



MARY MCALEESE

Mary McAleese is an Irish politician and second female president of Ireland. She served as Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology, and Penology at Trinity College in Dublin, and has also worked as a journalist and an announcer for the national Irish television service. She won her presidency by a record amount and left office in 2011 as one of the most respected presidents in Ireland.



Selected Quotations

- "I loved University life so much that I stayed in it from the age of eighteen to forty-five and was only amputated from it by election to the Presidency. In behind all the papers and exams, the pressure and the midnight oil, which believe it or not are common to both staff and students, there is a way of life so unique, so full of adventure that I feel a mixture of both nostalgia and envy as I reflect on what life must be like as part of the community that is the University of Delaware."
- "I began studying law in 1969, not exactly the dawn of the Ice Age, but a time when females constituted around 10% of the students in Law Schools. Today they considerably outnumber male law students, just one visible, outward sign of a remarkable revolution in attitudes and expectations."
- "That past is still within our living memory, a time when neighbour helped neighbour, sharing what little they had out of necessity, as well as decency."



Online Materials:

- [Reeling in the Years | Mary McAleese speaking during the visit of Queen Elizabeth in \(2011\)](#)
- ["Don't suffer alone" - Former President Mary McAleese | The Late Late Show | RTÉ One \(2020\)](#)

Further reading

- Here's the Story: A Memoir (2020)
- People leaving Church in 'droves' warns McAleese (2020)
- Former president of Ireland tells pope to develop 'credible strategy' for women's inclusion (2018)