

News release from the Environmental Health Association of Ireland

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Mighty Micheál! Micheál Martin to receive the Excellence Award for his Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Environmental Health.

This Friday, members of the EHAI (the Environmental Health Association of Ireland) will unite to present Micheál Martin with the Excellence Award for his Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Environmental Health. It will be awarded for the courage and perseverance shown by the Mr. Martin for his part in the implantation of the smoking ban of 2004 in the face of strong political opposition. The chairman of the association Caitriona Stack had this to say:

'When Mr. Martin undertook to ban smoking in the workplace, it was impossible to predict the personal and professional ramifications, but he remained true to his beliefs. Nine years on the significance of this ban on the health of Irish people cannot be ignored.'

It certainly is impossible to ignore it in the face of numerous studies demonstrating the advantages to the health of the Irish population. One study alone published in April of this year in the American online scientific journal, Plos One, reveals that as many as 4,000 lives have since been saved in Ireland since the introduction of the ban.

The EHAI celebrate a healthier Ireland and the continued success of the smoking ban with Micheál Martin this Friday in the Clarion Hotel at 11.00am.



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