

In recent years, Ireland has emerged as a leader in the use of Citizens' Assemblies for constitutional reform. The diagramme below charts their genesis and their development. As outlined in Article 46 (2) of Bunreacht na hEireann (The Irish Constitution 1937), constitutional reform requires a public referendum ' ..every proposal for an amendment of this constitution shall be initiated in Dáil Éireann as a Bill, and shall upon having been passed or deemed to have been passed by both houses of the oireachtas, be submitted by referendum to the decision of the people in accordance with the law for the time being in force relating to the referendum.'

