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Crowd gathered outside Earlsfort Terrace during the Treaty Debates
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Teachtaireacht ón gCeann Comhairle

A Mhaca léinn, a mhúinteoirí agus a aíonna,

Cuireann sé áthas mór orm fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir i dTeach Laighean inniu chun aitheantas a thabhairt don éacht suntasach atá déanta agaibh mar bhuaiteoirí inár gComórtas Aistí faoi na Díospóireachtaí ar an gConradh.

Ní hé amháin go raibh baint shuntasach ag na seachtainí sin de dhíospóireachtaí, i mí na Nollag 1921 agus mí Eanáir 1922, le stair Dháil Éireann ach bhí baint chinniúnach acu le stair na hÉireann mar Náisiún agus mar Stát.



Deirim leis na mic léinn gur léiriú í an obair atá déanta agaibhse, ó thaobh taighde agus cur i láthair maidir le roinnt de na focail a labhraíodh chomh dobrónach sin sna díospóireachtaí sin, go bhfuil an toradh a bhí ag na focail sin fós linn. Maith sibh as an obair sin, agus is é mo mhian gur fada buan bhur spéis san Oireachtas.

Dar ndóigh, bíonn ról fíorthábhachtach ag na múinteoirí ó thaobh cuidiú dúil san eolas a chothú sna daoine óga inár sochaí agus tá an fhianaise ar a dtiomantas mar oideachasóirí le feiscint go soiléir anseo inniu. As sin, deirim – Míle Buíochas. Go mbaine sibh taitneamh as an lá!

Mar fhocal scoir, gabhaim buíochas ó chroí leis na haíonna eile a raibh a dtacaíocht agus a gcomhairle, a cuireadh ar fáil ar feadh na slí do gach duine de na mic léinn, fíorluachmhar ó thaobh fhorbairt na mac léinn de. Níl sa lá inniu ach iarracht bheag aitheantas a thabhairt daoibh as an gcion luachmhar sin atá déanta agaibh.

Déanaim comhghairdeachas arís libh go léir agus iarraim oraibh taitneamh a bhaint as bhur lá i dTeach Laighean.

Message From The Ceann Comhairle

Dear students, teachers and guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Leinster House today to mark your significant achievement as one of the winners of our Treaty Debates Essay Competition.

Those particular weeks of debate, from December 1921 to January 1922 played a significant part in, not just Dáil history but, the history of Ireland as a Nation and a State.

To the students I say, your work in researching and presenting some of the words spoken so poignantly by those who delivered them shows that, one hundred years later, their impact still resonates. Well done on your work and my wish is that your interest in your Parliament will continue long into the future.

Of course, teachers play a crucial role in helping to foster a quest for knowledge in our young people and the evidence of their commitment as educators can clearly be seen here today. For this I say, Míle Buíochas, I hope you enjoy today.

Finally, a heartfelt "Thank you" to other guests whose support and advice, provided along the way to each student, has been invaluable to their development; today is just a small way of marking your valuable contribution.

Once again, I congratulate you all and please, enjoy your day in Leinster House.



Seán Ó Fearghail

Buaiteoir Iomlán

Grace Nic Cormaic (Múinteoir Seán Ó Mairtín) Is dalta Idirbhliana í Grace i gColáiste Oiriall i Muineachán. Scríobh sí aiste faoi Art Ó Gríobhtha agus ceann de na fáthanna a bheartaigh sí a scríobh faoi ná go bhfuil an ceantar ina bhfuil a seantuismitheoirí ainmnithe ina dhiaidh. Thug sí cuntas an-soiléir ar a spriocanna taighde agus bhain sí úsáid an-mhaith as foinsí ábhartha. Rinne Grace cur síos iontach ar ról Ó Gríobhtha i nDíospóireachtaí an Chonartha agus rinne sí achoimre an-soiléir agus beacht ar a tionscadal.

Overall Winner

Grace Nic Cormaic (Teacher Seán Ó Mairtín) Grace is a Transition Year student in Coláiste Oiriall in Monaghan. She wrote her essay on Arthur Griffith and one of the reasons she decided to write about him was because the area where her grandparents live is named after him. She outlined her research goals very clearly and made very good use of relevant sources. She did an excellent job on describing Griffiths' role in the Treaty Debates and summarised her project in a very clear and concise manner.



An Úsáid is Fearr as Foinsí

Emily Walsh (Múinteoir Monica Murphy) Is mac léinn í Emily i Meánscoil na Toirbhearta Oileán Ciarraí i gCiarraí, agus chruthaigh sí cur i láthair Powerpoint an-suimiúil ar TD áitiúil de chuid Chiarraí, Aibhistín ó Stac. Go háirithe, bhí an úsáid a bhain sí as foinsí an-soiléir. Ní hamháin gur úsáid sí foinsí áitiúla chun tacú le pointí a dhéanamh trí úsáid a bhaint as chuid de thaifid oifigiúla Dhíospóireacht an Chonartha, dhear sí cóid QR go cliste ionas go bhféadfadh aon duine a léann an aighneacht rochtain a fháil go tapa agus go héasca ar na doiciméid ábhartha.

