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Women Journalists in Finland

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Naistoimittajat ry - the Women Journalists in Finland was founded in 1946 to unite female professional journalists. It is one of the oldest journalistic organizations in Finland and the activity of the non-governmental organization is purely based on voluntary work. The association's main objective is to advance the members' professional skills and to function as a liaison between women journalists. The association has two on-going international training programmes, one in Afghanistan (since 2009) and one in Somaliland (since 2012). Both are funded by the Foreign Ministry of Finland. In both projects the association's members give journalistic training to the local female journalists according to their needs.

I've been working as a professional reporter for 15 years, mainly in Finnish magazines and newspapers. Currently I work with the Alma360 as an assistant editor and a writer. I've specialized in stories covering culture and entertainment, currently also gaining broader understanding in matters relating Afghanistan, Somalia and the multicultural challenges in Finland. I'm also very interested in learning the skills the new social media requires. I've published two non-fiction books and participated in one fiction anthology. I infrequently give lectures about journalism and was elected as chairwoman of the Female Journalists' Association in Finland in 2011.



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