

Proclamation

For A New Generation

Irishwomen and Irishmen, both by blood and citizenship: we as the people of Ireland should have immense pride in our country and acknowledge the troubled journey it has endeavoured to arrive at the country it has become. The Irish republic guarantees religious and civil liberties, equal rights and equal opportunities to all citizens despite sexual orientation, gender, age, ethnicity, race or class.

We must marvel in our freedom acknowledging the struggle of our ancestors for independence both through peaceful and violent means. All those who died as a result of this long struggle either willingly or unwillingly must never be forgotten. Our history has shaped who we are today. We enter this Ireland with new cultures and ideology. Our common ground is our hunger for a shared national identity. We as the people of Ireland shall work harmoniously as one, building on the work of the previous proclamation of 1916.

We believe being Irish is much more than being born in Ireland. We believe if you choose to live in our great nation and accept our culture and laws then you are Irish. That said all contributions from other inward cultures are readily embraced. It is important that we maintain the resources of our country for generations to come. Ireland's ancestry of agricultural wealth has played a significant part in the growth of a great nation. We are of the soil, and to the soil we shall return.

Nevertheless all the people of Ireland including those in private and public office have a duty to look after the vulnerable sections of society; the young, the old, the sick, the poor, the homeless, those with disabilities. One hundred years later we are still striving to cherish all the children of our nation equally. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.