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Message from the Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny T.D.

I am delighted to extend my best wishes to the Irish Georgian Society at the initiation of the ambitious project to refurbish the City Assembly House, on Dublin's South William Street.

The Society's plan to restore to daily use this unique and very fine 18th century Georgian public building is inspirational and points to what can be achieved even in the most testing of economic times. The Society is to be commended on undertaking the project in partnership with Dublin City Council and garnering such generous assistance from its US-based supporters in particular, a great achievement itself at this time.

The Society's plan to make its home in the City Assembly House will, no doubt, help ensure delivery of its vision to foster this great space as a renewed meeting place in the city. Such spaces are vital for expanding access to and awareness of the arts and education. But they have an even wider value as places where we can all meet, exchange ideas, and explore and plan our future possibilities informed and inspired by our often great past achievements.



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My colleague Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht shares my enthusiasm for this project and he plans to participate in the Society's June event to publicly announce details of the project. Projects, such as this one, help secure a relevant, robust and sustainable future for that invaluable inheritance, our shared birthright.

Beir bua!

Enda Kenny, T.D.,

Taoiseach