



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN

PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

**Message from President Catherine Connolly**  
**Athenry AC – St. Stephen's Day 10k Run**

26 December 2025

A chairde,

Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann, tá áthas orm mo dhea-ghuí a sheoladh do gach duine atá ag glacadh páirt san rith 10km ar Lá Fhéile Stiofáin i mBaile Átha an Rí AC.

This annual gathering is a fine example of community in action, people coming together at Christmas time to celebrate health, solidarity and the simple joy of shared endeavour.

Athenry AC embodies that wonderful ethos of active participation and inclusion, providing opportunities for participation across all ages and abilities, and strengthening the social fabric of the local community.

I send my best wishes to everyone taking part today and thank the dedication of those who organise, volunteer, steward and support, the many people whose work makes this event possible year after year.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh rith sábháilte agus taitneamhach agaibh go léir.

Catherine Connolly

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