

# Worlds of Women

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE CATALOGUE

The present catalogue of women's archives with an international profile was established within the framework of the WoW project—Worlds of Women—at the Labour Movement Archives and Library (2008–2010). The catalogue has been created using inventories drawn up by Margareta Ståhl with supplementary/editorial work by Martin Grass and Ulf Jönson, archivists at the institution. Note the following when using the catalogue:

**Archive/collection:** The Labour Movement Archives and Library holds more than 5,000 archives and collections, varying in size from a few centimetres to several hundred metres of shelf space. From these holdings, we have selected archives classified as 'female' (individuals or organizations) and containing documentation of any kind of international contacts. For practical reasons, no 'male' archives or similar have been included, although there are a number of these at the Labour Movement Archives and Library which contain international material with a link to women and women's issues.

**Archive no.** refers to the Labour Movement Archives and Library's unique collection code for the archive or collection.

**Size refers** to the collection as a whole. In several cases—but not always—the size of the international documents is specified under **Content**.

**Period**, this field indicates the period for the collection as a whole. Information on the life of the archive creator and dates of the international material are specified under **Content**.

**Content:** For personal papers this section provides a short biographical description of the creator. Normally it includes records of the material in the archive which is of an international nature. Wherever practicable, we have sought to specify the size of the international material in terms of both volume and time period. It is assumed users will be aware that association archives normally contain minutes, cashbooks, letters and the like, and that the primary language is Swedish.

Stockholm, 25 March 2010

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**WOMEN'S ARCHIVES / KVINNOARKIV**

**Archive/collection**

Ahlberg, Iris

**Archive no.:** 3082

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1950–1951

**Content**

Iris Ahlberg (1912–1993)

No biographical information available

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the study visit to Australia (1951) with Hulda Flood: diaries, reports, letters, photographs, and articles that give insights into the Australian trade unions.

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**Archive/collection**

The Joint Female Labour Council

**Archive no.:** 1239      **Size:** 81 volumes + 1.5 shelf metres of books      **Period:** 1951–1975

**Content**

The Joint Female Labour Council (1951–1975) started as a coordinating body between the Swedish Employers' Confederation (SAF) and the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO). In 1957, the Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO) joined. The council mainly dealt with issues, such as child care, part-time work, vocational training, rationalization of the home, and consumer information.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on  
the Nordic Council, the European Community, and the Council of Europe (1970–1975)

foreign study visits (1964–1974), including to Israel (1964–1965)

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**WOMEN'S ARCHIVES / KVINNOARKIV**

**Archive/collection**

Bergman, Helfried

**Archive no.:** 59

**Size:** 0.1

**Period:** 1921–1940

**Content**

No biographical information available.

**CONTENT:**

Correspondence, mainly with foreign addressees, regarding the proposal to nominate Carl Lindhagen for the Nobel Peace Prize (1921–1940), including with the following women: Nina Bang (1927), Henriette Beenfeldt (1922), Lilly Heber (1927 and 1928), Selma Lagerlöf (1933), Elin Olsson (1923), and Rosika Schwimmer (1933)

**Archive/collection**

Branting-Westerståhl, Sonja

**Archive no.:** 93

**Size:** 15 volumes

**Period:** 1902–1960

**Content**

Sonja Branting-Westerståhl (1890–1981) was the daughter of Hjalmar and Anna Branting. She was a lawyer by profession and from 1926 ran her own law firm. She was a board member of the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden (1936–1952) and sat in the Second Chamber of the Riksdag (1948).

**CONTENT:**

In total, there are around three volumes on

Spain (the 1930s)

statements by the Wuppertal Committee

a lecture tour in the USA (1935)

the lawyers' congress in Berlin (1935)

the campaign against the Berlin Olympics (1936)

the International Conference on the Right of Asylum, Paris/Brussels (1936)

Rosika Schwimmer

International affairs are also touched on in the correspondence (1902–1941 [six volumes])

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**Archive/collection**

Croner, Nelly

**Archive no.:** 115

**Size:** 4 volumes

**Period:** 1920–1960s

**Content**

Nelly Croner (1894–1978) was a writer and political refugee who lived in exile in Sweden during the war years.

**CONTENT:**

Notes and manuscripts, plus cuttings on the Spanish Civil War.



**Archive/collection**

Dalström, Kata

**Archive no.:** 121

**Size:** 30 volumes

**Period:** 1890s–1923

**Content**

Anna Maria Katarina Dalström, known as Kata (1858–1923), married the engineer Gustav Dalström in 1878. She joined the Social Democratic Party in 1894 and was a member of the party executive and executive committee (1900–1901). She was one of the party's most active agitators and formed a large number of trade union and political organizations, particularly for women textile workers and seamstresses. In 1917, she was present at the congress at which the Social Democratic Left Party of Sweden was formed. She was a delegate at the Second International Women's Conference in Copenhagen in 1910 and at the Second Congress of the Third International in Moscow in 1920.

**CONTENT:**

Manuscripts of speeches, including the Third International and the twenty-one theses; the German Revolution; the struggle for power in Russia; educational work in Russia; the French workers' movement; the French Revolution (1789); the Paris Commune (1871); and more specifically on women's issues, including the struggle for liberty by lower-class women in Germany and women and peace.

In the correspondence (in total, seven volumes), there are individual letters from international contacts.

