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**8th International Disability Law Summer School at NUI Galway**

Senator Tom Harkin who served 30 years in the US Senate, and 10 years before that in the House of Representatives, is a long term friend of Marian’s. They met up again at the 8th International Disability Law Summer School at NUI Galway. Organised by Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Laws and Policy at NUIG the Summer School was attended by delegates from 47 countries.

Disability Rights enshrined in law around the world used the template of the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act for their legislation. The main sponsor of the Act was Senator Harkin whose ancestry is in Donegal. He was keynote speaker at the opening of the 8th Annual International Disability Law Summer School in NUI Galway which was attended by delegates from 47 countries.

Senator Harkin is pictured (on left) with speaker Marian and Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway School of Law.

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