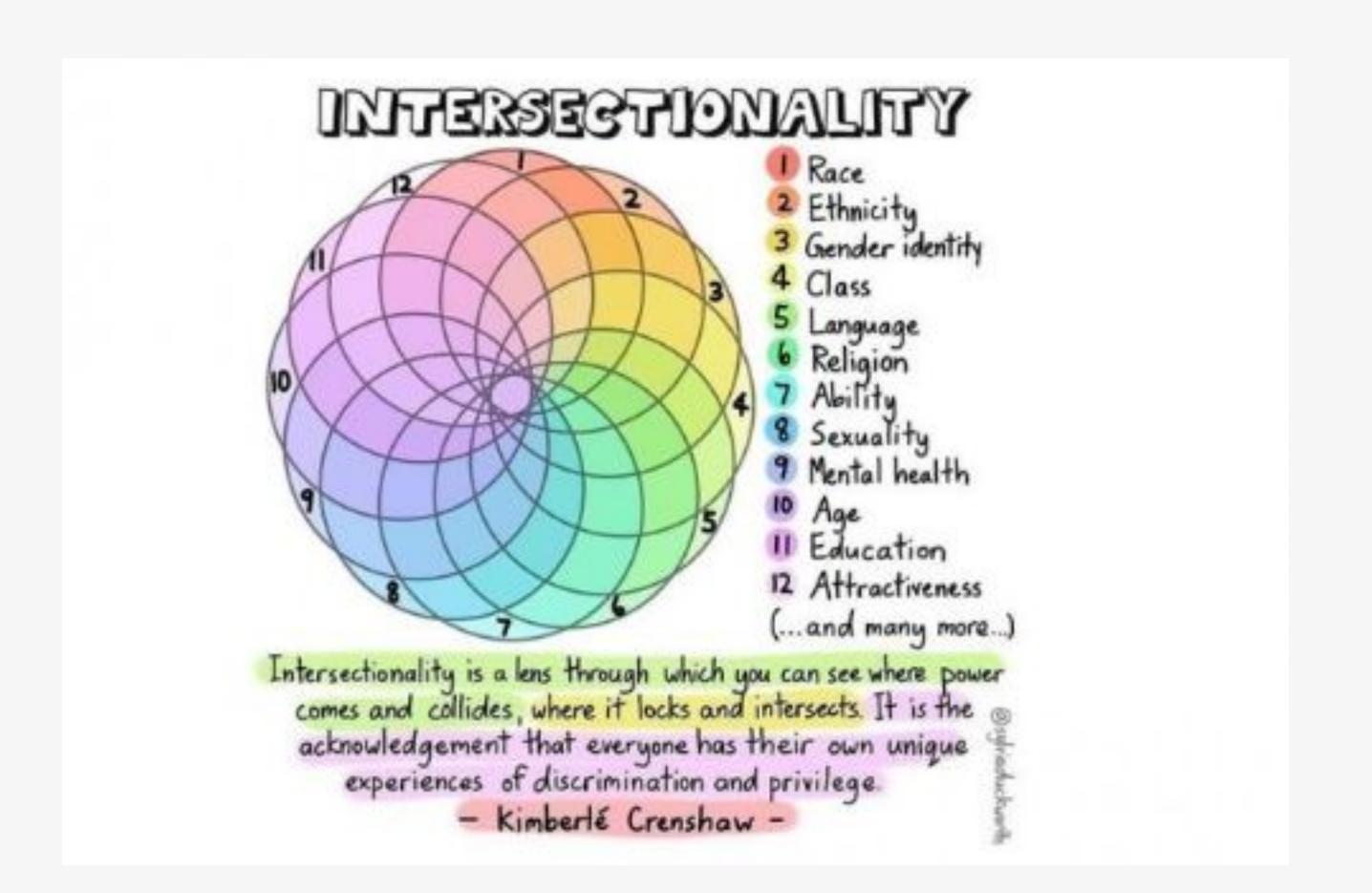
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We are not all the same!





