

# Iceland: Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World

In the heart of the North Atlantic, Iceland stands as a beacon of gender equality. This small island nation has consistently ranked among the top countries in the world for women's rights and empowerment. From politics to business, from science to the arts, Icelandic women are making waves and changing the world.



## Secrets of the Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World

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This book tells the stories of some of Iceland's most extraordinary women. These are women who have broken barriers, defied stereotypes, and made their mark on the world stage. They are pioneers, leaders, and role models who inspire us all to reach for our full potential.

## The Power of Education

Iceland's commitment to gender equality begins with education. Girls and boys have equal access to education at all levels, and this has led to a highly educated and skilled female workforce. Icelandic women are more likely to have university degrees than men, and they are also more likely to be employed in high-paying jobs.

One of the most inspiring examples of the power of education in Iceland is the story of Vigdís Finnbogadóttir. Vigdís was born in 1930 and grew up in a small village in Iceland. She was the first woman to be elected president of Iceland, and she served for four terms from 1980 to 1996. Vigdís was a strong advocate for women's rights and education, and she helped to make Iceland a more just and equitable society.

## **Women in Politics**

Iceland has a long history of women in politics. In 1983, Iceland became the first country in the world to elect a female prime minister, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir. Since then, several other women have served as prime minister, including Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir and Katrín Jakobsdóttir.

Icelandic women are also well-represented in parliament. In the 2021 parliamentary election, women won 48% of the seats, making Iceland one of the most gender-equal parliaments in the world.

## **Women in Business**

Icelandic women are also making their mark in the business world. In 2018, Iceland was ranked the best country in the world for women entrepreneurs by the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor.

One of the most successful women entrepreneurs in Iceland is Halla Tómasdóttir. Halla is the founder and CEO of the company Sóley Organics, which produces organic skincare products. Sóley Organics has become a global success, and Halla has been recognized as one of the most influential women in the business world.

## **Women in Science**

Icelandic women are also making significant contributions to the world of science. In 2020, Iceland was ranked the second best country in the world for women in science by the Elsevier Foundation.

One of the most inspiring women in Icelandic science is María Ásta Valdimarsdóttir. María Ásta is a physicist and the director of the Icelandic Meteorological Office. She has been a vocal advocate for climate change action, and she has played a key role in raising awareness of the issue in Iceland.

## **Women in the Arts**

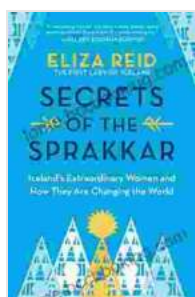
Icelandic women are also making their mark in the arts. In recent years, several Icelandic women have gained international recognition for their work in film, music, and literature.

One of the most successful Icelandic women in the arts is Björk. Björk is a singer-songwriter who has sold over 20 million records worldwide. She is known for her unique and experimental music, and she has won numerous awards, including the Grammy Award for Best Alternative Rock Album.

The stories of Iceland's extraordinary women are an inspiration to us all. They show us that anything is possible when women are given the

opportunity to reach their full potential. These women are changing the world, and they are making Iceland a more just and equitable society for everyone.

I hope that this book will inspire you to learn more about Iceland and its extraordinary women. I also hope that it will inspire you to reach for your own dreams and make a difference in the world.



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