



## CSPE: Democracy

# Women in the Oireachtas

### Lesson plan

#### Learning intentions

At the end of this lesson students will

- Understand how women obtained the vote in 1918
- Describe and appreciate the contribution of one woman of their choice to Irish political life since 1919

#### Key skills

- Communicating
- Working with others
- Managing information and thinking

#### Resources

Vótáil 100

[www.oireachtas.ie/votail100](http://www.oireachtas.ie/votail100)

Irish Women's Parliamentary  
Caucus

[www.oireachtas.ie/womens-caucus](http://www.oireachtas.ie/womens-caucus)

Inter-Parliamentary Union

[www.ipu.org/our-impact/gender-equality](http://www.ipu.org/our-impact/gender-equality)

World Economic Forum

[www.weforum.org/reports/gender-gap-2020-report-100-years-pay-equality](http://www.weforum.org/reports/gender-gap-2020-report-100-years-pay-equality)

UN Women

[www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/multimedia/2020/2/infographic-visualizing-the-data-womens-representation](http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/multimedia/2020/2/infographic-visualizing-the-data-womens-representation)



## Introduction

Ask students to guess how many of the **160** seats in the Dáil were won by women after the 2020 general election. You could give multi-choice options: 36, 56 or 76.

Explain that the answer is **36** or **22.5%** of the seats available.

Ask if anyone is surprised by this or is it what they had expected.

## Development

Show the slide show [Women in the Oireachtas](#). The concluding activity to the lesson is contained in the presentation.

## Conclusion

Use the resources to lead a further discussion on women's participation in public life.