



The year 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of women's right to vote and to stand for election.

The Parliament Building will host four events to celebrate this jubilee of Swiss democracy.



Photo: The Swiss Parliament

27 March
to 23 November

Guided tour **Women's entry into Parliament**

From March to November, Parliamentary Services are inviting visitors to discover the Parliament Building from the perspective of women. This thematic guided tour highlights the presence of women in the Parliament Building's architecture and artwork, and showcases exhibits commemorating the first women to enter Parliament in 1971. A unique opportunity to reveal how the women elected to Parliament have advanced women's rights over the past half-century and how far we still have to go to achieve full gender equality. Groups and individuals interested in the guided tour are kindly requested to register online: www.parlament.ch



Photo: Swiss National Museum, Actualité Suisse Lausanne, ASL

Exhibition:
7 February
to 30 June

Show:
6 to 13 August

Son et lumière show & exhibition **'Hommage 2021'** a tribute to women's fight for equal rights

For ten days, 'Hommage 2021' a son et lumière show to honour women's fight for equal rights will be projected onto the facades of the Parliament Building, the Swiss National Bank and the cantonal bank of Bern. The panoramic projection of historical documents pays tribute to the thousands of Swiss women who fought for independence and equal opportunities for more than 100 years. Choirs from around the country will take part in the event. Furthermore, an exhibition put together by school classes from all the cantons, guided by experts, will feature 52 portraits of women pioneers in Bern at the time. The 'Hommage 21' association's multilingual project is supported by Parliament.



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26 October
to 17 December

Exposition

Female figures in the Parliament Building

Dozens of women's silhouettes will take over the Parliament Building from 26 October to 17 December. They represent women's entry into Parliament. The message conveyed by women artists from all regions of Switzerland is clear: women have a place in Parliament and they should be present in numbers. The exhibition has been organised by the Swiss Society of Women Artists (SSWA), with logistical support from Parliamentary Services.

29 and
30 October

Frauensession 2021
Session des femmes 2021
Sessione delle donne 2021
Sessiun da las dunnas 2021

Women's session in the National Council

The Parliament Building will host the 2nd women's session, with the support of Parliamentary Services. 246 women from all language regions will gather in the National Council chamber to discuss measures for achieving gender equality, the pension system, violence against women and care-giving. At the conclusion of the two-day session, participants will submit a list of demands to the members of the Federal Assembly. This session is organised by Alliance F, the Federal Commission for Women's Issues, the overarching body of protestant women in Switzerland, the Swiss union of rural women and women farmers, the umbrella of women's charitable organisations and the Swiss catholic women's league.