

*Suomi
Finland*
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140 years of gender equality



Finland is a gender equality pioneer

Women's organisations **Suffragette**
Eligibility for election Right to vote
Political rights Parliament



1906

Finnish women attain full political rights



1870

1878

Equal hereditary rights for men and women

1880

1882

Women attain the right to complete a university degree with special authorization

1890

1900

1910

1920

1926

The first woman minister in Finland is Miina Sillanpää, appointed Second Minister for Social Affairs



Women involved in reconstruction

Urbanisation

Women in employment

Political openings

Maternity clinics

Maternity package

1930

1937

Maternity Benefits Act



1940

1943

Statutory school meals introduced

1944

Act on Prenatal and Child Health Clinics

1950



Towards social equality

Sexual and reproductive rights and health
Birth control services Sharing care duties
Parental leave Shelters

1971

Homosexuality decriminalized

1972

The Council for Gender Equality (TANE) established

1973

The Daycare Act comes into effect

1960

1961

Usage of the contraceptive pill authorized

1970



Gender equality policy established

Act on Equality between Men and Women

Ombudsman for Equality

Right to Daycare Names Act

Women priests



1980

1985

The Children's Home Care Support Act
- the terms maternity, paternity
and parental leave are confirmed

1987

The Act on Equality between
Women and Men adopted

1990

1990

The first woman
Minister of Defence
in the world appointed
- Elisabeth Rehn

1990

Children obtain the subjective
right to municipal day
care until age 3



Gender equality debate diversifies

Gender variance Equality debate
Role models Stereotypes

Gender Neutral Marriage Law
International Gender Equality Prize



2000
The first woman President of Finland – Tarja Halonen

2007
Over 40 % of woman MPs for the first time, women in majority in government (60 %)

2017
Finland establishes the International Gender Equality Prize

2000

2010

2015

Gender Neutral Marriage Law
Non-discrimination of gender minorities included in the Equality Act