Best Use Of Sources

Emily Walsh (Teacher Monica Murphy) Emily is a student at Presentation Secondary School Castleisland in Kerry, and she developed a very interesting Powerpoint presentation on a local Kerry TD, Austin Stack. In particular her use of sources was very clear. Not only did she use local sources to support points made by using parts of the official Treaty Debate records she cleverly designed QR codes so that anyone reading the submission could quickly and easily access the relevant documents.



Ulaidh Sinsearach

Thomas Cannon (Múinteoir Kieran McTaggart) Is mac léinn sa chúigiú bliain é Thomas i bPobalscoil Loreto i mBaile na nGallóglach, Co. Dhún na nGall agus scríobh sé aiste ar ionchur beirt Teachtaí Dála áitiúla i nDíospóireachtaí an Chonartha: Joseph O'Doherty agus Peter Joseph Ward . Chuir a haiste cuntas an-chothrom ar na cinntí a bhí le sárú, agus a rinne, ag an dá thaobh sa díospóireacht.

Ulster Senior

Thomas Cannon (Teacher Kieran McTaggart) Thomas is a fifth-year student in Loreto Community School in Milford Co. Donegal and wrote his essay on the input of two local TDs to the Treaty Debates: Joseph O'Doherty and Peter Joseph Ward. His essay presented a very balanced account of the decisions which were faced and made by both sides in the debate.



Uladh Sóisear

Saoirse McAree (Múinteoir Joanne McEntee) Is mac léinn dara bliana í Saoirse i gColáiste Chnoc na Feá i mBaile Mhuineacháin agus scríobh sí aiste ar an TD áitiúil Seán MacEntee. Léirigh a aiste go leor taighde agus thug sí cuntas an-chruinn ar an ról a bhí aige sna Díospóireachtaí.

Ulster Junior

Saoirse McAree (Teacher Joanne McEntee) Saoirse is a second-year student in Beech Hill College in Monaghan Town and wrote her essay on local TD Seán MacEntee. Her essay showed a huge amount of research and she presented a very thorough account of the role he played in the Debates.



Connacht Sinsearach

Michael Moran (Múinteoir Rosie Reale) Is mac léinn Idirbhliana é Michael i CBS Ros Comáin. Scríobh sé aiste ar an TD áitiúil Daniel O'Rourke. Thug Michael cuntas an-mhionsonraithe ar an Teachta a bhí toghadh chun an Seanad níos déanaí agus ba é dhuine an-suimiúil chun taighde a dhéanamh air. Sa ghrianghraf freisin tá Leas-Phríomhoide CBS Ros Comáin, Francis Ferguson.

Connacht Senior

Michael Moran (Teacher Rosie Reale) Michael is a Transition Year student in Roscommon CBS. He wrote his essay on local TD Daniel O'Rourke. Michael gave a very detailed account of the Deputy who later went on to serve in the Seanad and so was a very interesting individual to research. Also in the photo is Roscommon CBS Deputy Principal Francis Ferguson.



months from the date hereof.

No. This instrument shall be submitted forthwith by His Majesty's Government for the approval of Parliament and by the Irish Legislature to a meeting summoned for the purpose of the measure directed to sit in the House of Commons of Northern Ireland, and if approved shall be ratified by the necessary legislation.

Recd 6th Apr.

*In Chief of the Irish
Chief of Legation,
St. Peter Street,
Dublin.*

Bakerhead.

*On Chief of the Irish
Legation
Apr 8th 1904.
Michael O'Connell
Richard Copleman
C. D. Sullivan
Thompson - Wilson.*

Wm. H. W. W. W. W.

L. M. H. M. H. M.

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G. M. H. M. H. M.



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Baile Átha Cliath Sinsearach

Isobel Murphy (Múinteoir Anne Marie Ryan) Is mac léinn Idirbhliana í Isobel i gColáiste Loreto, Baile Brígin agus scríobh sí cuntas iontach ar an ról a bhí ag an Dr Ada English, ní hamháin i nDiospóireachtaí an Chonartha ach ról na mBan sa pholaitíocht a chur chun cinn freisin. Bhí a stíl láithreoireachta ar fheabhas, agus léirigh Isobel freisin a suim i dtaighde trí theagmháil a dhéanamh le Comhaltaí reatha chun a dtuairimí a fháil ar rannpháirtíocht na mBan sa pholaitíocht. Sa ghrianghraf freisin tá Ann Marie McDonough, príomhoide, Loreto Balbriggan.

Dublin Senior

Isobel Murphy (Teacher Anne Marie Ryan) Isobel is a Transition Year student in Loreto College Balbriggan and wrote an excellent account of the role played by Dr Ada English in not just the Treaty Debates but in promoting the role of Women in politics. Her presentation style was excellent, and Isobel also showed her interest in research by contacting current Members to get their views on the involvement of Women in politics. Also in the photo is Ann Marie McDonough, principal, Loreto Balbriggan.



