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GALLERY | LAUNCH OF TAKING HEAVEN LIGHTLY

Heaven on earth

Renowned artist Róisín Fitzpatrick recently launched her debut book, *Taking Heaven Lightly* at The Westbury Hotel, Dublin, with special guests including US Ambassador Kevin O'Malley.

Launched on January 20th by Laurence Crowley CBE and former Governor of the Bank of Ireland, Róisín Fitzpatrick's debut book - *Taking Heaven Lightly* - tackles her remarkable near death experience in 2004, when she suffered a life-threatening brain haemorrhage.

While being treated in Beaumont Hospital, Fitzpatrick says she 'felt herself being drawn out of her body and enveloped in a radiant light'.

Luckily, she was to make a full recovery, but was so changed by her experiences that she decided to integrate it into her daily experience.

Since then, Fitzpatrick has become an internationally successful visual artist using glass as her medium, and has exhibited her work on both sides of the Atlantic.

Special guests present at the launch of *Taking Heaven Lightly* included US Ambassador, Kevin O'Malley

along with noted personalities from the business and cultural world, including Christy O'Connor Jnr; Bill Whelan; Jonathan Irwin; Irish actor Sean Mahon; Niall Burgess, secretary general of the Department of Foreign Affairs; Pat Fitzgerald, president of the IRFU; Alasdair McDonnell, leader of the SDLP; Tim O'Connor, founder of Connect Ireland; Sharon Foley, CEO of the Irish Hospice Foundation; and many more. ■



Róisín Fitzpatrick at the launch of her book *Taking Heaven Lightly*



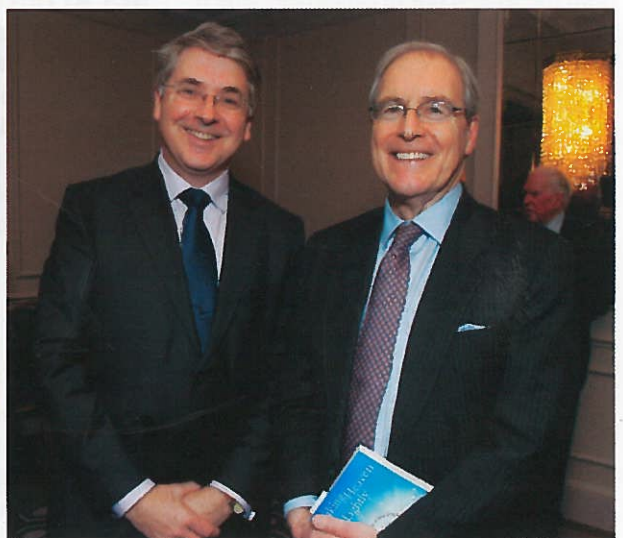
Sharon Plunkett, Ciara Considine, Breda Purdue and Joanna Smyth



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Niall Burgess, Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs; and Kevin O'Malley, US Ambassador to Ireland