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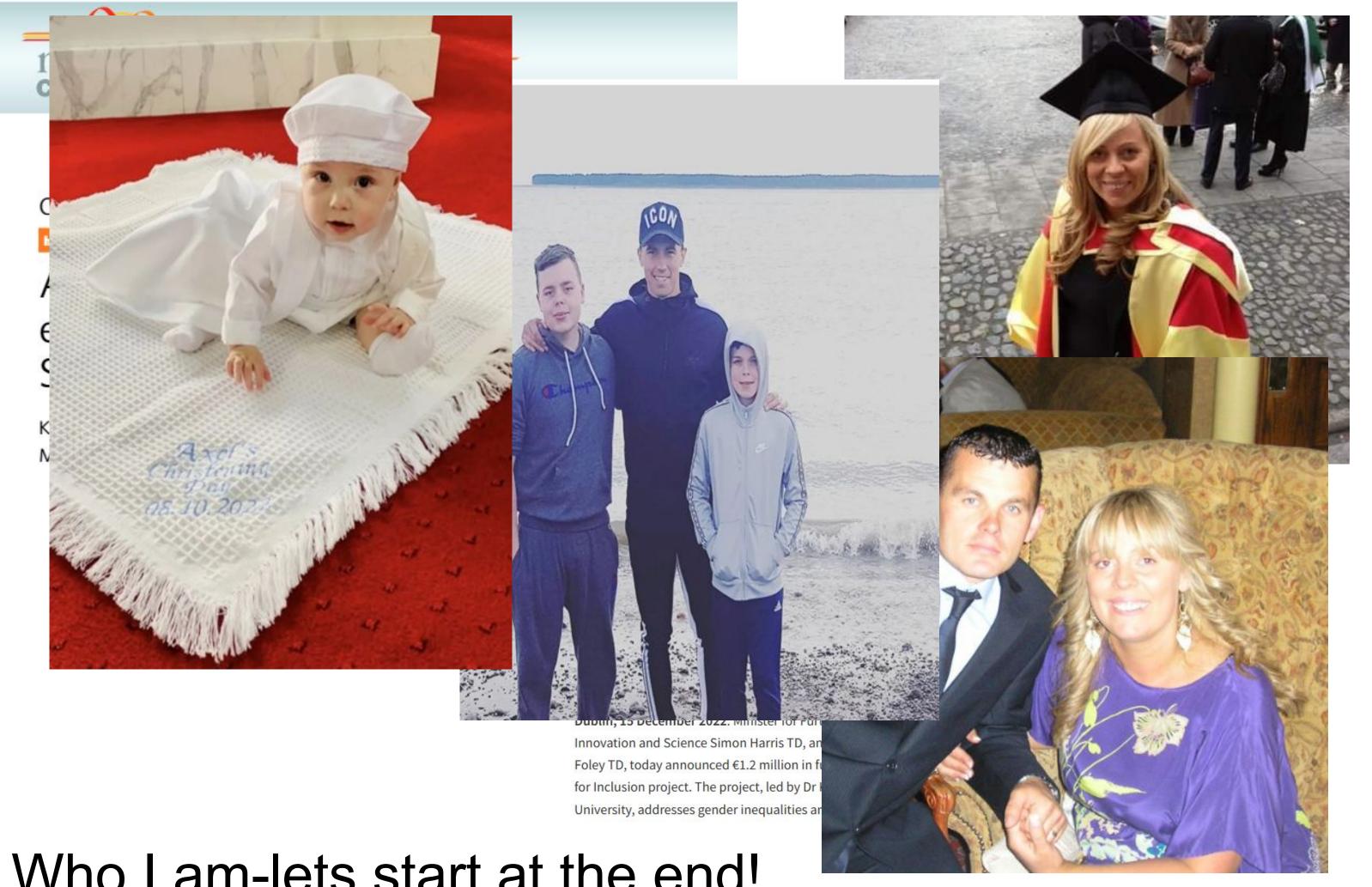
Minister Harris and Minister Foley announce €1.2million in funding to STEM Passport for Inclusion

- 5000 TY girls will participate in the STEM skills programme over the next two years
- The funding is awarded jointly by Science Foundation Ireland, the Department of Education, and Microsoft Ireland.

