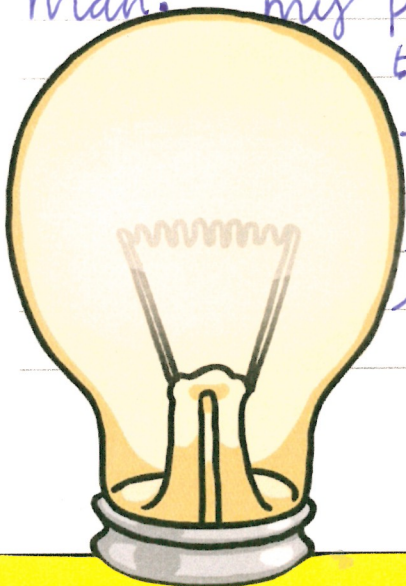


## Getting in the light

my great grandad Michael worked for ESB rural electrification from 1946-1954. He lived on barna pair in galway. my great grandad worked in galway and mayo. He was in charge of the work crew putting up poles and connecting wires and lines to transformers and buildings to the local centres. my great granny told my great grandad that it ruined his health before. he died in 1956 at age 52 when my grandad was only 12. He had retired a weary and health broken man in 1954. he was involved in terrible condition in galway and mayo. he was also involved in ardnacrusha as a much younger man. my papa has a memory of trying to climb a new electricity pole outside his front door in barna and getting his clothes ruined from creosote.



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