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| **Minor Award Name** | **Political Studies** |
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| **Level** | 5 |

**Suggested resources to support delivery:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| **Introduction to Politics** | Website with resources | **Vote.ie is the website of The Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice’s Active Citizenship Programme. The website has resources on voter registration, elections, referenda etc.** | Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice | <http://www.vote.ie> |
| **Political Ideologies** | Book | **There are many books available on Political Ideologies, one of the clearest and most comprehensive is ‘Political Ideologies: An Introduction’ by Andrew Heywood. It covers** liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism and ecologism. The history and impact of each ideology is explored. | Andrew Heywood | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Political-Ideologies-Introduction-A-Gamble/dp/0333961781> |
| **Political Ideologies** | Slide Show | **This slideshow is based on the above book. It covers liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Fascism, Capitalism, Totalitarianism, Anarchism, Religious Fundamentalism, Nationalism, Environmentalism, Feminism, Globalism as well as an introduction to the political spectrum and political compass.** | Andrew Heywood | <http://www.slideshare.net/mrpanaccio/ideologies-an-introduction> |
| **Women and Irish Society** | Website, videos and images | This RTE Archive on Women and Society has some images and videos of relevance and worthy of discussion, such as women’s struggle for equal pay, the treatment of unmarried mothers, the contraceptive train, and some more recent clips such as the election of Ireland’s first female President, and an interview with Katie Taylor. | RTE | <http://www.rte.ie/archives/exhibitions/1666-women-and-society/> |
| **Women and Irish Society** | Videos | A series of videos looking at the changing status of women in Ireland |  | <http://lookathistory.scoilnet.ie/ArchiveSelection.aspx?FolderId=3> |
| **The Constitution** | Website | A history of Bunreacht na hÉireann including amendments made. A copy of the Constitution can be downloaded from this page | Department of the Taoiseach | <http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/The_Constitution/> |
| **Irish Politics** | Online Resource | **The Oireachtas Communications Office has an education section which is an invaluable tool for political education, this resource includes videos, lesson plans, background and history etc.** | Houses of the Oireachtas | <http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/about/> |
| **Irish Politics** | Booklet | **A Guide to how the Irish Parliament works, how decisions are made, functions and roles, how the Seanad works and the legislative process** | Houses of the Oireachtas | <http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/about/howyourparliamentworks/> |
| **Irish Politics** | Glossary | A useful and regularly updated glossary of Irish political terms and jargon | Houses of the Oireachtas | [www.oireachtas.ie/parliment/education/glossary](http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliment/education/glossary) |
| Northern Ireland | Fact-sheets | Factsheets on the main Political Parties and Paramilitaries during the Troubles which led up to the Good Friday Agreement. | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/recent/troubles/fact_files.shtml> |
| Northern Ireland | Videos | Resources and videos on the Good Friday Agreement | BBC | <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/events/good_friday_agreement> |
| **Local Government** | Action Programme for  Effective Local Government | ‘Putting People First’, the document which preceded the Local Government reform Act and laid out the changes and vision for Local Government to lead economic, social and community development, and provide accountable and effective citizen representation. | Department of Environment Community and Local Government | [www.environ.ie/en/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownLoad,31309,en.pdf](http://www.environ.ie/en/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownLoad,31309,en.pdf) |
| **Local Government** | Leaflet | Details of the 2014 Local Government Reform Act which legislated for Putting People First. | Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government | <http://www.environ.ie/en/LocalGovernment/LocalGovernmentReform/> |
| **Local Government** | Video | Video on the roles and responsibilities of Local Government | Local Government Management Agency | <http://www.lgcsb.ie/en/irish-local-government> |
| **Elections** | Repository of tallies and election results | Details of local, national and EU elections and referenda. | Seán Donnelly | <http://www.electionsireland.org/> |
| **PR-STV Electoral System** | Explanatory Sheet | An explanatory sheet on the PR-STV Electoral System published by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. | Department of Environment, Community and Local Government | <http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/LocalGovernment/Voting/FileDownLoad,1895,en.pdf> |
| **European Union** | Videos and Lesson Plans | Resources for teachers which include videos ‘Ireland the European Union’ ‘Impact of EU Membership’ as well as lesson plans, a guide to the EU institutions and various leaflets. | European Commission | <http://ec.europa.eu/ireland/education/education-resources/secondary_level/index1_en.htm> |
| **European Union** | Online resource | The online presence of the European Parliament in Ireland, listing of Irish MEPS, details of Committees and Delegations and details of news and forthcoming events. | European Parliament | <http://www.europarl.ie/en/home.html> |
| **European Union** | Online Resource | This online resource of the Council of Europe provides resources for teaching about democratic and active citizenship as well as human rights education. | Council of Europe | <http://www.coe.int/en/web/edc/home>  and  <http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/> |
| **Development Education** | Resources and Toolkits | Development Education and Human Rights Education resources including a section on active citizenship and democracy | Consortium of organisations including: 80:20, Aidlink, Concern Worldwide, IDEA, Irish Aid, Self-Help Africa and Trócaire | <http://www.developmenteducation.ie/> |

**Useful Organisations:**

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| **Name** | **Contact Information** |
| Government of Ireland | <http://www.irlgov.ie> |
| Houses of the Oireachtas | <http://www.oireachtas.ie> |
| President of Ireland | <http://www.president.ie/> |
| Press releases and news from Government Departments | <http://www.merrionstreet.ie> |
| Department of the Taoiseach | <http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie> |
| Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine | <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie> |
| Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht | <http://www.ahg.gov.ie> |
| Department of Children and Youth Affairs | <http://www.dcya.gov.ie> |
| Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources | <http://www.dcenr.gov.ie> |
| Department of Defence | <http://www.defence.ie> |
| Department of Education and Skills | <http://www.education.ie> |
| Department of Environment, Community and Local Government | <http://www.environ.ie> |
| Department of Finance | <http://www.finance.gov.ie/> |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | <https://www.dfa.ie> |
| Department of Health | <http://health.gov.ie> |
| Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation | <https://www.djei.ie> |
| Department of Justice and Equality | <http://www.justice.ie> |
| Department of Public Expenditure and Reform | <http://www.per.gov.ie> |
| Department of Social Protection | <http://www.welfare.ie> |
| Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport | <http://www.dttas.ie> |
| Northern Ireland Assembly | <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk> |
| Website of the 1916 Commemoration | <http://www.ireland.ie> |
| Citizen’s Information | <http://www.citizensinformation.ie> |
| Political Studies Association of Ireland | <http://politicalreform.ie> |
| The Irish Times "Inside Politics" podcasts | <https://soundcloud.com/irishtimes-politics> |
| World Trade Organisation | <https://www.wto.org> |
| United Nations | <http://www.un.org> |
| The World Bank | <http://www.worldbank.org> |
| Further Education Support Service (FESS) | http://www.fess.ie |

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| **MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)** | |
| Free access to online courses  Search regularly for new courses and new start dates | <https://www.mooc-list.com/>  Providers of MOOCs  e.g.  <https://www.mooc-list.com/>  <https://www.coursera.org/>  <https://www.udemy.com/>  <http://www.extension.harvard.edu/open-learning-initiative>  <https://www.uclaextension.edu/pages/search.aspx?c=free+courses>  <http://oyc.yale.edu/> |