

Rapport from Copenhagen, Denmark

I chose to travel to Copenhagen in Denmark to write an assignment for the course Multimedia and Global Journalism. The assignment was to create a foreign news article that could be published in Norwegian media. After some research in Danish newspapers, I found out that there is currently a discussion about whether female conscription should be introduced in Denmark. I found this to be an interesting topic, considering that Norway has had female conscription since 2015. What surprised me the most was that the Danish Women's Association, a feminist organization, did not support the introduction of female conscription.

This became the angle of my story. I then scheduled interviews with the Danish Woman's Association. They all volunteer for the association, so they couldn't guarantee a meeting. Luckily, Louise Winther Alis reached out, and was glad to schedule a meeting. She had a lot of interesting aspects on why the association does not want to introduce female conscription. I also visited Karen Philippa Larsen, who works for Danish female veterans. She had a lot of interesting things to tell me, as a female that has been working in the army for a long time. Her view on the matter was quite different than Alis. Lastly, I visited the Danish Conscription Association. I met three young soldiers which works closely with conscripts. They had a lot of the same thoughts as Alis. I was glad to talk to a young girl that had just finished her conscription.

I was glad to be physically in Denmark for this assignment. I don't think the interviews would have been the same over the phone. There are some language barriers between Norwegian and Danish, so it helped being in the same room. I was also able to take my own pictures.

This assignment has opened my eyes for making articles from abroad. The article was meant to be published for a Norwegians. It gave me ideas for how I can write other articles in the future. The Norwegian army has a lot of the same problems as the Danish, when it comes to sexual assault and harassment. The countries are a lot alike but has dealt with the situation different. I think these views especially from the Danish Woman's Association will be interesting for Norwegians to read.

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