**Archive/collection**

Ekendahl, Sigrid

**Archive no.:** 134

**Size:** 2 volumes

**Period:** 1950–1977

**Content**

Sigrid Ekendahl (1904–1966) worked at a hotel and cafe in the 1920s. From the 1930s, she worked as a trade unionist within the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, branch 48. From 1948 to 1968, she was the first female ombudsman and chairwoman of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation's Women's Council. In 1956, she became a member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' (ICFTU) Consultative Committee on Women Workers' Questions and was its chairwoman between 1963 and 1965. She was also a member of Stockholm City Council and the Second Chamber of the Riksdag, and held various political posts.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the ICFTU's Consultative Committee on Women Workers' Questions (1965–1977), correspondence (1964–1977 [large parts of which are international])

**Archive/collection**

Engkvist, Greta

**Archive no.:** 1936

**Size:** 14 volumes

**Period:** 1930s–1950s

**Content**

Greta Engkvist (1894–1990) travelled to the Far East during the 1930s, and to the Soviet Union, among other places, in the 1950s. In 1939, she founded the Peace College Foundation with, among others, Karin Boye, Oscar Olsson, and Fredrik Ström, and worked there for many years as the director and secretary.

Literature: Engkvist, Greta, *Att se tillbaka vid 94 – minnen från ett liv för freden* [Looking Back at the Age of 94: Memories from a Life for Peace] (Stockholm, 1988).

**CONTENT:**

Personal documents, manuscripts, notes, cuttings for Greta Engkvist's memoirs, and individual letters from the 1930s to the 1950s

Documents on China, Japan, the Soviet Union, India, Iraq, the United Nations, the peace issue, Germany, and Korea (a large number of volumes)

Correspondence, a total of one volume, with a considerable amount of international material, including on India

**Archive/collection**

Eriksson, Signe

**Archive no.:** 4275

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1930s–1960s

**Content**

Signe Eriksson (1911–2005) was a coat-maker, a courier for the Communist International (1936), and worked internationally to support anti-fascist refugees.

Literature:

Eriksson, Signe, *Sveket* [The Treachery] (1997). See [www.vansterpartiet.se/nacka](http://www.vansterpartiet.se/nacka)

**CONTENT:**

Fundraising lists for 'Support the Fighting People of Spain' and two thank-you letters from Spain

Report on the Prague Coup (1948), list of members of the Czech government before and after the change of government

Manuscript and photographs for the autobiography *Sveket*

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**WOMEN'S ARCHIVES / KVINNOARKIV**

**Archive/collection**

Ettlinger, Ruth

**Archive no.:** 4230

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1963

**Content**

Ruth Ettlinger (1920–2009) was a senior lecturer in psychiatry.

**CONTENT:**

Documents from the International Women's Congress in Moscow (24–29 June 1963)

**Archive/collection**

Flood, Hulda

**Archive no.:** 161

**Size:** 28 volumes

**Period:** 1926–1967

**Content**

Hulda Flood (1886–1968) worked as a domestic servant and tailoring worker. From 1931, she was the Swedish Social Democratic Party's women's representative, with the title of party secretary, responsible for agitation and educational activities among women. She was active within the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden, including involved in organizational issues, in the magazine *Morgonbris*, and worked as the national study leader. She was chairwoman of the Uppsala District of the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden (1923–1925); a board member of Verdandi, a Swedish workers' organization (1929–1948); and a member of the First Chamber of the Riksdag (1948–1949).

Literature:

Swedmark, Marianne, *Hulda Flood: socialist, agitator, kvinnopionjär* [Hulda Flood: Socialist, Agitator, Women's Pioneer], *Idéhistoriska skrifter* [History of Ideas] vol. 18 (Umeå University, 1993).

Flood, Hulda, *Den socialdemokratiska kvinnorörelsen i Sverige* [The Social Democratic Women's Movement in Sweden] (1939).

CONTENT:

Documents on

*Morgonbris*' journey to the Soviet Union (April–May 1934)

the International Socialist Women's Committee

The correspondence (three volumes) contains extensive international contacts, including with Nina Andersen, Mary Saran/the Socialist International (1950); Lilian Ditcham, England (1939–1964); Gudmundsdottir, Helsingør, Denmark (1939); Kathleen E. Hitchcock, London (1939–1940); Anna Leiditz, New York (1940–1942); D. Lovegrove/Australian Labor Party (1950); Maria Pikart, Cologne (1928 and 1931–1934); Mary Saran/International Council of Social Democratic Women (1960); Olga Stolten, Hamburg (1932–1941); J. V. Stout, Melbourne (1952); Thina/Norwegian Labour Party (1939–1942); and Clara Zetkin, Germany (1910).

**Archive/collection**

Gradin, Anita

**Archive no.:** 1824

**Size:** 111 volumes

**Period:** 1973–1992

**Content**

Anita Gradin (1933– ) was the minister with responsibility for immigrant and equality affairs (Ministry of Labour) and the minister with responsibility for foreign trade (Ministry for Foreign Affairs) (1982–1991), and the first Swedish member of the European Commission.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the Parliamentary Group of the Party of European Socialists (eleven volumes)

Documents on other international work (eleven volumes), for example the Socialist Women's International and the Socialist International, including meetings in Lima (1986), Stockholm (1989), Helsinki (1991), and Berlin (1991)

the UN Women's Conference in Nairobi (1982–1985)

a study visit to Zambia (1972) and official visits to Cape Verde (1986), the Philippines (1986), Korea (no date), Vietnam (1988), Australia (1989), Malaysia (1990), and South Africa (1992 [including travel diary])

Israel, the South-West Africa People's Organization, Vietnam, Turkey, and Jews in the Soviet Union

the Council of Europe's Committee on Population and Refugees (1970–1982) and the Political Affairs Committee (1975–1991)

one volume of correspondence on the Socialist International Women

Permission is required to access the papers in the archive (2010).

