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Message from President Catherine Connolly
County Clare - Volunteering Capital of Europe 2027
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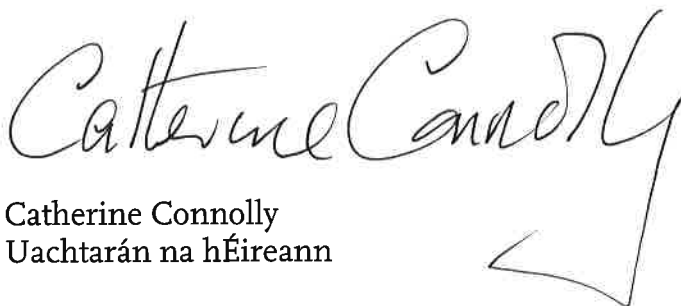
Tá áthas orm mo chomhghairdeas a sheoladh do mhuintir Chontae an Chláir as bhur ainmniú mar Phríomhchathair na hEorpa don Dheonachas do 2027.

With over 360 community and voluntary groups across the county, this honour is a well-deserved recognition of the deep well of community spirit that has long defined Clare, visible in your sports clubs and cultural groups, in your youth projects, in your caring networks that look after the most vulnerable, and in the countless quiet acts of kindness that knit communities together.

I wish to acknowledge the dedication of all who champion volunteering in the county, the many wonderful community groups, leaders, organisations and individuals of all ages who give so freely and generously of their time and talents. Your work reflects the very best values of Ireland, those of inclusion, diversity, empowerment, care and kindness.

May this recognition for 2027 serve both as a celebration of all that you have achieved and as an encouragement for what is yet to come.

Guím gach rath oraibh agus sibh ag leanúint ar aghaidh leis an obair mhaith.



Catherine Connolly
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