Dublin, 15 December 2022: Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris TD, and Minister for Education Norma Foley TD, today announced €1.2 million in funding to extend the STEM Passport for Inclusion project. The project, led by Dr Katriona O'Sullivan at Maynooth University, addresses gender inequalities among female pupils in socially

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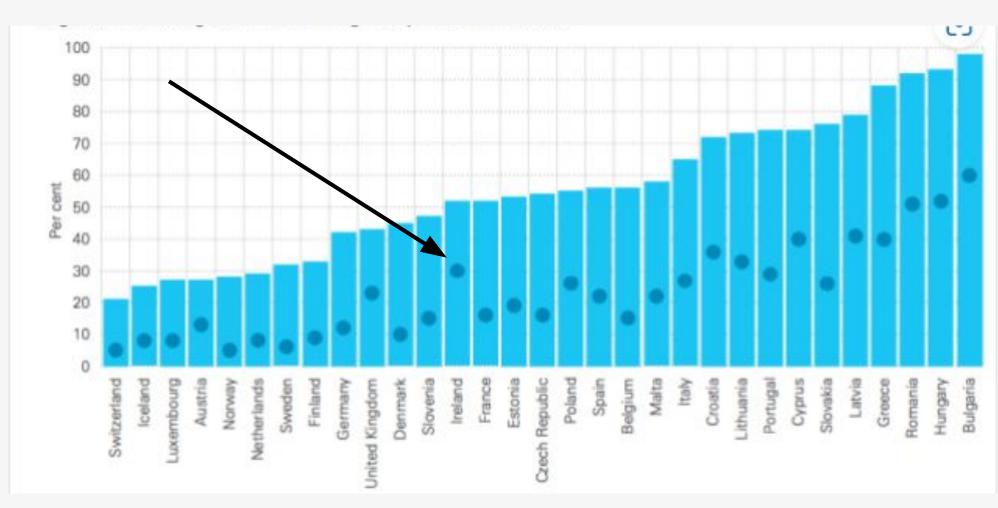


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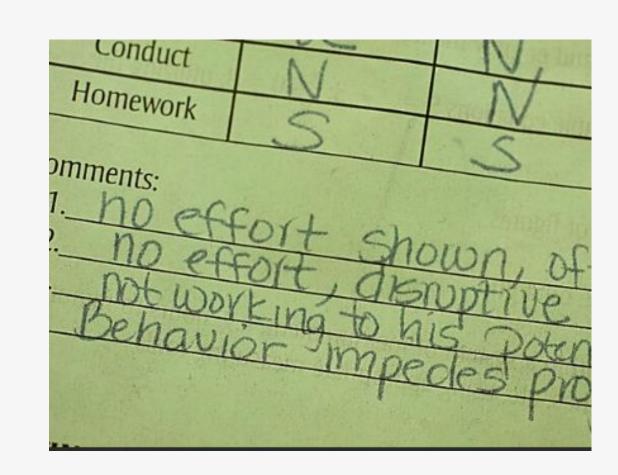














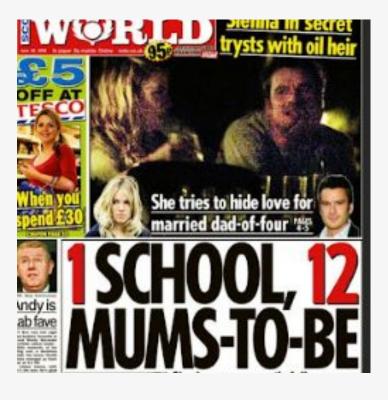


I was the kid who often messed in the back of class

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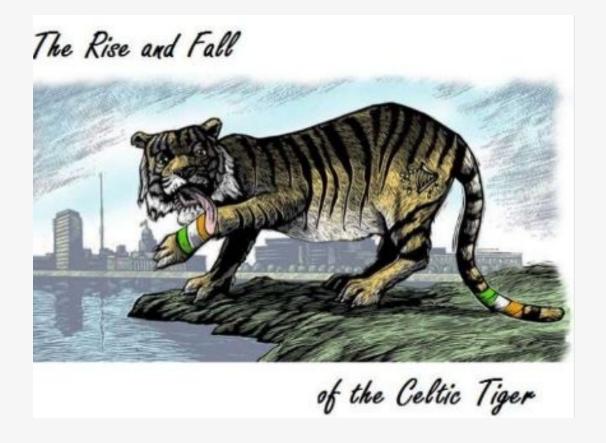
















