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Update Report on an exhibition of the work and achievements of women councillors and women officials on DCC over the centuries

Dublin City Libraries & Archives will develop and an online exhibition to mark the contribution made to the City by its women councillors, women officials, and by the nine women who have held the office of Lord Mayor of Dublin.

A short career account of every single Alderman and Councillor who served on the elected Dublin City Council since its first meeting, which was held on 1 November 1841 up until 2009, has already been compiled. This is available in the Reading Room at Pearse Street and will be published online in due course. We have prepared biographies of some individual Aldermen, Councillors and some officials. In addition, a full set of biographies of Lord Mayors of Dublin is in preparation.

Among those who will be featured are the first female Lord Mayor, Caitlín Bean Uí Chléirigh; the first female City Councillor, Sarah Cecilia Harrison (also a distinguished artist); Ellen Duncan, the first curator of the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, and Roisín Walsh, the first City Librarian.

A series of talks from the historians in residence will accompany the exhibition.

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