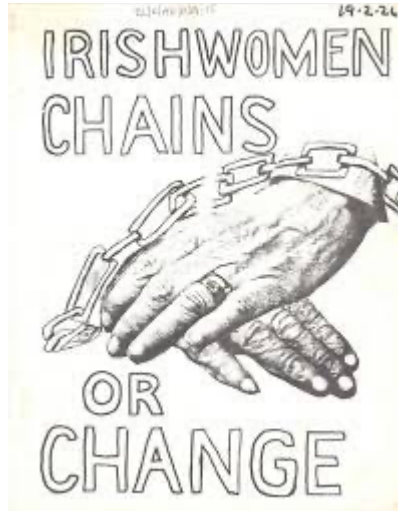


HIU33107, Reading *Chains or Change*: Irish Women's Liberation Movement and 1970s Ireland (Earner-Byrne)

Assessment: One essay



While second-wave feminism had been gathering steam in Ireland since the 1960s, the Irishwomen's Liberation Movement literally burst on to the public scene on the 6 March 1971, when it launched its manifesto, *Chains or Change: The Civil Wrongs of Irishwomen*, on the country's most popular television chat show, *The Late Late Show*.

This module is focused on a radical moment in Irish history when the Irish Women's Liberation Movement [IWLM] emerged in 1971. Starting with a close reading of the IWLM's manifesto *Chains or Change: The Civil Wrongs of Irishwomen*, it considers the context and reasons for the emergence of the movement and its impact and legacy on Irish society. The module introduces students to key debates that have shaped the history of the second-wave feminism in Ireland and how it related to radical feminism in an international context.