

Michael Daniel Higgins, a man with humble background, poetry, intellect and short stature , who is the 9th President of the Republic of Ireland. And he is a politician, poet, sociologist, and broadcaster.

Higgins was born on 18 April 1941 in Limerick. His father, John Higgins, was a lieutenant of the Irish Republican Army. When he was 5 years old, his mother sent to his unmarried uncle's farm. And then he was educated at Ballycar National School, County Clare, and St. Flannan's College, Ennis. In 1967, Higgins graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with a Master of Arts degree in Sociology.

In 1969, Higgins met Sabina Coyne at a party in the family home of his friend. On Christmas 1973, Higgins proposed to Coyne. And they have four children. Higgins originally joined Fianna Fáil in UCG while a mature student, and he switched to the Labour Party shortly thereafter. In 1973, Higgins was a Labour candidate elections but he was unsuccessful on the occasion and he was appointed to the 13th Seanad Éireann. Then at the 1981 general election, he was first elected as a Labour Party TD. However, he was re-elected at the February 1982 election, and lost his seat. Then Higgins returned to the Dáil at the 1987 general election and held his seat until the 2011 general election. He was Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht from 1993 to 1997 and was the President of the Labour Party from 2003 until 2011. In September 2010, Higgins indicated that he was

interested in receiving the Labour Party's nomination for the 2011 presidential election. Therefore, Higgins was selected as candidate for the presidency at a special convention in Dublin on 19 June 2011. On 29 October 2011, two days after the presidential election was held, Higgins was declared the winner with a total of 1007104 votes. He was inaugurated as President of Ireland at Dublin Castle on 11 November 2011 giving a speech as part of the ceremony.

As well as having a successful political career, Higgins has had a career as a poet and broadcaster and has produced works of fiction. He has had poems published in a number of periodicals, as well as publishing several collections of his poetry. His latest book *An Arid Season* was published in 2004.

Though Michael Daniel Higgins stands 163 cm and was with humble background, and local satirists sometimes depict him as an elf, hobbit or leprechaun talking in riddles and verse, he is hardworking and modest. So He achieved his dream and won people's respect. Adversity makes a man wise, not rich.