



Youth Connect History Programme

Free programme delivered by trained Youth Connect Champions (all graduate teachers) as part of our 'Working World' series, available in 6 regions around the country.

"The 1913 Lockout & struggle for Decent Work"

Interactive lesson for second-level history students exploring key players in the 1913 Lockout, the social history of Ireland in the early 20th century, the impact of the Lockout and an exploration of the 'Decent Work' concept.



Our teaching resource contains 14 lessons, 4 handouts and 14 worksheets. It is designed with clear teaching objectives to encourage the development of investigative, research and analytical skills. The module includes a set of high quality black & white photo cards depicting living conditions of the time.

Syllabus links

Junior Cycle

'Political Developments in Ireland in the late 19th and 20th Centuries'

The 'Lockout 1913' module and lesson offers students an in-depth look at the course of the Lockout and a strong chronological perspective of the event. We also highlight it as part of a wider timetable of change in Ireland and Europe in the 20th century.

'Social Change in the 20th Century'

A large section of our module and lesson focuses on the lives of ordinary people in 1913, the inequality between the lower and upper classes, the differences between city and rural communities, and the need for change.

Our lessons have a strong emphasis on active learning and our school champions have used a range of activities such as role-play, image theatre and an activity called 'examining the evidence' designed to help them understand the role of the historian.

Senior Cycle

Our programme complements many of the aims and objectives of the leaving cert history syllabus.

Promote understanding of the present through the development of a historical perspective on contemporary issues; how the actions of previous generations have shaped our modern world

Through our exploration of the concept of Decent Work we link the past with the present, and examine the impact of the Lockout on the development of the trade union movement in Ireland and its legacy today. We explore among other things the effect of the Lockout on society, politics, and the women's liberation movement.

Skills of the Historian

We use housing reports from 1913, photographs and the census to examine sources from the time

Preparation for life and citizenship

We encourage the ability to think critically based on the evidence available; the ability to view an important event from more than one perspective: worker, employer, scab, family member, community member.

For more information, please go to www.youth-connect.ie. To book a lesson please contact the relevant Champion

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A selection of photographs from some of the history and TY students we visited last year.



St Bricin's College, Belturbet 'Larkin addresses the crowd'



Ardcoil na Trionoide, Athy 'Strikers'



Balla Community College, Mayo. 'Locked Out'



De La Salle, Ballyfermot 'Larkin'



Kinsale Community College, 'Larkin'



Moyne CS, 'Men in line for work'



Moyne CS, 'Protesters and Scabs'