

PRESS RELEASE 100YEARS!

The future is now. And also the past. We are about to celebrate the Centenary for women's right to vote in Norway, by launching the project 100 Years!

For many Norway is the symbol of a privileged reality in which human rights and the right to vote is a given. But even in one of the most egalitarian societies in the world we have still not reached the goal of gender equality. For many Norwegians the word feminism is a four letter word.

100years! is a parade of exhibitions, events, seminars and workshops spanning all of 2013. It has taken more than 2000 years to build the concept of human rights and dignity. We want to celebrate the historical effort leading up to universal voting rights.

100år! Has a critical focus on our times and how the right to control one's personal life is still worth fighting for. Through art we seek to promote and encourage a diverse set of voices to be heard and to add new perspectives to issues such as the right to vote, equality, activism, power and representation.

A significant venue for this discourse is the website *hundreaar.no* which will be launched the 8. March. During the coming year this website will introduce texts about art, aesthetics, feminism, democracy, power and opposition. The website ignores borders and will shortly be available in Norwegian, English and Arabic. The expressions will come from all corners of the world as a resource to exchange experiences and clarify positions. We want to convert the discussion on equal rights and art to active participation and action.

Art as activism. 10. april "Frida Kalho" and "Käthe Kollwitz", two of the founders of the American art group Guerilla Girls are coming to Bergen. They will share their experiences by actively claiming positions in the art hierarchy.

The initiators of 100 Years! are Maya Økland and Hilde Jørgensen, artists and managers of KNIPSU, Annine Birkeland artist and manager at Bergen Kjøtt, Malin Barth art historian, curator and director of Galleri 3,14, Helga Nyman art historian and critic and Heidi Nikolaisen artist and associate professor of photography at Bergen Academy of Art and Design. The key feature is collaboration as process, which enables a diverse and complex program with a wide and mixed approach. The group wants to allow different traditions and discourses to meet and exist – side by side – in a polyphonous expression.

This is the first in a series of press releases to come during 2013. The autumn program will be published during the week of women's voting rights.

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Kunst- og designhøgskolen i Bergen
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KNIPSU

Exhibition opening 8. March at 8 pm

TALES FROM THE WOMB and exhibition by **Textfukkers** at KNIPSU

8. - 24. March, thu - sun 1-5 pm.

Komediebakken 9, Bergen



The first initiative is the Oslo based art group Textfukkers, featuring Marte Hodne Haugen, Espen Lomsdalen and Marthe Walthinsen. They have been invited to produce a performance and exhibition based on feminist art theory texts from a.o. Camille Paglia, Valerie Solanas, Simone de Beauvoir and Anna Chave, who all represent different perspectives on the subject. Textfukkers take no responsibility for the content, but rather see themselves as mediums for the words. Or do they? With their masked presence in the sculptural scenography framing the texts, the group allows the spectators to perhaps seek a possible connotation to women's secondary position in history.

Textfukkers was established in 2007 and have been exhibited at Kunstneres Hus, Hove festival, Podium, The House of Literature in Oslo, Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, 0047 and Galleri 69. In 2011 Textfukkers presented the solo show *The Textfukkers* at Trøndelag senter for samtidskunst, including a memory stick with their works. Memory sticks and other merchandise will be available also at KNIPSU.

The event series 100 Years! is supported by Art Council Norway and Fritt Ord



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PROGRAM SPRING 2013

8. March: Textfukkers – exhibition at KNIPSU

9. April: Power to Change! Strategies in Feminist and Human Rights Activism – seminar at Bergen Library

10. April: Guerilla Girls – performance at Landmark

11. April: Guerilla Girls - workshop at Bergen Academy of Art and Design

22. May: AKTIVISM – exhibition at KNIPSU

11. - 20. June: Voting week: public events and performances