

# “Women at the Storting. Documentation through interviews”

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INTERVIEWS WITH FEMALE, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE STORTING





# Disposition

1. What is the interview project?
2. Sources of inspiration
3. Karen Platou – a short history
4. How do we work with the interviews
  1. Preparations
  2. Implementation
  3. Finishing work
5. Plans for 2023





## What is the interview project?

- ◆ Started in 2021
- ◆ 100 years with female representation (Platou)
- ◆ Interviews with female, earlier MPs
- ◆ Oral history – documentation of memories, knowledge and experiences
- ◆ Cooperation with different parts of the administration in the Storting



## Experiences and inspiration from other parliaments

- ◆ Finlands Riksdag
  - ◆ Riksdagens Archive for oral History
- ◆ The British Parliament
  - ◆ Oral History Project
- ◆ The American Congress

## DUSKUNTA IKSDAGEN

Riksdagsledamöter

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## Projects

Explore projects and documentaries that chronicle specific events and themes in House history, including women in Congress, civil rights legislation, and World War II.



### The Long Struggle for Representation: Oral Histories of African-Americans in Congress

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### A Century of Women in Congress

On November 7, 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to the United States Congress. To commemorate the centennial of her election and swearing-in, listen to interviews of former women Representatives, staff, and family members.

## HISTORY, ART & ARCHIVES

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## House Pages

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## Oral History of the House

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# The Political Lives of Postwar British MPs

An Oral History of Parliament

Edited by Emma Peplow & Priscila Pivatto



## Karen Platou, The Conservatives

THE FIRST FEMALE ELECTED MP AT  
THE STORTING – A SHORT HISTORY





# Selection criteria

- ◆ Party affiliation
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Consideration of age and health
- ◆ More/less profiled representatives
- ◆ Seniority





Intevju 2:  
Kirsti Kalle Grøndahl (Ap)  
March 2022





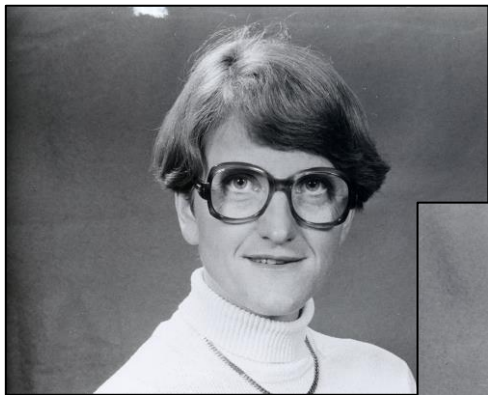


# Interview 3: Anne Enger (Sp) March 2022





# The way forward



Marit Løvig (H)  
Sissel Rønbeck (Ap)



Kari Kjønnås Kjos (FrP)  
Kjellbjørg Lunde (SV)



# Lost memories

A project where time is of essence.

Parliamentary politicians who has died – MPs from The Conservatives 1970-2000





Thank you for your attention!

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