

Leo Varadkar

Week One Homework



Read the passage below and use the words from the box to fill in the blanks.

Discuss Leo Varadkar with people at home.

		openly	elected	studying
		publicly	challenges	government
general	caretaker	pandemic	youngest	secondary
interview	praised	housing	political	Minister

Leo Varadkar is the current Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland. On 17th May 2017, Enda Kenny announced that he was going to stand down as party leader of Fine Gael. Varadkar was 1 as the next leader. Leo Varadkar became Taoiseach on 14th June 2017. Varadkar was only 38 years old at the time, making him the 2 Taoiseach in the country's history. He is also Ireland's first 3 gay and mixed-race leader.

Leo Varadkar was born in Castleknock, Dublin, on 18th January 1979. His father was from Bombay, India. Leo began 4 law at Trinity College, Dublin, but later switched to medicine. He has two older sisters, Sophie and Sonia. While he was in 5 school, Leo Varadkar joined Fine Gael, one of Ireland's main 6 parties. He was elected to Dáil Éireann in 2007. As a Teachta Dála (TD), Leo Varadkar was made the 7 for Transport and later became Minister for Health.

Leo Varadkar supported the 2015 vote on same-sex marriage. During an 8 for RTÉ radio, Varadkar spoke 9 for the first time about being gay. His partner, Matthew Barrett, is a doctor.

Varadkar faced many 10 as Taoiseach, including dealing with Brexit. Following issues around 11 and health in late 2019 and early 2020, Varadkar sought to dissolve the Dáil and called a 12 election for 8th February 2020. The election ended in a three-way tie with Fine Gael, Sinn Féin and Fianna Fáil, making 13 formation a challenge. Varadkar, as 14 Taoiseach, faces a new challenge with the Covid-19 15. This has brought Ireland into a lockdown to stop the spread of the virus. Leo Varadkar has been 16 for his efforts to combat the virus, and is in government formation talks with Fianna Fáil.