**Archive/collection**

Grönvall, Hanna

**Archive no.:** 183

**Size:** 7 volumes

**Period:** 1911–1930s

**Content**

Hanna Grönvall (1879–1953) was a domestic servant and one of the founders of the Stockholm Association of Domestic Servants. She was a member of Stockholm City Council.

CONTENT:

Individual issues of the Danish journal *Husassistenten* [The Domestic Servant] (1915, 1927, and 1933–1936)

An extract from a report on a major European survey from the French Federation of Home Economics (Fédération Française de l'Enseignement Ménager) (1931)

The correspondence includes letters from Miina Sillapää (1911[4], 1912, 1915, and 1916).



**Archive/collection**

Gustafson, Ruth

**Archive no.:** 188

**Size:** 2 volumes

**Period:** 1910–1954 (various years)

**Content**

Ruth Valborg Maria Gustafson (1881–1960) was one of the pioneers within the workers' movement, first and foremost within the Social Democratic women's movement. She was active as an agitator and organizer within the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden and was a member of the executive (1907–1910 and 1917–1920), the chairwoman (1908–1910), and the editor of the magazine *Morgonbris* (1908–1910 and 1919–1921), a member of Stockholm City Council (1919–1938) and of the Second Chamber of the Riksdag (1933–1948).

**CONTENT:**

Photographs from a visit to England (1934)

ID card for Ruth Gustafson and porcelain badge from the 1910 Socialist International Congress in Copenhagen

Cuttings on international women's congresses

Manuscript 'Svenskarna i Magnolia' [The Swedes in Magnolia] (Canada) by Swedish-American Y. M. Wilhelmson (1927)

Letters and cards from Maren Gerhard (1932), A. Kaumlay (1914), Isobel Ritchie (1933), and Herman de Vries (no date)

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**Archive/collection**

Hedenvind, Astrid

**Archive no.:** 211

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1963, no date

**Content**

Astrid Hedenvind (1903–1983) was chairwoman of the Stockholm Social Democratic Women's Club.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on

a Swedish development assistance project for women's education in Africa (no date)

efforts of Swedish women in Israel to educate women in Africa (22 February 1963)

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**Archive/collection**

The Herrängen Social Democratic Women's Club

**Archive no.:** 2622

**Size:** 2 volumes

**Period:** 1961–1963

**Content**

The Herrängen Social Democratic Women's Club was formed in 1955.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on development assistance to an Indian village (1962–1963 [the Indian village was a co-operative association that, among other things, issued publications]). The Herrängen Social Democratic Women's Club began collecting money for a well. The 1964 annual report mentions that the club was sponsoring children there. In 1965, the club started donating money to the Haifa Institute.

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**Archive/collection**

Höglund, Elsa

**Archive no.:** 5247      **Size:** approx. 30 volumes   **Period:**

**Content**

Elsa Höglund (1909–1975) was a secretary and the daughter of Zeth Höglund.

**CONTENT:**

The papers in Elsa Höglund's archive are not classified. It contains, among other things, a number of documents on the Nordic region during the Second World War, the struggle for freedom in Norway, aid to Norway, and Nordic development assistance.

**Archive/collection**

International Women's Day: The 8 March Committee

**Archive no.:** 1241

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1979–1981

**Content**

CONTENT:

Documents on the 1979 International Women's Day. The committee which organized the 1979 Women's Day was formed by the Social Democratic Women's District and members of the Fredrika Bremer Association.

Includes speeches by Susanna Carmen Sanz, Argentine lawyer and secretary of the Montonero Peronist Movement; Berta Diaz, Chile; and Laura Estela Carlotto: *Asesinada Testimonio* (in Spanish); a proclamation from the Montonero Peronist Movement's programme (8 March 1979); and cuttings.

Documents on the 8 March 1981 Committee, a cross-party group of women who organized the demonstration on the 1981 International Women's Day. The initiative was taken by the Fredrika Bremer Association. Those who ultimately took part were All Women's House, Women of Labour, the Liberal Party's Women's Association, the Fredrika Bremer Association, Group 8, the Housewives' Association, Home and Community, the International Immigrant Women's Association, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Women's House Group, Women for Peace, Lesbian Feminists, the National Association of Eritrean Women in Europe, the City of Stockholm and Stockholm County Social Democratic Women's District, the Stockholm Women's Centre Party, the Left Federation of Swedish Women, the Syndicalist Women's Association, Thousand Sisters, and the cross-party breast cancer group.

Includes meeting notes with annexes (1980–1981), copies (the original is housed at the Fredrika Bremer Association); documents, including, among other things, an evaluation of the demonstration in 1981; a speech by Mira Kakossaios, chairwoman of the National Association for Immigrant Women (Riffi), in Kungsträdgården, Stockholm, on 8 March 1981; Riffi's appeal (1981); a leaflet (1981); and a demonstration permit.

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**Archive/collection**

International Socialist Women's Conferences [collection]

**Archive no.:** 3579

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1907–1969

**Content**

CONTENT:

Documents, reports, and cuttings on the International Socialist Women's Conferences: Stuttgart (1907), Copenhagen (1910), Vienna (1923), Brussels (1926), Brussels (1928), Zurich (1930), Vienna (1931), Brussels (1935), Vienna (1948), Stockholm (1953), London (1955), Hamburg (1959), Amsterdam (1963), Stockholm (1966), and Eastbourne (1969)

**Archive/collection**

Jansson, Margit

**Archive no.:** 271

**Size:** 3 volumes

**Period:** 1920s–1960s

**Content**

Margit Jansson (1905– ?) was a secretary, a shorthand writer, and a member of the Social Democratic Women's Club.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on  
international youth meetings (1929)

visits to Iceland (1939 [7th Nordic study week]); the Netherlands (1948); the International Socialist Women's Council, Stockholm (1966); and a study week in Bergneustadt, Germany (1958)

the trade union women's study week in Copenhagen (1946)

an international seminar on the place and role of women in autonomous local government, Belgrade (1963)

the Swedish Danilo Dolci Committee (1962–1964)

There are also international contacts in the correspondence (1949–1957), particularly in German.

