

President Catherine Connolly,
Áras an Uachtaráin,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8.

11 November 2025

A Uachtaráin, a chara,

On behalf of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO), the oldest and largest education union on the island of Ireland, and our members in schools North and South, I wish to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your inauguration as the tenth President of Ireland.

Your election as the first citizen of Ireland marks an historic and hopeful moment for our island. We know that your lifelong dedication to education, equality, and community will bring a deep empathy and wisdom to the office of Uachtarán na hÉireann. As a champion of lifelong learning, we are confident that you will use your presidency to promote and protect education in all its forms, especially primary and special education, which lay the foundation for every child's future.

The INTO and the wider trade union movement greatly welcome your stated commitment to making equality, inclusion, and the empowerment of every voice central to your presidency. These values are shared deeply within our movement. We take particular pride in your consistent advocacy for social justice, for housing as a human right, and for a renewed national pride in our language and culture. Your dedication to global peace, in an era so often marked by conflict and genocide, stands as a beacon of moral leadership.

We were delighted by your decision to meet with pupils from Francis Street School in Dublin's Liberties at your inauguration today. We also wish you every success on your first official school visit tomorrow to Gaelscoil Inse Chór. Our members look forward to welcoming you to primary and special schools throughout the country in the months and years ahead.

No doubt when planning such visits, you will consider schools big and small, rural and urban including special schools, where remarkable work is being done every day by dedicated staff and vibrant school communities.

We wish you every success as you begin your tenure as Uachtarán na hÉireann.

Le mór-mheas agus gach dea-ghuí,



John Boyle
General Secretary
Irish National Teachers' Organisation