Baile Átha Cliath Sóisear

Niamh Kinsella (Múinteoir Laura Higgins) Is mac léinn tríú bliana í Niamh i gColáiste Pobail na Ciseoige agus rinne sí aiste ar Harry Boland. Chomh maith le sracfhéachaint an-suimiúil a thabhairt ar a chúlra, rinne Niamh sár-iarracht chun na foinsí a d'úsáid sí san aiste a measú.

Dublin Junior

Niamh Kinsella (Teacher Laura Higgins) Niamh is a third-year student in Kishoge Community College and did her essay on Harry Boland. As well as providing a very interesting look at his background life Niamh did an excellent job of evaluating the sources which she used when writing her essay.



Mumhan Sinsearach

Bridgin O'Donnell (Múinteoir Mary Walsh Foley) Is mac léinn Idirbhliana í Bridgin i gColáiste Mhainistir na Féile, agus rinne sí a tionscadal taighde ar TD áitiúil ag an am M.P. Colivet. Bhain sí úsáid an-mhaith as an nasc áitiúil seo agus déan sí chomhcheangail maith idir scileanna scríbhneoireachta agus acmhainní suimiúla agus ábhartha. Sa ghrianghraf freisin tá Joan Collins Leas-Phríomhoide.

Munster Senior

Bridgin O'Donnell (Teacher Mary Walsh Foley) Bridgin is a TY student in Abbeyfeale College, and she did her research project on local TD at the time M.P. Colivet. She made very good use of this local link and combined very good writing skills with interesting and relevant resources. Also in the photo is Joan Collins Deputy Principal.



Mumhan Sóisear

Saoirse Barrett (Múinteoir Elaine Healy Rae) Is mac léinn céad bliana í Saoirse i gColáiste Loreto, Mainistir Fhear Maí agus scríobh sí aiste ar Mhicheál Ó Coileáin. Dhírigh sí go háirithe ar na hidirghníomhaíochtaí idir Collins agus Eamon De Valera agus mar a d'athraigh a gcaidreamh le himeacht ama. Bhain sí úsáid mhaith as suíomh idirlín an Oireachtais chun taighde a dhéanamh ar na Díospóireachtaí agus rinne sí roinnt pointí suimiúla ina haiste.

Munster Junior

Saoirse Barrett (Teacher Elaine Healy Rae) Saoirse is a first-year student in Loreto College Fermoy and wrote her essay on Michael Collins. In particular she focused on the interactions between Collins and Eamon De Valera and how their relationship changed over time. She made good use of the Oireachtas website to research the Debates and made some interesting points throughout her essay.



Laighean Sinsearach

Daithi Murnane (Múinteoir Ian Bright) Is dalta sa 5ú bliain i bPobalscoil Chill Droichid é Daithi. Scríobh Daithi a haiste i nGaeilge agus labhair sé faoin ról a bhí ag Cathal Brugha i nDíospóireachtaí an Chonartha. Rud a bhí an-suimiúil ina aiste ná an taighde a rinne sé, fiú ag dul chomh fada le hagallamh a chur ar garmhac Cathal Brughas. Aiste den scoth, a léirigh cur chuige an-bhunúsach maidir le taighde a dhéanamh ar thopaic dheacair i stair na hÉireann.

Leinster Senior

Daithi Murnane (Teacher Ian Bright) Daithi is a 5th year student in Celbridge Community School. Daithi wrote his essay in Irish and talked about the role of Cathal Brugha in the Treaty Debates. What was particularly interesting about his essay was the research he put in, even going as far as interviewing Cathal Brughas' grandson. This was an excellent essay which showed a very original approach to researching a difficult topic in Irish history.



Laighean Sóisearach

Sarah Jane O'Neill (Múinteoir Michael Maher) Is mac léinn tríú bliana í Sarah Jane i gColáiste Pobail Naomh Caoimhín, Dún Luáin agus scríobh sí aiste ar Countess Markievicz. Chomh maith le bheith ag scríobh faoi Dhíospóireachtaí an Chonartha chuimsigh Sarah Jane alt an-suimiúil faoi Markievicz agus an méid a chuir sí le Mná na hÉireann agus an saincheadúnais ó Mhárta 1922. Thug sé seo léargas eile ar na hidéil ar sheas Markievicz dóibh.

Leinster Junior

Sarah Jane O'Neill (Teacher Michael Maher) Sarah Jane is a third-year student in St Kevins Community College Dunlavin and wrote her essay on Countess Markievicz. As well as writing about the Treaty Debates Sarah Jane also included a very interesting paragraph about Markievicz and her contribution to Irish Women and the franchise from March 1922. This gave another insight into the ideals that Markievicz stood for.



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Michael Collins arriving at Earlsfort Terrace
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Arthur Griffith arriving at Earlsfort Terrace
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