the skills which they generously offer back to the community.

It was a great pleasure during the summer to share a project with you, and eminent colleagues from the Department of History at Maynooth University, and so many up and coming historians who have trained in Maynooth, on a very important project commemorating the 1923 Land Act.

The department is renowned for its work in so many ground-breaking areas: as the home of Local History in Ireland, the creator of country house studies, your own excellent publication, being the leading exponents of military history and strategic studies, and it's ever increasing importance in the field of European History.

As staff and students mark this milestone anniversary, there can be no doubt you have much on which to reflect with great pride. The Department of History will, equally, undoubtedly continue to evolve, empowering future generations to shape a more equitable and inclusive society. Your work is a testament to the enduring power of education and the profound impact it can have on society.

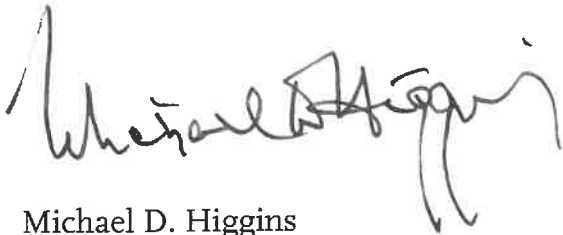
May I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire department, its faculty, staff, and students, on this significant occasion. May the next 70 years be filled with even greater achievements and contributions to our understanding of the past.

Beir beannacht.

Yours sincerely,

Warmest personal regards,

Beir Beannacht Don' Cúchulainn



Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
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