



# The “Honor Our History” pins

is a special project of the  
**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians**  
To Honor the Women of the Rising.

**The symbolism of the pin is:**

The building in the background is the General Post Office in Dublin.

The Pin has a blue background which is the national color of Ireland that acknowledges the independent (and 32-county) Ireland that had existed hundreds of years earlier and should exist now.

The flag is the tri-color which is the national flag of Ireland.

Green - signifying Irish Catholics and the republican cause

White - representing the hope for peace between them and a united Ireland

Orange - standing for Irish Protestants, the North.

The Easter lily in the center of the flag was introduced in 1926 by Cumann na mBan. It was sold to help support the families that had lost loved ones.

The woman is wearing the Cumann na mBan uniform which translates as the *Women's League*; Cumann na mBan was originally formed as an auxiliary formation to complement the Irish Volunteers. The women of the Cumann na mBan fought next to the men at the Rising. Cumann na mBan was officially founded on the 5th April 1914 at a meeting in held Wynne's Hotel, Dublin led by Kathleen Lane-O'Kelly.

She also was inspired by Mollie O'Reilly. On 16 April 1916 the flag of the Irish Republic, with the harp but without the crown, was first raised over the hall; Molly O'Reilly, aged fifteen, unfurled it. Connolly handed the flag to her and said: 'I hand you this flag as the sacred emblem of Ireland's unconquered soul'.

Mary Shannon, a machinist at the Liberty Hall shirt-making cooperative, made the flag.

The chain around the pin represents the chains that Kathleen Clarke wore when she was sworn in as the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1939. Her first action as Lord Mayor was to reject the Lord Mayor's chain, because it had been presented to the city by William of Orange. A smaller chain, the City Chain, was hastily produced. She said she would wear Her chains till Ireland is free.