

# Irish Women Rise in 1916



Kathleen Daly Clarke was a confidante of the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and a founding member of Cumann na mBan. Kathleen was entrusted with the plans of the Easter Rising and responsible with the reorganization of the Republican movement if the rebellion failed. She was also trusted with funds to help the

families of the deceased or imprisoned. Her husband (Thomas Clarke a signer of the Proclamation) left her the remaining funds of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in the amount of 3,100 pounds. To aid the families, she founded the Volunteer Dependents Fund. Her home was raided frequently following the Rising. She also was imprisoned.

## Daughters of Erin



### Honor the Daughters of Erin

To advance the cause of Irish Liberty, who with their brothers they fought hand in hand for the freedom of the Irish and their precious land.

Mollie raised the flag at Liberty Hall, Constance with her gun was always on call and Kathleen Clarke kept the secrets of them all.

They were imprisoned for their land.

In the spirit of generations of Irish women,  
We remember them and Pray, for Our Ireland.

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### Countess Markievicz

"To sum up in a few words what I want the young Ireland Women to remember from me. Regard yourselves as Irish, believe in yourselves as Irish, as units of a nation distinct from England, your conqueror, and as determined to maintain your distinctiveness and gain your deliverance. Arm yourselves with weapons to fight your nation's cause. Arm your soul with noble and free ideas. Arm your minds with the histories and memories of your country and her martyrs, her language and a knowledge of her arts and her industries. And if your day the call should come for your body to arm, do not shirk that either.

May this aspiration towards life and freedom among the women of Ireland bring forth a Joan of Arc to free our nation"



Molly O'Reilly was a young brave woman. She was chosen by James Connolly to raise the Green Harp Flag of Ireland over Liberty Hall. Molly first went to Liberty Hall to learn Irish Dancing. She heard Connolly speak and was inspired. During the Lock Out in 1913, she carried messages to the strikers from Connolly. After the Howth Gunrunning, she bravely hid under her bed some of the smuggled weapons. During the Rising, Molly served with the City Hall Garrison. She was a courier sending messages between City Hall and the GPO. Her activities were unknown to her father who was a supporter of the crown.



**One Island - One People - One Ireland**