**Archive/collection**

Women for Peace

**Archive no.:** 4324

**Size:** 107 volumes

**Period:** 1970s–1990s

**Content**

Women for Peace is a non-party political organization formed at the end of the 1970s. Most of the material is not classified.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on, among other things,  
the World Peace Council; the International Peace Campaign, Prague; the Vienna Dialogue (2nd, 3rd, and 4th); Leningrad and the Volga Peace Cruise; Greenham Common; Comisco; the Oslo–New York–Washington Peace March (1983); Bike for Peace (1983–1985); the Great Peace March (1984–1985); the Stockholm–Minsk Peace March (1982 [slides] and 1989); Nordic peace festivals (1984–1987); the Nordic People's Parliament, Jönköping (1985), Vega (1990); the Nordic region—A Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (1983–1992); the Nordic Peace Forum (1988)

America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and South Africa (no date)  
European Nuclear Disarmament conventions in Berlin, Perugia, Amsterdam, Evry, Coventry, Lund, Vitoria-Gasteiz, and Moscow (1983–1991)  
the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro (1992)  
the Solidarity for Ecology, Equality, and Development Forum (1993)

Foreign correspondence (1981–1992 [one volume classified by country])



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**Archive/collection**

Stockholm Women for Peace

**Archive no.:** 3464

**Size:** 16 volumes

**Period:** 1989–1992

**Content**

The papers in the archive are not classified.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the peace march, Minsk (1982), New York–Washington (1993), Oslo–New York–Washington; the World Peace Council, and United Nations conferences. Documents on international issues are prominent in the material.

**Archive/collection**

Leijon, Anna-Greta

**Archive no.:** 1950

**Size:** 100 volumes

**Period:** 1972–1994

**Content**

Anna-Greta Leijon (1939– ) became Minister without Portfolio (Ministry for Labour) in 1973, Minister for Labour in 1982, and Minister for Justice in 1987. In 1984, she was appointed president of the International Labour Organization, a United Nations body.

Anna-Greta Leijon's autobiography *Alla rosor ska inte tuktas* [Not All Roses Must Be Pruned] (1991).

**CONTENT:**

Documents on, among other things,

her period of study, including the Afro-Scandinavian Congress (1962), a Master's thesis in political science

the visit of the Prime Minister and the Swedish delegation to Mexico, Venezuela, and Cuba (1975)

the immigration of Assyrians (1976)

the Committee for Solidarity with the Baltic States (1991)

texts of speeches given in international contexts (some in English)

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**Archive/collection**

Lindgren, Emma

**Archive no.:** 1468

**Size:** 3 volumes

**Period:** 1935–1987

**Content**

Emma Lindgren (1898–1987) was a union activist in the Swedish Food Workers' Union.

**CONTENT:**

Diary entries from the Swedish Food Workers' Union's visits to Austria (1957 [with photographs], 1964, and 1975)

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**Archive/collection**

Lindley, Elin

**Archive no.:** 363

**Size:** 4 volumes

**Period:** 1910s

**Content**

Elin Lindley (1873–1946) was married to Charles Lindley. She was a member of the Social Democratic Women's Club and treasurer of *Morgonbris* as well as a member of Stockholm City Council.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the Socialist Women's International, Copenhagen (1910)

The correspondence includes letters from Alexandra Kollontai.

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**Archive/collection**

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation's Women's Council

**Archive no.:** 4569

**Size:** 62 volumes

**Period:** 1947–1967

**Content**

In 1947, the national secretariat set up the Swedish Trade Union Confederation's (LO) Women's Council with the primary aim of mobilizing women within the trade union movement. In 1968, the Women's Council was reorganized as LO's Family Policy Council.

**CONTENT:**

Minutes from Nordic meetings (1943–1958)

Correspondence with, among others, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Labour Organization (1950–1967), and Nordic trade union confederations (1949–1967)

Documents on, among other things, the International Women's Conference in Budapest (1956), with a memorandum on women's pay in certain European countries (1956)

the Nordic Council (1955–1960)

Nordic study weeks, conferences, and courses (1935–1967)

the European market (1958–1961)

the Haifa Institute (1963–1965)

Gertrud Sigurdson's visit to America (1963) and other study visits (1960–1965)

**Archive/collection**

Myrdal, Alva and Gunnar

**Archive no.:** 405

**Size:** approx. 1,700 volumes

**Period:** 1902–1986

**Content**

Alva Myrdal (1902–1986) was married to Gunnar Myrdal. In 1936, she became director of the Institute of Social Pedagogy which she had founded. She was head of the United Nations (UN) Department of Social Affairs (1949–1950) and head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) social science section (1951–1955 [the first woman to hold such a prominent post within the UN]). She was Sweden's ambassador to India (1956–1961); a Social Democratic member of the Riksdag (1962–1970 [First Chamber]); the chairwoman of the Swedish delegation at the Disarmament Conference in Geneva (1962–1973); a Minister without Portfolio with responsibility for, among other things, disarmament issues (1966–1973); and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1982.

