



Tithe an
Oireachtais
Houses of the
Oireachtas

Lesson Plan: International Women's Day 2018

Junior Cert/Cycle CSPE: A lesson to mark International Womens' Day 2018 with particular emphasis on the Houses of the Oireachtas

Learning intentions

At the end of this lesson students will

1. Understand how women obtained the vote in 1918
2. 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

Introduction

To help introduce students to the upcoming activity, ask them to guess how many of the 158 seats in the Dáil were won by women after the 2016 general election? Perhaps give the students a choice of 35, 55 or 65. Explain that the answer is 35 or 22% of the seats available. Ask is anyone surprised by this or is it what they had expected.

Development

Deliver the PowerPoint presentation on the changing role of women in the Houses of the Oireachtas since 1919. The concluding activity to the lesson is contained in the presentation. There are plenty resources contained above which can promote further discussion.

Resources

Infographic: Women in Parliament – Percentage of women and men elected to Dáil Éireann 1918-2018

https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/libraryResearch/2018/2018-01-24_women-in-parliament-infographic-1_en.pdf

Infographic: Women in Parliament – Total Members elected 1918-2018 by gender

https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/libraryResearch/2018/2018-01-24_women-in-parliament-infographic-2_en.pdf

Infographic: Women in Parliament – Impact of gender quotas (election to Dáil Éireann)

https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/libraryResearch/2018/2018-01-24_women-in-parliament-infographic-3_en.pdf

Leaflet: 100 years of “votes for women”

https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/communications/education/2018/2018-01-24_leaflet-100-years-of-votes-for-women_en.pdf

UN Women: Women in Politics 2017

http://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2017/femmesenpolitique_2017_english_web.pdf?l_a=en&vs=1123

Where Women Work: Global Gender Gap Report

<https://www.wherewomenwork.com/Career/640/Global-Gender-Gap-WorldEconomicForum>

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/visit-and-learn/votail-100/>