

# ON THE BRINK

## The Politics of Conflict 1914-1916 Project

### WORKSHEET 5

#### LOCAL WOMEN

History traditionally emphasises men's role in politics, war and revolution. But new research is revealing that women also had an important role in the events of 1914-1916, including women from our local area. The focus stories based on several local women will help you complete this exercise as it is now your task as historians to correctly match the names of these women with the statements below.

Ella Young	A military surgeon awarded the French Croix de Geurre avec Palme in 1916, French Médaille des Epidémies, Serbian Order of St Sava and the Serbian Red Cross
Molly McGinnis	Awarded the Military Medal, for her bravery and conduct to rescue and safeguard fellow nurses and patients
Mary Torbitt	Cumann na mBan member who later emigrated to America and became very established in literacy circles
Catherine Trench	Joined the Factory District Nursing Corps and was reported in the local press along with her siblings for their collective contribution to the war effort
Ann Louise McIlroy	In 1920, she was invested as a Member, Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) for supporting local troops during the war

#### QUICK QUESTION!

Can you list all the ways women were involved in and impacted by the outbreak of war in 1914 and the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916?

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#### GROUP DISCUSSION!

Have you been surprised by the role of local women during the 1914-1916 period? From the focus stories what woman have you found most interesting, and why?