Literature:

Hirdman, Yvonne, *De blå kuverten: kärleksbrev juli 1919-augusti 1920* [The Blue Envelopes: Love Letters, July 1919–August 1920] (2003).

Vinterhed, Kerstin, *Kärlek i tjugonde seklet: en biografi över Alva och Gunnar Myrdal* [Love in the Twentieth Century: A Biography of Alva and Gunnar Myrdal] (2003).

Gröning, Lotta, *Kvinnans plats: min bok om Alva Myrdal* [The Woman's Place: My Book about Alva Myrdal] (2006).

CONTENT:

Documents on, among other things,

the UN and UNESCO (17 volumes)

the Nordic Folk High School in Geneva (1 volume)

India (11 volumes [developing country issues])

South Africa (2 volumes)

peace and disarmament issues (159 volumes)

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**Archive/collection**

Ohlson, Judith

**Archive no.:** 1537

**Size:** 17 volumes

**Period:** 1920s–1990s

**Content**

Judith Ohlson (1905–1994) was married to Ivan Ohlson, one of the founders and directors of Reso AB, the travel and holiday organization of the Swedish popular movements.

**CONTENT:**

Finnish correspondence (1950–1994)

Norwegian correspondence (1950–1994)

**Archive/collection**

Ottesen-Jensen, Elise

**Archive no.:** 1586

**Size:** 30 volumes

**Period:** 1920s–1960s

**Content**

CONTENT:

Elise Ottesen-Jensen (1886–1973) was born in Norway but lived in Stockholm. From 1915 to 1945, she was married to the editor Albert Jensen. She was a sex educator, and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Uppsala University in 1958. She was one of the pioneers of family planning and sex education, and a well-known adviser and lecturer. In 1933, she founded the National Swedish Association for Sexual Information (RFSU) and was its president until 1959. She was president of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) (1959–1963), and went on lecture tours in Europe, the USA, and Asia.

Literature:

Ottesen-Jensen, Elise, *Och livet skrev* [And Life Wrote] (Stockholm, 1965); *Livet skrev vidare* [Life Carried on Writing] (Stockholm, 1966); see manuscript in vol. 2:1–2

Hackzell, Siv, *Levande livsverk: Elise Ottesen-Jensen och RFSU* [A Living Life's Work: Elise Ottesen-Jensen and the RFSU] (Stockholm, 1986).

Content:

There are documents from foreign trips, particularly pictures.

The correspondence (eleven volumes in total) includes letters in English and German, among others.



**Archive/collection**

Palme, Lisbet

**Archive no.:** 2822

**Size:** approx. 130 volumes

**Period:** 1986–1999

**Content**

Lisbet Palme (1931– ) was married to Olof Palme. She was a child psychologist, the chairwoman of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF [1990–1991]) and of the Swedish UNICEF Committee until 1999.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on her UNICEF work (1986–1999 [ninety volumes] include, among other things,

Namibia, southern Africa (1987–1989); Harare (1987–1990); and a trip to Africa (1994)

a conference on freeing children from apartheid, Stockholm (1989)

the World Congress on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of the Child (1996)

Childwatch International (1993–1996)

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**Archive/collection**

Pettersson, Hilma

**Archive no.:** 469

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1935

**Content**

Hilma Pettersson (1890–1974) worked at the Collijn sewing factory in Stockholm.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on the study visit by Friends of the Soviet Union to the Soviet Union in 1935, including visits to various factories; three diaries; manuscripts of lectures; 127 photographs, including subjects from a bread factory, a slaughterhouse, a tobacco factory as well as a rest home, and an orphanage.

Four plate holders with photographs, including from the Soviet Union

See Hilma Pettersson's series of articles in *Sovjetnytt* [Soviet News] nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12 (1935).

**Archive/collection**

Pripp, Anna-Stina

**Archive no.:** 477

**Size:** 6 volumes

**Period:** 1909–1966

**Content**

Anna-Stina Pripp (1891–1973)

Her biographical details are not available.

**CONTENT:**

Correspondence (1940–1966), mainly with Norwegian National Socialists

Documents on visits to the Soviet Union (1922 and 1936)

Documents on the period of war and occupation in Norway from 1942 and retrospectives after 1945, including a manuscript by Olga Bjoner, 'Ting som har hendt' ['Things That Have Happened']; an article by Bergljot Bornøy (1947); a manuscript by Carl Sand (1947); an article on Marta Steinsvik's book *Frimodige ytringer* [Candid Observations]

The collection of photographs includes

the Fourth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow (1922)

Botkinsskaja (Botkin hospital) (1936)

the women's group in Moscow (1936)—with a Russian caption

Lita Hestnes and Sølvi (1945) (see Lita Hestnes' letter dated 21 December 1945)

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**Archive/collection**

Rothman, Kajsa

**Archive no.:** 2449

**Size:** 0.1

**Period:** 1934–1938

**Content**

Kajsa Rothman was editor of the journal *Solidaritet* [Solidarity] and heavily involved in the Spanish issue. She was, among other things, an active member of the Spain Committee.

**CONTENT:**

Letters, postcards, sketches, and photographs relating to Spain and the Spanish Civil War (1934–1938), including in Spanish

**Archive/collection**

Rössel, Agda

**Archive no.:** 4824      **Size:**      **Period:** 1948–1985

**Content**

Agda Rössel (1910–2001) was chairwoman of the Swedish Federation of Business and Professional Women (1948–1952); a section head of Save the Children's international aid work (1948–1951), vice president (1950–1954); chairwoman of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (1954–1956); a member of Sweden's delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1951–1953) and on the Status of Women (1954–1958). She was also a member of the UN General Assembly (1952 and 1954), a UN ambassador (1958–1964), and, subsequently, Sweden's ambassador in Belgrade (1964–1969), Prague (1970–1973), and Athens (1973–1976).

