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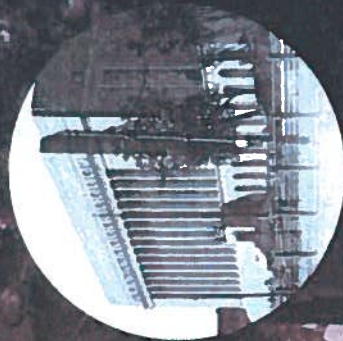
# 140 years of gender equality





# 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



Last will and testament

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

**1943**

Statutory school meals introduced

**1944**

Act on Prenatal and  
Child Health Clinics

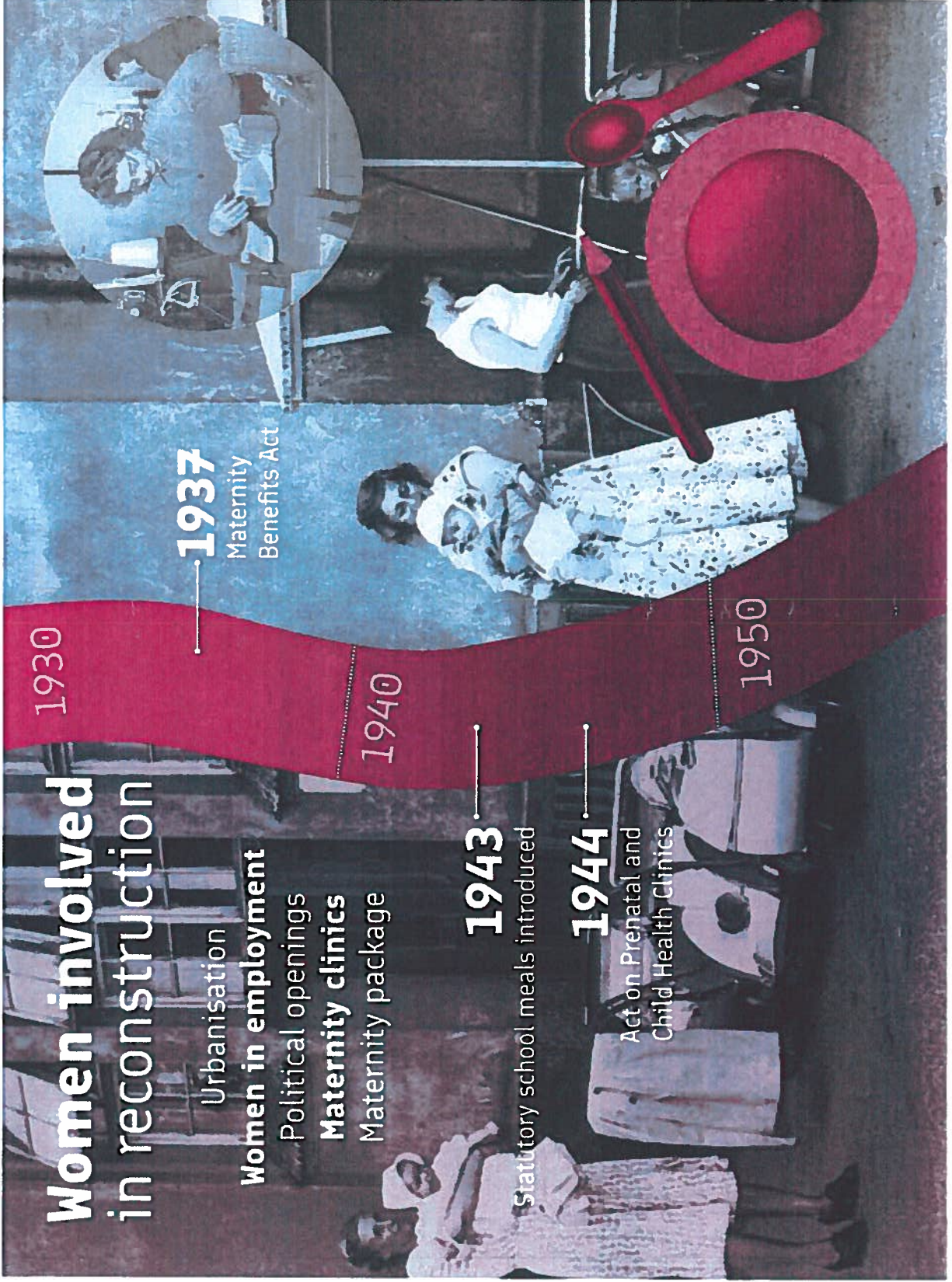
1930

**1937**

Maternity  
Benefits Act

1940

1950





# Towards social equality

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

1960

1961

League of  
Women for  
Contraception  
and Abortion

1971

Homosexuality decriminalized

1972

The Council for Gender Equality  
(TANE) established

1973

The Daycare Act comes into effect

1970





# Gender equality policy established

## Act on Equality between Men and Women

Ombudsman for Equality

## Right to Daycare Names Act

Women priests

**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**

The first woman  
Minister of Defence  
in the world appointed

– Elisabeth Rehn



1980



**1990**

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

1990



# 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

