

The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movement

2. THE EMERGENCE OF NICRA.

MODULE

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histories



Campaign for Social Justice (CSJ) – set up in Dungannon in 1964 and campaigned for civil rights. Many saw CSJ as the forerunner to NICRA

1947 Education Act – university grants allowed a much broader section of the community to attend university than ever before

Emergence of NICRA

The American Civil Rights Movement – inspired by events in America, Catholics believed that they too could campaign successfully for civil rights

October 1964 – Labour Government is elected which was seen as more sympathetic to the Nationalist cause and raised expectations amongst Catholics

Task

In your groups, discuss and prepare a presentation on one of the major events from the information given.

- *Read through the event*
- *Discuss what happened*
- *Answer the questions on your tasksheet together*
- *Feedback your answers to the class*

Questions to answer!

- What was the event?
- Describe what happened?
- What was the outcome of the event?
- How might Catholics / Nationalists have felt about this?
- How might Protestants / Unionists have felt about this?