

Red Stocking Movement

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Runnib er upp Kvennaar Sameinubu þjóðanna 1975 til baráttu fyrir jafnretti og bættum kjörum kverna um viða veröld, ekki síst i þróunarsindunum. Og eftir að þjóðhalfiðrar íslenskra karl-manna hafði verið brennt ót teiknaði Hildur-Hákonardóttir vefuri í tileini timamótanna myndina bér að ofan, sem hún kallar "Sa eldur verður ekki slökktur".

Drawings and graphics are prominent in the materials of the Redstocking Movement (1970—1982). These images were used to raise awareness, to illustrate and promote their cause, rally support, to give life to the untold stories of women and matters that were perhaps hard to discuss or understand. These images were as well used to entertain and mock their oppositions. The drawings, even the light or funny ones, are urgent and shameless, just like the problems they aimed to remedy, and carry this unique energy that was prominent in the movement. They speak directly into the image-use of other radical feminist movements of the time and connect themselves in that way into an international discourse regardless of language. The sharp lines, figures and the red colour were active participants in making the vital and gigantic change the Redstockings made for equality and women's rights in Iceland. The images are sourced from their magazine, Forvitin raud, the newspaper *Þjóðviljinn*, and the physical archives of the Women's History Archives, who graciously hosted this research project, which was made in collaboration with the Icelandic Drawing Center, funded by Rannís, the Icelandic Student Innovation Fund.













