

## 2018 Presidential Distinguished Service Awards

Nominations are now open for this year's Presidential Distinguished Service Award. Established in 2012, this award provides recognition by the Irish State for sustained and distinguished service given to this country or to Irish communities abroad by those who live outside Ireland. The award is not an honours system and will not confer any legal entitlements or benefits upon the recipients.

The award is given to ten individuals in the following areas of achievement:

- Irish Community Support
- Arts, Culture and Sport
- Charitable Works
- Business and Education
- Peace, Reconciliation and Development
- Science, Technology and Innovation

To make a nomination for an individual resident in the UK, complete [this form](#) and submit it to [gerry.doherty@dfa.ie](mailto:gerry.doherty@dfa.ie) or by post to **Gerry Doherty, Embassy of Ireland, 17 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7HR**. Please ensure that the form includes: the **area of achievement** under which the nomination is being made; **details of the contribution** made by the nominee to Ireland, Irish communities abroad and Ireland's international reputation; and **two supporting letters**.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is **Monday 7 May 2018**. The successful nominees will be announced in September 2018. Due to the high calibre of nominations received, all 2017 nominees will be automatically re-nominated for 2018.



*The 2017 awardees with President Higgins and the Tánaiste Simon Coveney.*