Thirty years ago TCD started one of Ireland's first university access schemes for disadvantaged students. Are these initiatives working or just window-dressing?

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- **Human rights perspective:** all people are equal and should have equal opportunities, including to study and work in the field of their choice.
- Scientific perspective: the inclusion of diverse women promotes scientific excellence and boosts the quality of STEM outcomes, as diverse perspectives aggregate creativity, reduce potential biases, and promote more robust knowledge and solutions
- Development perspective: gender and class inequalities in STEM education and employment perpetuate existing gender inequalities in status and income.
- Motherhood: By educating and empowering working

Why should we care about class?

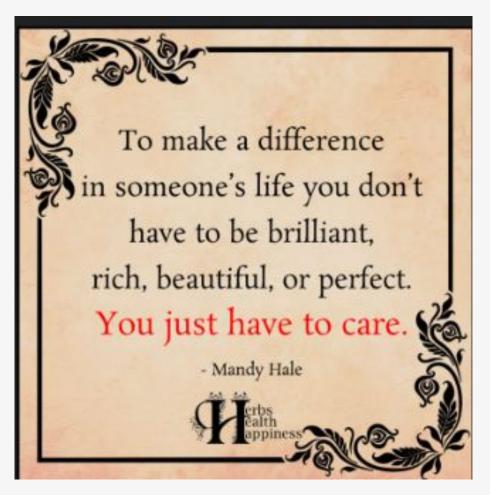




