

constance markievicz

the red countess

A timeline: birth - 1913

- 4 February 1868: Constance Georgine Gore-Booth born
- 1870s: land war between tenants and farmers. Irish National Land League has 200,000 members.
- 1890s: revival in Gaelic cultural movement
- 1893: Gaelic League formed = first nationalist society to accept women on same terms as men
- 1892: Constance goes to study at the Slade School of Art in London, joins National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) - later, moves to Paris
- 1901: marries Kazimierz Dunin-Markiewicz, becomes Countess Markiewicz.
- 1903: Markiewiczzes settle in Dublin and move in artistic and literary circles.
- 1905: along with others, forms United Artists Club
- 1906: rents cottage, reads old copies of The Peasant and Sinn Féin
- 1908: Irish Women's Franchise League set up
- 1908: Sinn Fein founded
- 1908: Constance joins Sinn Féin and Inghinidhe na hÉireann ('Daughters of Ireland')
- 1908: campaigns against Winston Churchill in Manchester NW by-election
- 1909: founds Fianna Éireann, which instructs teenage boys in firearms
- 1911: jailed for speaking at an Irish Republican Brotherhood demonstration
- 1912: launch of the Irish Citizen, suffrage weekly
- 1912: Irish (Home Rule) Party votes down Conciliation Bill (limited suffrage)

1913: Dublin lockout

- 2/9/13, 400+ firms announced general lockout of workers - CM ran food provision for locked-out workers at Liberty Hall, union HQ.
- 13/9/13, women workers' demonstration marched to Inchicore
- Constance joined Irish Citizen Army (ICA)
- October: Catholic Church sabotages efforts to send workers' kids to England
- 1913: her husband moves to the Ukraine, and never returns to live in Ireland.
- 1916, Constance Markievicz made an Honorary Member of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