**CONTENT:**

Documents on  
the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (1947–1955)

her UN years (1958–1964)

her work as an ambassador (1964–1976)

Swedish companies abroad (1977–1985)

visits to the USA and England (1983–1984)

**Archive/collection**  
Sigurdsen, Gertrud

**Archive no.:** 520

**Size:** 47 volumes

**Period:** 1964–2000

**Content**

Gertrud Sigurdsen (1923– ) was employed at the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) in 1949 and, among other things, was the ombudsman for family issues (1964–1973), a member of the Riksdag and of committees and commissions of inquiry, a Minister without Portfolio (1973–1976 and 1982–1985), the Minister for Health and Social Affairs (1985–1988), and a member of the executive committee of the Swedish Social Democratic Party.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on

the Labour Movement's International Centre (AIC [1978–1981]), including a report on the visit to the West Indies (1979)

international development work (1973–1977), including the conflict between the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Department for International Development Cooperation (1970, 1972, and 1974), plus letters received (1975) concerning development assistance to North Vietnam

the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) (1973 and 1976–1979), including women's affairs

peace and disarmament (1981–1982)

immigrant issues (1967–1973)

international equality issues (1973–1980), including women's pay (1973)

the Nordic family policy seminar at Hässelby Palace (1968) and Nordic family policy course at the LO school in Helsingör (1970)

the Swedish Co-operative Union (KF) and the International Co-operative Alliance (1973)

A report on the visit to Angola (1977) and discussions (1980) with the Bangladeshi Ambassador, the Ethiopian Minister for Social Affairs, and the Iraqi Ambassador

Photographs, including of a visit to Cuba (1974), the 10th Meeting of the Nordic Ministers of Health and Social Affairs (1947), the International Labour Organization's regional conference (February 1955), and a family policy conference in Paris (1968)

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**Archive/collection**

The Solna Social Democratic Women's Club

**Archive no.:** 2648

**Size:** 6 volumes

**Period:** 1949

**Content**

The club was formed in 1920.

Most of the archive is missing until 1942.

**CONTENT:**

Minutes of board meetings of the Committee for Aid to Europe (1949)

**Archive/collection**

Sonntag, Wolfgang and Anne-Marie

**Archive no.:** 665

**Size:** 64 volumes

**Period:** 1930s–2003

**Content**

Anne-Marie Sonntag (1913–2004) was married to Wolfgang Sonntag, a German political refugee in Sweden after Hitler came to power in 1933, who was involved in the Internationella arbetslag (IAL), the Swedish branch of the Service Civil International (this archive is housed in the National Archives of Sweden). She worked as the manager of a retirement home both before and after her marriage. She was active within the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden, including in peace and refugee issues, in the campaign against nuclear weapons, and in environmental issues.

Her long-term involvement in the Society of Friends (Quakers) has left a fairly extensive body of material in the archive.

**CONTENT:**

Approximately thirty of the volumes come from Anne-Marie Sonntag, in which there is, for instance,

correspondence with, among others, Susel Huveröd, Gudrun Lyckow, Karin Monset, Jeanne Oterdahl, Marianne Hundt, Greta Novit, Margot Rothschild, Otto and Hans Schloss, Ernst Schwarcz, and Vogelhut

documents on refugee issues, the IAL, and nuclear weapons (1930s–2000s)



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**Archive/collection**

The Domestic Servants' Associations' Home

**Archive no.:** 1233

**Size:** 5 volumes

**Period:** 1932–1970

**Content**

The Domestic Servants' Associations' Home was established in 1932 to provide rooms for domestic servants seeking work. The facility was closed down in 1970.

**CONTENT:**

Mostly Finns, followed by Danes and Norwegians, are recorded in the guest register. Some Swedish-American women stayed at the house, and a number of European countries were also represented. The guests who had come the furthest were two Korean women.

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**Archive/collection**

The Stockholm Trade Union Organization, Women's Section

**Archive no.:** 2817

**Size:** 6 volumes

**Period:** 1935–1950

**Content**

Previous name: The Stockholm Women's Trade Union Association (established around 1924). The purpose of the organization was to conduct educational work on social and trade union issues among women affiliated to the Stockholm Trade Union Organization, Women's Section, particularly issues which could promote and improve the status of women in a cultural, social, and economic perspective. The organization published a newspaper called *Arbetets kvinnor* [Women of Labour].

**CONTENT:**

Documents on Nordic trade union study weeks (1935–1950)

Photographs from the Nordic study week in Helsinki (1939)

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**Archive/collection**

The Stockholm County Social Democratic Women's District

**Archive no.:** 2705

**Size:** approx. 50 volumes

**Period:** 1929–1993

**Content**

The Stockholm County Social Democratic Women's District was formed in 1929 but dates its beginnings to the formation of the City of Stockholm and Stockholm County Social Democratic Women's District in 1919 (1919–1929 [archive no. 2703]). Some of the documents are not listed. See also the archive of the Stockholm Social Democratic Women's District (archive no. 2704).

**CONTENT:**

The correspondence also includes some international correspondence.

Documents on Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and other countries (1981, 1988, and 1993)

Documents on study days and peace work (undated), including development assistance for women in developing countries

**Archive/collection**

The Stockholm Social Democratic Women's District

**Archive no.:** 2704

**Size:** approx. 160 volumes

**Period:** 1932–1999

**Content**

The Stockholm Social Democratic Women's District was formed in 1932. Previously, the Stockholm Social Democratic Women's Clubs were amalgamated into the Stockholm Social Democratic Women's Clubs' Joint Organization. See also the archive of the Stockholm County Social Democratic Women's District (archive no. 2705).