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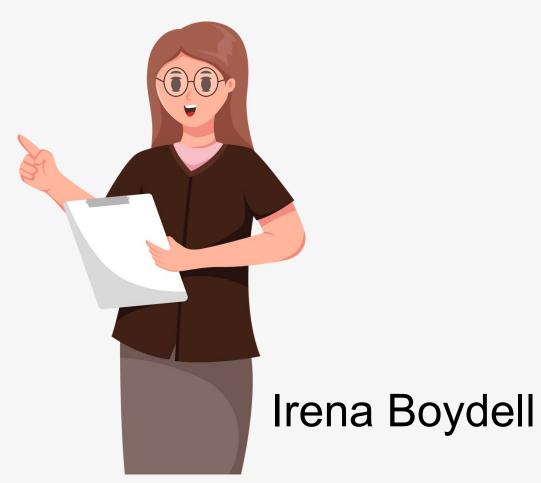
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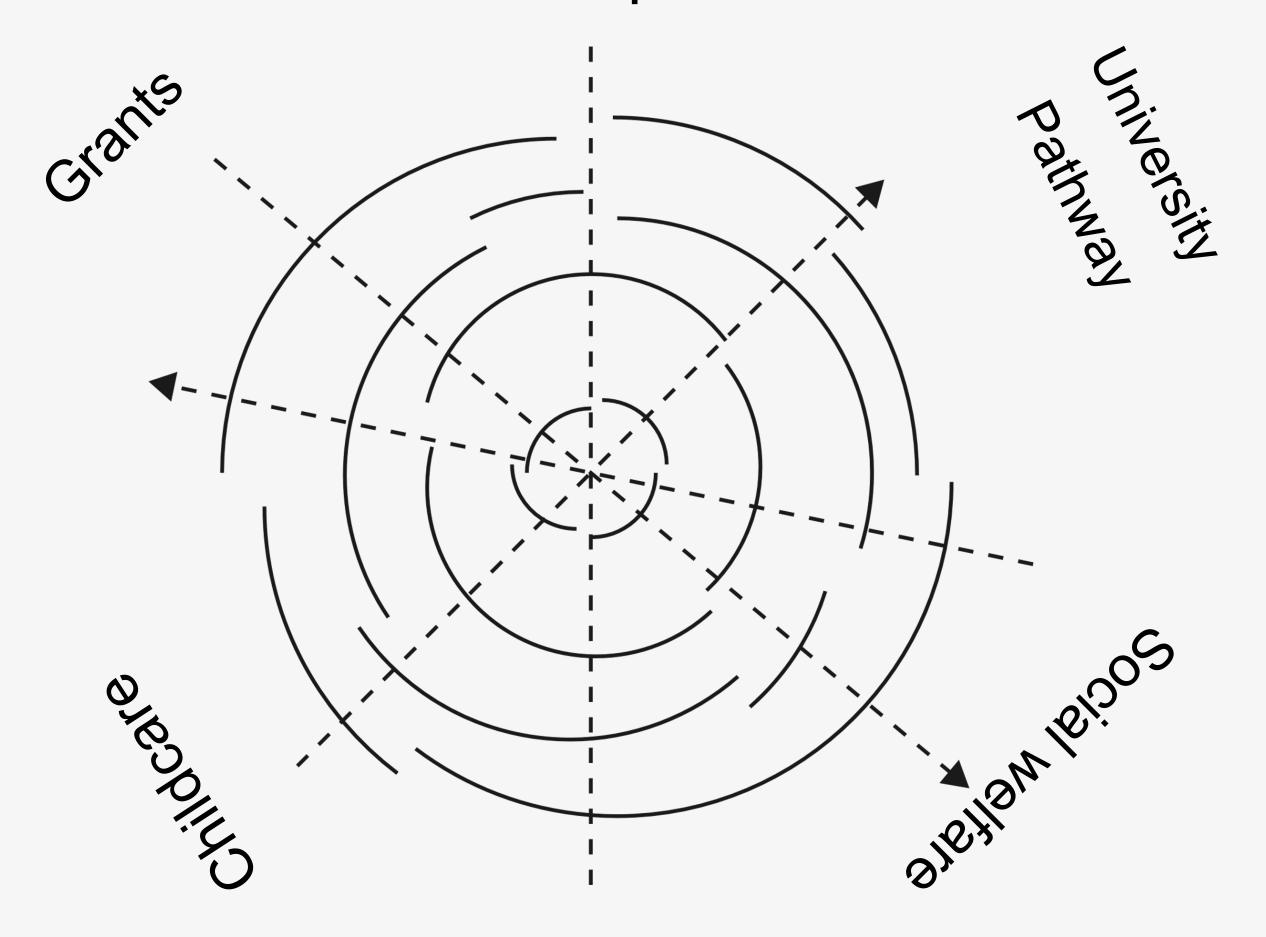
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Mr Pickering



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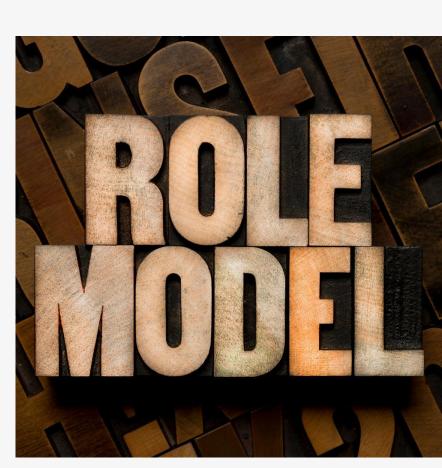






The challenges facing working-class women





What can we do better?



Challenge yourself, your assumptions, your beliefs
Merit is a myth...successful women get help; unsuccessful women need help!



Do not wait for the application

We know women do not apply, we know women doubt- go out & find the working-class talent and offer them opportunities



Promote & celebrate

Be brave in your policies, promote diverse women, celebrate them openly- tell your story if you can.

Final thoughts!





Katriona O'sullivan



Grit, courage, and the e-changing value of self-belief



