

Irish women



“Pickhandle **Mary**” **Fitzgerald** (Wexford-South Africa)

Mary Lee (Monaghan- Australia)

Leonora Barry (from Cork farming family – Chicago, USA)

Rosie Hackett amongst 11 most amazing Irish women from “Think Business”:

<https://www.thinkbusiness.ie/articles/11-of-the-most-amazing-irish-women/>

Ettie Steinberg, Veronica Guerin - 2 of 9 inspirational women, from business webpage

Claddagh Design: <https://www.claddaghdesign.com/ireland/9-irish-women-you-should-know-about/>

Margaret Sanger, the original *Wonder Woman* and one of “The five most famous Irish women you've never heard of”, from the Irish Independent:

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/the-five-most-famous-irish-women-youve-never-heard-of-including-the-lady-who-coined-the-term-birth-control-36411894.html>

Margaret O’Carroll (Offaly, d. 1451) medieval road and bridge builder, patron of the arts and, a queen to boot. Amongst 25 fearless women who helped shape today’s Ireland from the *Irish Times*: <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/25-fearless-women-who-helped-shape-today-s-ireland-1.3406499>

Caitlín Ní Uallacháin, the mythological figure representing Ireland, famed in past postal stamps and punt notes, (in English *Cathleen Ni Houlihan*).

The equally mythological **Sean-Bhean bhocht** and its personification in Lady Augustus Gregory’s play **Cathleen Ni Houlihan**.

The **Aisling** poetic genre or vision poem, where Ireland appears in the form of a woman: sometimes young and beautiful, sometimes old and haggard. This female figure is generally referred to in the poems as a [Spéirbhean](#) (heavenly woman).

18th century poem **Mna na h’Eireann*** of the Aisling genre - Ireland as a generous, beautiful woman suffering the depredations of a foreign master on her land, her cattle, or herself, and which demands Irishmen to defend her, or ponders why they fail to do so.

Mary Elmes – recently inaugurated pedestrian bridge named after her in Cork city.

Artist Frances Kelly (Louth). “She held four ‘one-man’ shows at the Dawson gallery” (!). one of a list* of 24 Irish female artists.

Edith Anne Stoney (1869, Dublin) the first woman medical physicist. When working in London at the Royal Free Hospital, she actively supported the women's suffrage movement. One of a list* of Irish scientists.

Surfer **Easkey Britton** (Donegal). One of a list of 7 Irish sportswomen from Redbull:
<https://www.redbull.com/ie-en/female-irish-adventurers>

*Lists available on request. Also available on request are the 22 April 1969 **Bernadette Devlin's** (shortened) maiden speech as the youngest MP in the British Houses of Parliament and a translation of Peadar Ó Doirín's **Mna na h'Éireann**.

*There's a woman in Ireland who'd give me precious stones and my fill to drink,
There's a woman in Ireland to whom my singing is sweeter than the music of strings
There's a woman in Ireland who would much prefer me leaping
Than laid in the clay and my belly under the sod*

There's a woman in Ireland who'd be jealous if I got one kiss from someone else...

*There's a woman who would say that if I walked with her I'd get the gold
And I see no cure for my disease but to give up (to) the drink*