**CONTENT:**

Documents on  
the International Council (1990–1993)

democracy in the former Yugoslavia (1994)

a cross-party symposium on Bosnia and Herzegovina (1995)

the Nordic Peace Conference (1994)

a symposium in Mozambique and a study visit to South Africa (1995)

A photograph of an information meeting of the women's international disarmament campaign held in 1932 in the Stockholm Concert Hall.

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**Archive/collection**

The Stockholm Syndicalist Women's Club

**Archive no.:** 1878

**Size:** 2 volumes

**Period:** 1930s–1940s

**Content**

The club was formed in 1936.

**CONTENT:**

Documents on a fund-raising collection for Spain (1930s) and for the children of Norway (1944)

**Archive/collection**

Sundbom, Annie Marie

**Archive no.:** 3275

**Size:** 120 volumes and 3 boxes

**Period:** 1960–2000

**Content**

Annie Marie Sundbom (1932–) trained as a social worker in Lund (graduated in 1957). She has served as the association secretary of the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden, the chairwoman of Stockholm City Council (1982–1985), the Swedish government's representative on the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (1986–1993) and chairwoman of the committee (1989–1993), and the ambassador to Sierra Leone, Gambia, and Liberia stationed in Stockholm (1992–1997).

**CONTENT:**

Three volumes of travel diaries on, among other things, the Socialist International's delegation to Chile (1973); Angola, South Africa, and Sierra Leone (1993–1996); Liberia (1996); Vietnam (1991); Yugoslavia and Canada (1987); Peru (1987), the West Bank and Gaza (1991), Poland, Mexico, El Salvador, and Guatemala

Permission is required to access the papers in the archive.

**Archive/collection**

The Left Federation of Swedish Women

**Archive no.:** 4874

**Size:** 65 volumes

**Period:** 1947–1966

**Content**

The Association of Liberal Women was formed in 1914. In 1921, it was reorganized as the National Association of Liberal Women and, in 1931, as the Left Federation of Swedish Women (SKV). In January 1947, the federation became a section of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF), formed in November 1945.

Parts of the federation's material and material from Andrea Andreen-Swedberg, chairwoman for many years, have been donated to the Women's History Collections at Gothenburg University Library.

**CONTENT:**

Around twenty to thirty volumes contain international material (foreign correspondence [1946–1963])

Documents on the WIDF: congress in Paris (1945), congress in Vienna (1958); executive meetings in Helsinki (1950), Sofia (1951), Berlin (1951), Bucharest (1952), Geneva (1954); council meetings in Moscow (1949), Berlin (1951), Geneva (1953), Stockholm (1954), Peking (1956), Helsinki (1957), Prague (1959), Warsaw (1960), Budapest (1961); section meeting in Berlin (1957); the WIDF's key documents (1945–1956); a ten-year history (1955); circulars (undated); bulletins (1946–1959); correspondence (1945–1947)

Documents on congresses and conferences, including the Asian Women's Conference (1949); the World Peace Congress, Paris (1949); the World Peace Conference, Prague (1950); the International Conference in Defence of Children, Vienna (1952); the World Congress of Women, Copenhagen (1953); the World Peace Council Meeting, Stockholm (1955), the press conference, Berlin (1954), the Nordic Women's Conference, Oslo (1955); the World Congress of Mothers, Berlin and Lausanne (1955–1956); the preparatory committee for the World Conference of Working Women (1956); and the International Women's Co-operative Guild (1957)

Documents on Spain (1947–1948), Greece (1947 and 1951–1952); essays on peace by German schoolchildren (1949–1950); and Finland (1955)

Photographs (1945–1955), including the WIDF's executive meeting in Stockholm (1947 [twenty-six photographs]), the women's delegation in China (1953), the women's delegation in the Soviet Union, the World Congress in Copenhagen (1953)

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**Archive/collection**

**The Left Federation of Swedish Women, Fyrklöver section**

**Archive no.:** 3570

**Size:** 1 volume

**Period:** 1951–1989

**Content**

CONTENT:

Documents on International Women's Day (various years)

Reports from delegates in Vienna (undated)

Speeches by the Vietnamese delegation in Stockholm (1966)



**Archive/collection**

The National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden

**Archive no.:** 2702

**Size:** approx. 580 volumes

**Period:** 1907–2000

**Content**

From 1907, national collaboration between the women's clubs was established as well as an organization with women's congresses and a joint working committee, later a central executive. The National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden (SSKF) was formed under that name in 1920. The current name is the Social Democratic Women in Sweden (S-kvinnor).

Ninety-five volumes contain documents on international activities. Permission required for documents from the last twenty years.

**CONTENT:**

Correspondence with the Women's International (the International Council of Social Democratic Women [ICS DW]), foreign women's organizations, as well as international and foreign institutions and organizations (1908–1995 [series E 05])

Correspondence from the Women's International chaired by Anna Rudling, which does not actually belong in the SSKF's archive (1965–1973 [series E 06])

Documents on the Women's International, including material from congresses, committee and section meetings, and conferences (1926–1995 [series F 06 B])

Documents on international projects, primarily in Africa (including Mozambique) and Latin America (including Nicaragua), and study visits to Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe (series F 06 D and F 06 E)

Documents on the Haifa Institute (1962–1974 [in series F 07 F])

Documents on international seminars in connection with the SSKF congresses (1975–1993 [series F 06 D]), and foreign visits to Sweden (1970–1990 [in series F 07 F])

Documents on Nordic cooperation (1935–1980 [series F 07])

The series of documents on courses includes international courses and courses on, among other things, developing countries and individual countries, such as Mozambique, with relevant course material (series F 02 A and B)

**Archive/collection**

Theorin, Maj Britt

**Archive no.:** 1839

**Size:** 13 volumes + 23 shelf metres

**Period:** circa 1970–2002

**Content**

Maj Britt Theorin (1932– ) was a member of the Riksdag (1971–1995) and of the European Parliament (1995–2002), primarily involved in peace and disarmament issues. She headed the Swedish Disarmament Commission (1982–1991).

