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PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

I want to extend the warmest welcome to those leaders in the arts, sciences and politics who are here in Dublin for this forum.

I know they bring with them to our city - as the title of this conference suggests - not just their leadership in their chosen fields, but the new perspective which women are bringing to leadership itself.

They are altering perceptions of power by a vision of consensus; they are eliciting participation rather than compliance. I know that the creative debate which has been fostered by this change will be extended during this conference.

President of Ireland