

Irish History Timeline - The GAA's role in Irish history

Northern Ireland civil rights movement

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The **Northern Ireland civil rights movement** dates to the early 1960s, when a number of initiatives emerged which challenged inequality and discrimination in [Northern Ireland](#). The Campaign for Social Justice (CSJ) was founded by [Conn McCluskey](#) and his wife, [Patricia](#). Conn was a doctor, and Patricia was a social worker who had worked in [Glasgow](#) for a period, and who had a background in housing activism. Both were involved in the Homeless Citizens League, an organisation founded after Catholic women occupied disused social housing. The HCL evolved into the CSJ, focusing on lobbying, research and publicising discrimination. The [campaign for Derry University](#) was another mid-1960s campaign.^[1]

The most important organisation established during this period was the [Northern Irish Civil Rights Association](#) (NICRA), established in 1967 to protest discrimination. NICRA's objectives were:

1. To defend the basic freedoms of all citizens
2. To protest the rights of the individual
3. To highlight abuses of power
4. To demand guarantees for freedom of speech, assembly and association
5. To inform the public of its lawful rights^[2]

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Date	1967 - 1972
Location	Northern Ireland
Goals	Civil and political rights
Resulted in	Development of the Troubles

Anglo-Irish Treaty

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This article is about the 1921 treaty. For other uses, see [Anglo-Irish Treaty \(disambiguation\)](#).

The **Anglo-Irish Treaty** ([Irish: *An Conradh Angla-Éireannach*](#)), commonly known as **The Treaty** and officially the **Articles of Agreement for a Treaty Between Great Britain and Ireland**, was an agreement between the government of the [United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland](#) and representatives of the [Irish Republic](#) that concluded the [Irish War of Independence](#).^[2] It provided for the establishment of the [Irish Free State](#) within a year as a self-governing [dominion](#) within the "community of nations known as the [British Empire](#)", a status "the same as that of the Dominion of [Canada](#)". It also provided [Northern Ireland](#), which had been created by the [Government of Ireland Act 1920](#), an option to opt out of the Irish Free State, which it exercised.

Gaelic revival

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The **Gaelic revival** ([Irish: *Athbheochan na Gaeilge*](#)) was the late-nineteenth-century [national revival](#) of interest in the [Irish language](#) (also known as *Gaelic*)^[1] and [Irish Gaelic culture](#) (including folklore, sports, music, arts, etc.). Irish had diminished as a spoken tongue, remaining the main daily language only in isolated rural areas, with English having become the dominant language in the majority of Ireland.

Interest in Gaelic culture was evident in the beginning of the nineteenth century with the formation of the [Ulster Gaelic Society](#) in 1830, and later in the scholarly works of [John O'Donovan](#) and [Eugene O'Curry](#), and the foundation of the [Ossianic Society](#). Concern for spoken Irish led to the formation of the [Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language](#) in 1876, and the [Gaelic Union](#) in 1880. The latter produced the *Gaelic Journal*. Irish sports were fostered by the [Gaelic Athletics Association](#), founded in 1884.

Easter Rising

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This article is about events of 1916 in Ireland. For the unconnected 2004 US musical, see [Easter Rising \(musical\)](#).

The **Easter Rising** (Irish: *Éirí Amach na Cásca*),^[2] also known as the **Easter Rebellion**, was an armed insurrection in Ireland during [Easter Week](#), April 1916. The Rising was launched by [Irish republicans](#) to end British rule in Ireland and establish an independent [Irish Republic](#) while the United Kingdom was heavily engaged in the [First World War](#). It was the most significant uprising in Ireland since the rebellion of 1798, and the first armed action of the [Irish revolutionary period](#).

Good Friday Agreement

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Not to be confused with [Anglo-Irish Agreement](#).

The **Good Friday Agreement** (GFA) or **Belfast Agreement** (Irish: *Comhaontú Aoine an Chéasta* or *Comhaontú Bhéal Feirste*; Ulster-Scots: *Guid Friday Greeance* or *Bilfawst Greeance*)^[1] was a major political development in the [Northern Ireland peace process](#) of the 1990s. Northern Ireland's present devolved system of government is based on the agreement. The agreement also created a number of institutions between Northern Ireland and the [Republic of Ireland](#), and between the Republic of Ireland and the [United Kingdom](#).

The Troubles

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The **Troubles** (Irish: *Na Trioblóidí*) was an [ethno-nationalist](#)^{[12][13][14][15]} conflict in [Northern Ireland](#) during the late 20th century. Also known internationally as the [Northern Ireland conflict](#),^{[16][17][18][19][20]} and the [Conflict in Ireland](#),^{[21][22]} it is sometimes described as a "guerrilla war" or a "low-level war".^{[23][24][25][26]} The conflict began in the late 1960s and is usually deemed to have ended with the [Good Friday Agreement](#) of 1998.^{[3][27][28][29][30]} Although the Troubles primarily took place in Northern Ireland, at times the violence spilled over into parts of the [Republic of Ireland](#), [England](#), and [mainland Europe](#).

The conflict was primarily political and nationalistic, fuelled by historical events.^[31] It also had an ethnic or sectarian dimension,^[32] although it was not a religious conflict.^{[12][33]} A key issue was the constitutional status of Northern Ireland. [Unionists/loyalists](#), who were mostly Protestants, wanted Northern Ireland to remain within the [United Kingdom](#). [Irish nationalists/republicans](#), who were mostly Catholics, wanted Northern Ireland to leave the United Kingdom and join a [united Ireland](#).

The conflict began during a [campaign to end discrimination](#) against the Catholic/nationalist minority by the Protestant/unionist government and police force.^{[34][35]} The authorities attempted to suppress this protest campaign and were accused of [police brutality](#); it was also met with violence from loyalists, who alleged it was a republican front. Increasing inter-communal violence, and conflict between nationalist youths and police, eventually led to [riots in August 1969](#) and the [deployment of British troops](#). Some Catholics initially welcomed the army as a more neutral force, but it soon came to be seen as hostile and biased.^[36] The emergence of armed [paramilitary organisations](#) led to the subsequent warfare over the next three decades.

Bloody Sunday (1972)

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For other uses of "Bloody Sunday", see [Bloody Sunday \(disambiguation\)](#).

Bloody Sunday – sometimes called the **Bogside Massacre**^[1] – was an incident on 30 January 1972 in the [Bogside](#) area of [Derry](#), [Northern Ireland](#), when [British soldiers](#) shot 28 unarmed civilians during a peaceful protest march against [internment](#). Fourteen people died: thirteen were killed outright, while the death of another man four months later was attributed to his injuries. Many of the victims were shot while fleeing from the soldiers and some were shot while trying to help the wounded. Other protesters were injured by [rubber bullets](#) or batons, and two were run down by army vehicles.^{[2][3]} The march had been organised by the [Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association](#) (NICRA). The soldiers involved were members of the 1st Battalion, [Parachute Regiment](#), also known as "1 Para".^[4]