

## 11. Anna Kleman

1862 – 1940

Anna Kleman was born in 1862 in Karlskrona, Southern Sweden. Her parents were Commander Karl Kleman and Augusta Grahm. She was the sister of Ellen Kleman.

Anna Kleman was an active advocate for peace and one of 16 Swedish women who participated in den Haag 1915. She was elected chair of the Swedish section of the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace from 1915 to 1918 and a Swedish delegate to 1919 Congress in Zürich.

Anna Kleman devoted much of her time to charity work and worked for the insurance company Thule in order to support herself. During World War One, she worked for 'Save the Children' and for a period acted as the chair.

Active in women's suffrage movement, she published *The Woman's Civil Rights* in 1908 and participated in the 'International Suffrage Congress' in Stockholm in 1911. She later became a member of the "International Council of Women" and was invited to their congress in Washington 1925, from where she sent reports for the journal *Hertha*.