

Discovering Women in Irish History

Discovering Women in Irish History is a programme designed to make the history of women in Ireland more accessible, interesting and attractive to Transition Year and other Senior Cycle students in post-primary schools in Ireland. It comprises a handbook, website and CD-ROM.

HANDBOOK

The handbook is an introduction to the programme. It contains a selection of lessons on the theme of women in Irish history. It is really intended to be used in conjunction with the website or CD-ROM, but may be used separately, as some of the material is duplicated.

WEBSITE

All the material from the handbook has been made available online at the following address:
www.scoilnet.ie/womeninhistory

CD-ROM

The CD-ROM considers women in Irish history under the following headings:

- * **Early & medieval**
- * **Early modern**
- * **Later modern**
- * **Education**
- * **Vote**
- * **Independent Ireland**

Timelines and biographies are provided also. Each section contains overviews and summaries of research to date on the topic of women in Irish history. The questions that follow cater for a wide variety of approaches and abilities.

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