Student Learning Resources – The Fight for Human Rights
Betty Williams & Mairead Corrigan

Watch the video about Nobel Prize-awarded peace activists Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan and then answer the questions.

1. Who was Betty Williams? And who is Mairead Corrigan?

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2. What was it like in Northern Ireland in 1976?

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3. What did Williams and Corrigan want to achieve? How did they go about their struggle?

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4. What human rights do you see as connected to the situation in Northern Ireland in 1976?

Here's an idea:
Start by looking at the diagram on the next page and decide what kind of rights she was fighting for. Then use Amnesty’s summary version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ to identify one or more specific articles.

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Human Rights

Use this image to answer question number 4.

Additional resources – Northern Ireland

5. What is it like in Northern Ireland today compared to 1976? Search for information on the Internet. Use evidence from at least two sources in presenting your answer. Some recommended sources of information:


6. What do you think is needed to put an end to the tensions in Northern Ireland?