

What does it mean if someone is “inspirational?”
Do you have an inspirational person in your life?
What makes them inspirational?



What is an inspirational leader?

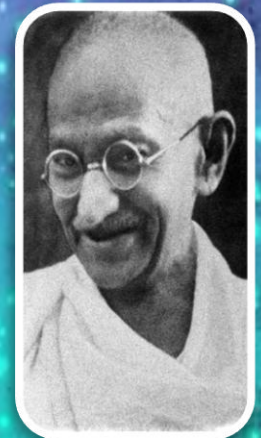
Inspiration influences someone to do something they would not necessarily do. To be inspired would mean someone has done something to inspire you and has made you want to do something special.

You can be inspired to do many different things; for example, learning to ride a bike, to follow a certain career or to raise money for charity!

A leader is somebody who leads a group of people when doing a certain activity. Leaders can be similar to captains; for example, a football captain is a leader as they lead the football team.

Can you think of anyone else who could be a leader?

Do you think any of these people are leaders?



Have a look at the list of questions you made two weeks ago about the person below. Today we hope to answer some of your questions.

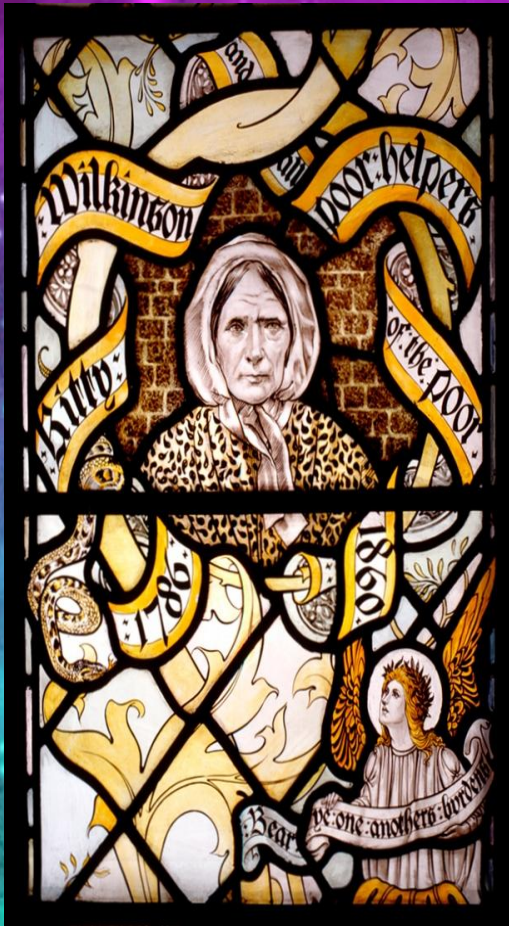


This is Kitty Wilkinson. She was alive during the Victorian Times. Can you remember anything about this time period?



She is an example of a local inspirational leader. But why?

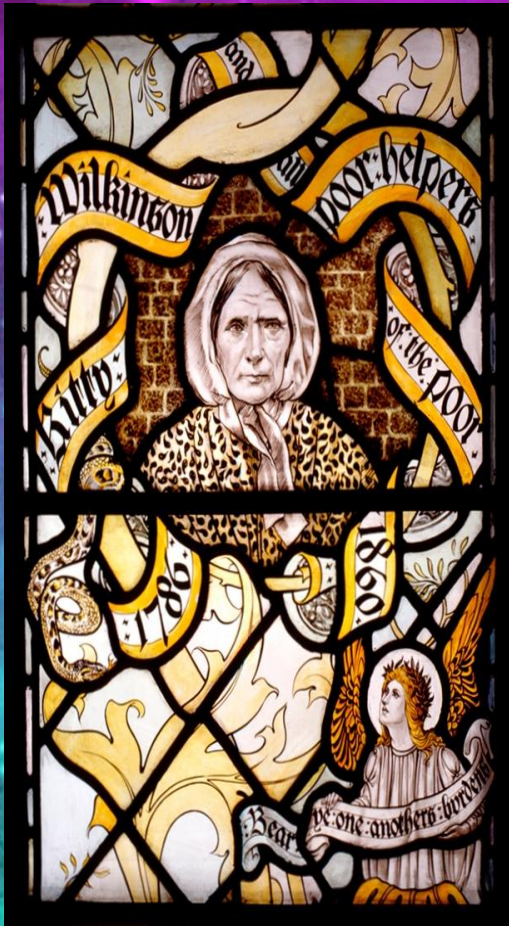
Kitty Wilkinson



Kitty Wilkinson (also known as Catherine) was born in 1786 and died in 1860. Kitty was born in Ireland and migrated to the United Kingdom and moved to Liverpool at the age of 9 years old.

What does 'migrated' mean?

