Novartis Ireland is supporting #HoldFirm

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Novartis is delighted to be involved in the HSE's Covid-19 Health Communications Stakeholder Support group.

We are supporting #HoldFirm – the HSE's new campaign called HoldFirm. The HoldFirm campaign takes inspiration from the words of President Michael D Higgins, written in his 1993 poem, Take Care. Acknowledging the public's large efforts to keep frontline and essential workers safe by staying home.

Take Care

In the journey to the light,

the dark moments

should not threaten.

Belief

requires

that you hold steady.

Bend, if you will,

with the wind.

The tree is your teacher,

roots at once

more firm

from experience

in the soil

made fragile.

Your gentle dew will come

and a stirring

of power

to go on

towards the space

of sharing.

In the misery of the I,

in rage,

it is easy to cry out

against all others

but to weaken

is to die

in the misery of knowing

the journey abandoned

towards the sharing

of all human hope

and cries

is the loss

of all we know

of the divine

reclaimed for our shared humanity.

Hold firm.

Take care.

Come home

together.

Michael D Higgins

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