

Taoiseach meets new Agency overseeing development of Grangegorman educational campus

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The Taoiseach **Bertie Ahern T.D** and the Minister for Education and Science **Mary Hanafin, T.D.**, met with the members of the Grangegorman Development Agency in advance of their first meeting in Government Buildings today.

Set up under the Grangegorman Development Agency Act 2005 the general aim of the Agency is to oversee the development of the lands at Grangegorman on behalf of the Departments of Education and Science, Health and Children, Dublin Institute of Technology and the Health Services Executive. Grangegorman is a unique site and is of strategic importance in the context of Dublin as a whole.

The Taoiseach said, "Moving the DIT to one site will transform Ireland's largest third level institution. It will also transform the surrounding areas of the North Inner City. Located very near the rejuvenated Smithfield and immediately adjoining Broadstone train station which will be reopened as part of Transport 21, DIT in Grangegorman will be connected by LUAS and by train to a broad hinterland of population.

DIT's contribution to education and to continuing education in particular is an important building block not only for the immediate area but for people at every stage of life throughout the Greater Dublin area. I wish the Grangegorman Development Agency, DIT and the local community well on what will be a transforming journey for all over the coming years."

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