Archive: Permission required for certain volumes with personal content.

**CONTENT:**

Diary from the United Nations (1992), and the CD-ROM *European Campaign against Domestic Violence*

Documents on visits and conferences, including 'Peace and Security', the Women's Conference on Preventing Nuclear War, Budapest/Pugwash (1986); International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), Auckland, New Zealand (1987); the International Women's Peace Summit in Hiroshima (1990); the African National Congress's (ANC) Women's League, Kimberley (1991); Women in Europe (1991–1992); Linda Ncube (1992–1993); the Women's Tribunal (1993); Mines and Children (1994); Women in International Decision-Making: Peace and Security Areas (1994); the Women's Standing Committee (1999); Women and Armed Conflicts (2000); Gender Mainstreaming in the European Commission and European Parliament (1999–2001); the United Nations Development Fund for Women's Advisory Group on Gender and Peace (2001–2002); Iraqi Women (2001–2002); and Trafficking, including the videotape *Trafficking Women*

Documents on the peace issue: the formation of World Women Parliamentarians for Peace (WWPP) (1985); the WWPP (1985–1992); Seminar on Peace and Disarmament for Women Parliamentarians, Stockholm (1985); Women's International Peace Symposium, Hiroshima (1990); the Second International Women's Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (1992); Women, Power, and Politicians, Australia (1994)

Speeches given, for instance on International Women's Day (undated, 1987, 1988, and 1991); the International Food Workers' Union's conference on 'Women in the Workplace', Geneva; the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Congress, Gothenburg (1983); the National Women's Conference on Preventing Nuclear War, Washington (1984); the Soviet Women's Committee's International School of Peace, Leningrad (1986); a section meeting of the Women's International, Madrid (1988); the ANC's first women's congress, Kimberley, South Africa (1991); the IPPNW's 10th World Congress, Stockholm (1991)

**Archive/collection**

Thorsson, Inga

**Archive no.:** 575

**Size:** approx. 460 volumes

**Period:** 1940s–1992

**Content**

Inga Thorsson (1915–1994) was a Social Democratic politician and diplomat, best known for her involvement in peace issues, disarmament, and the campaign against nuclear weapons. From 1934, she was a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). She was politically active at a local, national, and international level, both within the Stockholm Women's Club and the United Nations General Assembly. The archive contains an extensive collection of international and foreign journals and publications. Certain volumes in the archive require permission.

Literature: Lindskog, Lars G., *Att förändra verkligheten - porträtt av Inga Thorsson* [Changing Reality: A Portrait of Inga Thorsson] (Stockholm, 1990).

**CONTENT:**

Documents on

the Swedish delegation at the UN Disarmament Commission in Geneva (1973–1982)

the Socialist International (1950–1955)

the Joint Committee of the Nordic Social Democratic Labour Movement (1975)

disarmament issues (1950–1992), including nuclear weapons (1950–1955); the Palme Commission (1980–1981); the UN report *Nuclear Weapons* (1990)

the WILPF, including the Great Peace Journey (1985–1989); a Disarmament and Development Initiative (DDI)/Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Ken Coates (1988)

international development work: Women in Africa (1963–1965)

conferences, including the World Population Conference, Bucharest (1974); the UN Women's Conference, Mexico (1975); the Gothenburg Peace Festival (1983); the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Australia (1984); Equality, Development, and Peace, Nairobi, Kenya (1985); the UN Conference on Disarmament and Development (1985–1986); the International NGO Conference on Disarmament and Development, Stockholm (1987)

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**Archive/collection**

Zammert, Anna and Paul

**Archive no.:** 627

**Size:** 2 volumes

**Period:** 1918–1968

**Content**

Anna Zammert (1898–1982) was married to Paul Zammert. Both were German political refugees in Sweden after Hitler came to power in 1933.

CONTENT:

Manuscripts: of biography; 'Gewerkschaftliche Zusammenarbeit in Skandinavien' ['Trade Union Cooperation in Scandinavia'] (undated); 'Arbeiderskandinavism' ['Worker-Scandinavianism'] (undated); 'Forderungen des deutschen Gewerkschaftsbundes für die erwerbstätigen Frauen' ['Demands of the German Confederation of Trade Unions for Working Women'] (1952)

German and Austrian correspondence (1946–1956)

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**Archive/collection**

Öhman, Gunnar and Rodney

**Archive no.:** 638

**Size:** 7 volumes

**Period:** 1945–1964

**Content**

Rodney Öhman (1908–1994) was married to Gunnar Öhman, and was a member of the Communist Party of Sweden (SKP).

CONTENT:

Of the archive's seven volumes, two contain documents from Rodney Öhman, including, among other things,

the World Congress of Women in Copenhagen (1953)

'The International Scientific Session' to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the First International, held in Berlin (1964)

the SKP study delegation's visit to Czechoslovakia (1964)

Norway

the Soviet Union

The speeches by Gunnar and Rodney Öhman that are deposited in the archive touch on international issues.