



In our own words

Worksheet

Watch the documentary [In Our Own Words](#) and fill in this worksheet.

1	How does the appearance of the Dáil Chamber illustrate the lack of women in politics according to the TDs in the introduction to the video?
2	Who were the two women who stood in the 1918 general election in Ireland? 1. 2.
3	According to Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, who was to blame for the failure of the four independent women candidates to be elected to the Dáil in the 1943 general election? 1. 2.
4	In Mary Robinson's inaugural address as auditor of the Trinity College Law Society, what did she propose? 1. 2. 3. 4.
5	According to Ivana Bacik, what is the strength of Seanad Éireann?

6	In what year did the event known as the “pill train” take place?	
7	What was Máire Geoghegan Quinn’s reaction when the then Taoiseach, Charles Haughey, asked her to be a Cabinet Minister in 1979?	
8	What was Mary O’Rourke’s reaction when the then Fianna Fáil party leader asked her to be spokesperson on women’s affairs?	
9	In what year did Mary Robinson become President of Ireland?	
10	What does Frances Fitzgerald say first got her involved in politics?	
11	Based on the statements by the politicians in the film, list some of the advantages and disadvantages of being a politician.	
	Advantages	Disadvantages

Extension activities	
a	<p>Research one of the women involved in Irish politics around the time of the foundation of the State mentioned in the film.</p> <p>Countess Markievicz ~ Hanna Sheehy Skeffington ~ Winifred Carney ~ Kathleen Lynn</p>
b	Research one of the politicians interviewed in the film.

References

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