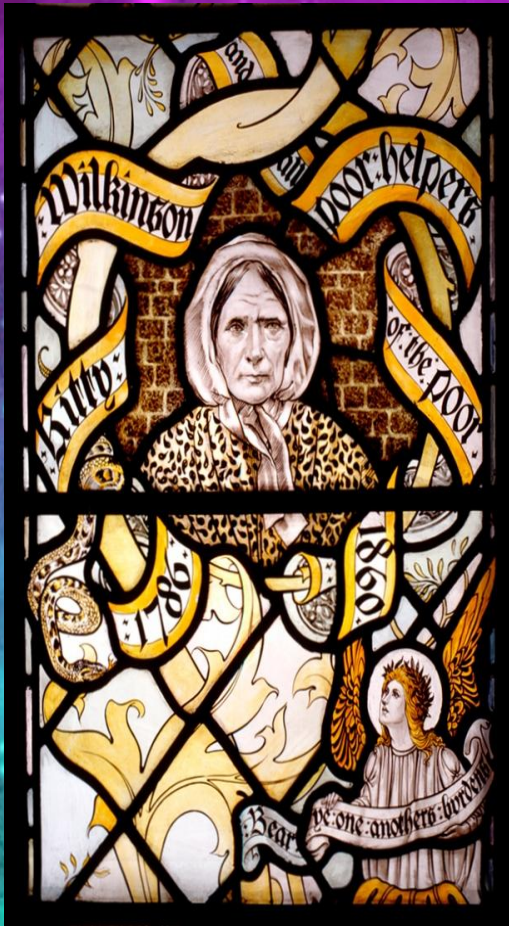
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In 1832, when Kitty was living in Liverpool, an infection was spreading known as ‘the cholera epidemic’; this caused anyone infected to have diarrhoea, vomiting and muscle cramps for a few days.

What does ‘epidemic’ mean?

Kitty Wilkinson



Due to the epidemic many people were left with clothes and other material items covered in faeces due to the lack of washing machines in this era. Kitty was the only person in the area with a boiler to clean the clothes. Due to this, she decided to help the poor as the rich had money to clean their clothes; which meant they would not get ill.

Why do you think she was the only one with a boiler?

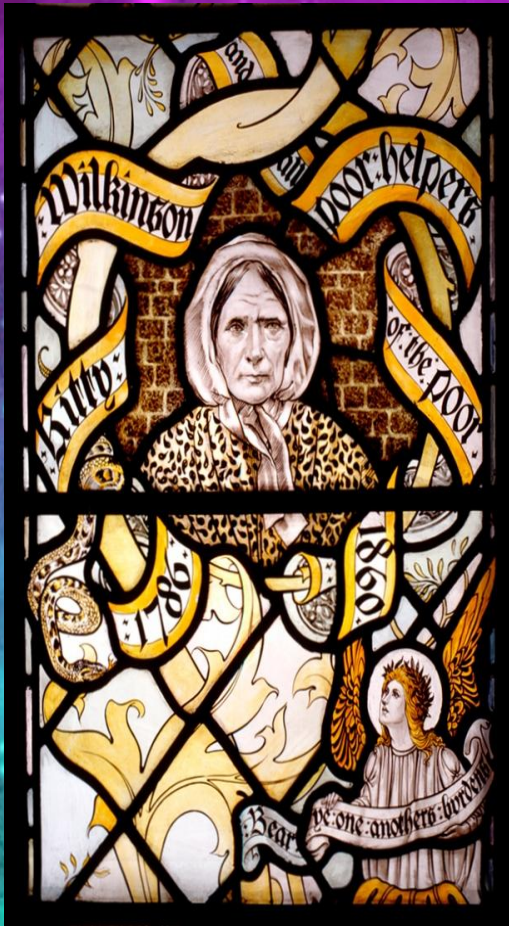
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Out of the kindness of her heart, Kitty invited those with infected clothes into her home so they could wash their clothes. She charged only 1 penny per week and showed them a product called chloride of lime which killed the infection. Doing this meant she saved peoples lives as the infection could be exterminated and would not spread anymore.

Why did the clothes need to be washed in a boiler?

Kitty Wilkinson



Kitty's home was known as the first public washhouse in Liverpool because of her generosity. Ten years after she opened up her home people started donating money to help her open up a warehouse. With the help of public funds Kitty managed to open the first combined washhouse and public baths in the United Kingdom!

Why do you think this was important to the people of Liverpool?

Kitty Wilkinson



Kitty sadly died on the 11th of November 1860, aged 73. In 2012, to commemorate the death of Kitty and the work that she did for the poor people of Liverpool a statue made of marble was unveiled in St George's Hall.

Why did Kitty help?

What made Kitty inspirational?

Your task is to create a fact file all about Kitty. Include all the information you now know about her. You may find this video useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgJRQNK5dpc>

Once you have completed your fact file, use this to role play an interview with Kitty Wilkinson. Come up with some questions you might ask Kitty about her life. Pretend you are Kitty and ask another member of your household to ask you the questions.



Name: Kitty Wilkinson

When she was born:

When did she die:

Where was Kitty from:

What is her significance to Liverpool:

What Kitty did:

What made her inspirational:

Why I think she is inspirational: