



# OUR IRISH WOMEN

## AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF IRELAND

In 1918, the Representation of the People Act extended the parliamentary vote to women who met criteria based on age, property ownership and education. As a result of lobbying by women's groups, universal adult suffrage was achieved with the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922. The same voting rights were subsequently granted to women in Britain and Northern Ireland in 1928.

To commemorate this centenary and the vital (often unacknowledged) contribution of women to Irish life and society, we are delighted to present these stories of Irish women chosen by members of the Irish Community Archive Network.

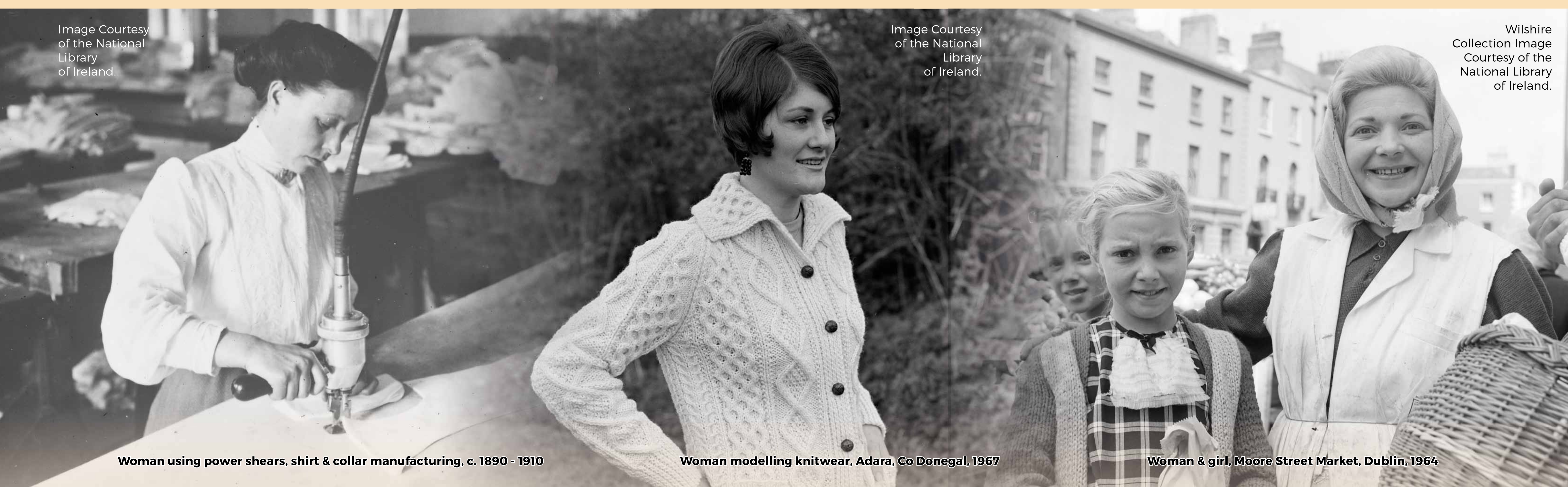


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Woman using power shears, shirt & collar manufacturing, c. 1890 - 1910

Woman modelling knitwear, Adara, Co Donegal, 1967

Woman & girl, Moore Street Market, Dublin, 1964

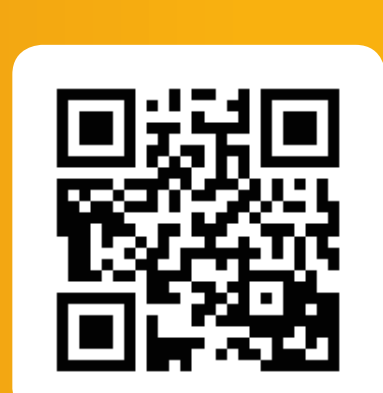
## THE IRISH COMMUNITY ARCHIVE NETWORK (iCAN)

iCAN is facilitated by the National Museum of Ireland and delivered in partnership with the County Galway Heritage Office. iCAN supports community volunteers as they create online archives that record and reflect their locality's unique history, heritage and culture. The Network currently has 17 members - each proudly showcasing their local collections, personal and family stories, oral histories, artefacts, photographs and our intangible, built and natural heritage.

Through these digital archives, our communities are **making** meaningful **connections**: with groups in their area, with each other and with their diaspora; breaking down the barrier of distance and reconnecting people and place.

With the support of the Creative Ireland Programme, iCAN will be reaching out to more communities in 2019.

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