



# Mary Robinson

Irish lawyer, Politician, Diplomat,  
President of Ireland (1990–97)

## A PRESIDENT WITH A PURPOSE

She was the first woman to serve as president of Ireland, widely regarded as a transformative figure for her country. She was United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a founding member of the Council of Women World Leaders. Throughout her career, she has occupied many prominent roles and has worked on issues as varied as climate change, women's rights and poverty alleviation.



## A LEADER WITH UNCOMPROMISING ETHICS

Charisma and commitment are some of her many leadership strengths. She inspires women to do the right thing regardless of the backlash. Our aim should be to be respected, not liked.



## "YOU HAVE A VOICE, I WILL MAKE IT HEARD."

One of her strongest leadership qualities is reflected in her presidential campaign slogan - her ability to listen. Implicit in her efforts to better humanity is a belief in the idea that the world can be better, and a sense of what SHE can do to make it that way. When she campaigned for the Senate, she advocated for the right of women to sit on juries, that they would not have to give up their civil service position if they got married and perhaps most importantly, family planning rights for women in Ireland.



## FIND OUT MORE

Mary is a strong feminist figure and a passionate fighter for climate justice, still using her influence to affect the positive changes she believes in:

<https://www.mrfcj.org/>

