

# TROUBLING IRELAND

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‘The celtic tiger never came to me’

Before: Apparently there was a boom in this country. It never happened in my life or that of my children. Apparently the country was awash with money – it never washed into my life or that of my children. Apparently there was full employment – it never happened in my life.

After: Apparently there is a recession, this has affected my life and that of my children. Apparently there is no money in the country – there is certainly a scarcity in my life. Apparently there is huge unemployment. I am still looking for a job.