

But the emancipation of women does not happen by itself

Therefore the Norwegian Association for Women's Rights works to promote women's liberation and full equality between women and men in all areas of society. The organization is neutral with regards to religion and works across party lines.

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Milestones in Norwegian feminist history

- 1855 Women's liberation is required by a female author, Camilla Collett
- 1882 Women are entitled to graduate from secondary school
- 1884 The Norwegian Association for Women's Rights is created
- 1888 Married women acquire legal capacity
- 1889 Female match workers strike to obtain more pay
- 1901 Women are granted a limited right to vote at local elections and in 1907 at legislative elections
- 1911 A woman participates in Parliament for the first time
- 1912 Women are admitted to senior government posts in most areas
- 1913 Universal adult suffrage is adopted
- 1924 The first family planning and maternity clinic is created in Oslo
- 1927 Husband and wife acquire equal economic and legal rights
- 1945 The first woman cabinet minister is appointed
- 1959 Norway ratifies the Equal Remuneration Convention
- 1961 The first woman is ordained as a priest
- 1972 The prohibition against homosexuality is annulled
- 1974 The first woman party leader is elected, by the Liberal Party
- 1978 The Gender Equality Act and the Act on Self-determined Abortion are adopted
- 1981 The first woman Prime Minister is elected, from the Labour Party, Gro Harlem Brundtland
- 1987 The maternity leave is expanded from 18 to 42 weeks. In 1993 fathers get a quota of 4 weeks
- 1992 More women than men pass the final university examination. The first female university president is elected
- 1993 Norway gets the first female bishop and the first female President of the Parliament
- 1994 Legal protection against sexual harassment is adopted
- 2001 The first female leader of the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions is elected
- 2007 The cabinet has a majority of women for the first time
- 2008 Prohibition against the purchase of sex is agreed upon

Still feminist!


Norwegian Association for Women's Rights has fought for women's rights since 1884. Much has been achieved. Norway has become the "World Equality Champion". But the goals are far from being attained.

WE WANT

- Half of the power!
- A woman-friendly society!
- Equal income for women and men!
 - Power over our bodies!
- Shared care for the best interests of the child!
 - Sister solidarity!




Half of the power!

 **Women have acquired the right to vote and positions in politics and the economy.**


- **But** men still occupy most of the high level posts in business and administration, the judicial system, research and higher education, the church, cultural institutions and the media. In the Norwegian power elite four out of five are men. Special measures are required to achieve 50/50. Quotas must be established among others to get women into Parliament, Executive Boards and leading positions.

A woman-friendly society!

 **We have got a Gender Equality Act and the voices of women are heard.**


- **But** women are still discriminated and their values and activities downgraded. There is need to increase the status of women's culture and care giving. The media, the arts and sports must be more woman-friendly. Preservation of the environment and resources must replace ruthless exploitation. Conflicts must be resolved by non-violent means, not weapons. Women must not be obliged to do military service.

Equal income for women and men!

 **Women are educated, have occupations and do socially beneficial work.**


- **But** they get low-grade jobs and are paid less than men. Totally, women's income amounts to about three fifths of the income of men. This is not just. Women work at least as much as men. Caring work must be given higher value and the salaries of women's occupations increased so women can become economically independent. They must be able to work full time if they want to, and be promoted on equal terms with men. The working environment must be satisfactory and women's pension rights improved.

Power over our bodies!

 **Women have access to contraception and self-determined abortion.**


- **But** we do not have real sexual liberation. Women must have power over their bodies, sexuality and reproduction. Violence, prostitution, pornography and sexual abuse must be suppressed. Beauty tyranny and commercialization of the female body must come to an end.

Shared care for the best interests of the child!

 **Both fathers and mothers can take parental leave and children have access to kindergartens.**

- **But** the quality of post-natal care is unsatisfactory and the main responsibility for children and the home still rests with the women. The position of mothers must be strengthened and fathers must take over more of the daily care of house and family. Society must be more child-friendly. Fathers must get longer parental leave in addition the leave mothers need. Working life must be characterized by a more positive attitude towards caring commitments and the working day must be shorter.

Sister solidarity!

 **Norwegian women have rights and a high standard of living.**

- **But** the position of other women is often weaker. Efforts to combat the discrimination of women must continue in all cultures and all countries. Norway must work actively at the international level, through the UN and development cooperation, to combat poverty, improve the status of women and give women increased influence and power. In Norway, cultural diversity must be appreciated and the discrimination of minority women eliminated.

On this basis we still are feminists.



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