

# JIM GAVIN FOR PRESIDENT.



## WHY JIM GAVIN SHOULD BE OUR PRESIDENT?.

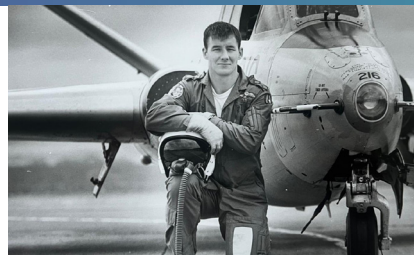
- Jim Gavin embodies the leadership Ireland needs in a President. A lifetime of service to the Irish people has defined his career.
- Jim's life reflects a consistent pattern: service to the State, bringing people together, and delivering results with integrity. Whether in the cockpit, the dressing room, the community, or the international arena, he has proven himself a calm, effective leader with a clear vision for Ireland's place in the world.
- He is a proven leader, a skilled organiser, and a unifier – someone with the vision and experience to bring people together at home and to represent us with pride and authority on the world stage.
- With his determination, drive, and tireless energy, Jim Gavin will be an active, hands-on President – deeply connected to communities across Ireland and to our diaspora worldwide.



## WHO IS JIM GAVIN?.

- Born in Dublin in 1971 and raised in Clondalkin.
- Jim is married to Jennifer, and they have two children, Yasmin and Jude.
- Born in Dublin to parents from west Clare, he has spent his life in service – at home, abroad, and on the playing field.
- He is a decorated Defence Forces Commandant, a UN peacekeeper, and the most successful manager in GAA history. A unifier, a leader, and a man of action, he's known for his calm authority, relentless drive, and ability to bring people together to achieve extraordinary results.
- He spent 20 years in the Defence Forces, rising to the rank of Commandant and serving as a UN peacekeeper abroad.
- At home, he's best known as the most successful manager in GAA history, leading Dublin footballers to an unprecedented run of victories built on teamwork, discipline, and respect.
- Professionally, he now serves as Chief Operations Officer at the Irish Aviation Authority, ensuring the safety of Irish skies.
- Whether in the military, on the pitch, or in civilian life, his record shows leadership, calm under pressure, and a deep commitment to bringing people together for the common good.

**FOR AN ACTIVE, POSITIVE PRESIDENCY.**



## LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE STATE.

- Growing up near Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell, military aircraft flew over his head on a daily basis and from a young age, Jim harboured ambitions of becoming a pilot.
- His parents, Ann and Jimmy, nurtured that dream and Jim went on to join the Defence Forces at 18, later becoming a military pilot for Óglaigh na hÉireann, serving 20 years, and holding the senior rank of Commandant.
- He was a former Chief Flying Instructor, a Captain, and a Chief Pilot in the Ministerial Air Transport Squadron and served as Chief of Military Aviation with the United Nations multi-national peacekeeping force in the Central African Republic and Chad.
- In this role, Jim was the Chief of Military Aviation – the largest civil protection operation of the 21st century – where he commanded personnel from over 20 countries.
- These experiences gave him a deep understanding of international cooperation, humanitarian protection, and Ireland's unique role in promoting peace.
- In his professional life, Jim is Chief Operations Officer of the Irish Aviation Authority, where he oversees the safety and efficiency of Ireland's skies, working closely with international partners and regulators. His leadership ensures Ireland continues to be recognised worldwide for aviation excellence.
- He is a qualified commercial pilot and holds an Airline Pilot Transport Licence.



## SPORTING LIFE.

- Jim Gavin is widely regarded as one of the greatest Gaelic football managers of the modern era.
- Introduced to the game by his father, he honed his skills with his brothers in street leagues before winning six Cumann na mBunscoil finals for Clonburris Primary School.
- He went on to play for Round Towers and made his intercounty debut at sixteen, later enjoying a decade with the Dublin senior team, highlighted by the 1995 All-Ireland title.
- After retiring in 2002, Jim moved into coaching, guiding Dublin's U21s to two All-Ireland victories before becoming senior manager in 2012.
- Over seven years, his Dublin team achieved unprecedented success – winning 18 of 21 major trophies, including a record five consecutive All-Ireland titles and an extraordinary unbeaten run of 35 games.
- Beyond the pitch, Jim has contributed as chair of the GAA's Football Review Committee and remains deeply involved in grassroots GAA through Round Towers Clondalkin and Ballyboden St Enda's.
- His legacy is one of leadership, innovation, and fostering deep bonds between players, clubs, and communities.
- Beyond sport and the military, Jim has taken on important civic roles. He chaired the North East Inner City Taskforce, where he brought together local residents, government agencies, and community leaders to deliver real improvements in people's lives.
- He has also served with the Citizens' Assembly, further demonstrating his skill in fostering inclusive dialogue on complex national issues.
- Jim has also worked with Bóthar, an Irish charity which enables families and communities worldwide to overcome hunger and poverty through the provision of sustainable Irish livestock, such as Irish dairy cattle, goats and chickens.
- Jim got in contact with Bóthar shortly after the Dubs' three-in-a-row success and offered his support, taking time out from his day job to deliver livestock to impoverished families in Rwanda. Jim had spent time on the ground in Africa with the Defence Forces and saw the great work that they do there and wanted to get involved.
- Jim has been a patron for TOUCH Ireland, a voluntary charity providing educational, food and clothing support to children to enable them to learn. They have projects spanning Zambia, Cameroon, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal and Brazil.
- Jim also served as an ambassador for the Dublin Neurological Institute at The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. DNI is a Centre of Excellence for the care of patients with neurological disease including Parkinson's disease, stroke, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, headache, neuropathy, myopathy and muscular dystrophy.