

Changes in Women's Lives

Equality	3 rd level Education	Marriage Ban	Politics	Sport
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1. The women's rights movement spread to Ireland in 1960's and women began to demand greater equality. The Employment Equality Agency was set up 1977 and ensures there is no discrimination against women in work and pay.
2. Large numbers of women go on to 3rd level education from the 1970's onwards.
3. The marriage ban was lifted and women no longer have to give up their jobs in civil service when they marry.
4. Women have become more involved in politics. There was the first woman leader of an Irish political party and President in the 1990's and recently the first Tánaiste.
5. Women have become more prominent in the world of sport. (Katy Taylor and Sonia O Sullivan)
6. There is better access to contraception and family planning; it has become more acceptable for women to work outside the home.

Changes in Working Life

Health and Safety	Unions	Manufacturing and Services
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1. Health and Safety has become increasingly important with many laws passed to ensure people work in a safe environment
2. Better pay and working conditions due to work of Unions. There is equality of pay and access to employment
3. Change from primary activities such as farming to manufacturing and services. As a result there are purpose built industrial estates and huge factory plants such as Wyeth and Intel. With increased education there are highly skilled jobs available.

Education

Free	Technology	Subjects	College	Choice
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1. Free education since the 1960's and free third level education in the 90's
2. Use of technology such as whiteboards and data projectors in classrooms
3. More subject choices for students and study options such as TYO, LCA and LCVP
4. Free college education and more choice in colleges and courses

Housing

New machinery and labour saving devices

Improved heating and plumbing double glazing has become standard

Urban Life

Population increase	Problems	Shopping Centres	Urban Renewal
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1. Suburbs of Dublin have grown rapidly e.g. Tallaght - over 100,000 people and the boundaries of Dublin are increasing. Large number of people moved to city from countryside since 1960's - new jobs
2. Still have problems in inner-city areas esp. unemployment. Also a growing problem of crime and drug abuse in many cities. There is a lack of amenities in some areas esp. for young. Also a growing problem of waste disposal as cities grow. Transport congestion
3. Many large new shopping centres and cinemas built. 1st shopping centre opened 1967 in Stillorgan. Dundrum, Liffey Valley are large shopping and leisure areas
4. Urban renewal schemes very important in late 1980's e.g. Temple Bar. As space becomes less available there has been a huge increase in number of apartments built.

Rural life

Rural Isolation	Unemployment	Depopulation	Chainstores
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1. Rural isolation as many leave the farms for work in the cities leaving behind older relatives. This leads to a loss of a sense of community and the decline in many rural and cultural traditions.
2. Improvement in machinery and labour saving devices means unemployment for farm labourers but more spare time for farmers.
3. Towns become depopulated leading to closure of shops, pubs and business's
4. Chain stores and supermarkets replace local shops
5. Membership of the EU brought greater prosperity to rural areas and modernisation of homes (1973). CAP gave better prices for crops and later quotas had to be introduced to stop overproduction

Transport

Cars	Air travel	Improved Roads	Luas	Dart	Problems
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1. Cars have become more affordable and many households have more than one car.
2. Many new smaller airports built in recent years such as Knock and air travel has become cheaper with the introduction of low cost air lines. (Ryanair 85)
3. Many new and improved roads built such as the M50. They bypass towns in an effort to improve traffic congestion. Travel times have been shortened for example the new M6 road connects Galway to Dublin in 2 hours
4. Luas and Dart try to improve travel times for commuters in Dublin as do new and improved Quality Bus Corridors.
5. Problem of traffic congestion and air pollution in 1990's

Communications

The exchange of ideas and information

Instant	international	texts	internet	open minded
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1. The quality of communications has improved dramatically and become faster. Information is communicated practically instantly. You can see events unfold live on TV such as Sept 11. Increased awareness of international events such as the Haiti Earthquake and keeps Ireland up to date.
2. The Letter has decreased in importance as instant communication comes with texts and e- mails, it is also faster.
3. More sources of information with several TV Channels, websites, radio stations, newspapers
4. Instant access to information with the internet. This means people are more open minded and educated.
5. People are able to communicate quicker and easier as majority of population has a mobile phone.

Social Life

Nightclubs	Internet	Sedentary Lifestyle	Obesity
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1. Night clubs instead of dance halls.
2. Less face to face contact as people keep in contact through social networking sites such as BEBO and Facebook. They also play online tournaments on playstations etc.
3. Sedentary Lifestyle as people play computer games such as play station and X box and watch more TV this leads to obesity.
4. Cinemas have become multiplexes and have more choice to offer.
5. Increased wealth has led to more holidays

Sports

Professionalism	New Sports	Fitness	Women
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1. Growth of professional sports where people can earn a career through sport with high wages, sponsorship and prize money.
2. New sports from around the world are played in Ireland watched on the many sports channels such as Marshall Arts
3. Increased number of clubs and societies
4. Increased level of fitness through research.
5. We have more prominent sports women.