Bio National Police Commissioner, Iceland

Sigríður Björk has served as the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police since 2020, the first women to hold this position. In this role she has brought about positive change, reducing barriers for women in the police.

Throughout her career within the Icelandic police Sigríður and her staff have personally been responsible for developing and implementing the reforms and improvements of how gender-based violence cases are processed by the Icelandic police with regards to the support and protection services provided to adult and minor victims. This includes the pilot project “Keeping the window open” at Suðurnes based on the law of prohibition of approach and expulsion from the home of perpetrators of domestic violence, the pilot project “Together against violence” in Reykjavík and the establishment of Bjarkarhlíð, the first family justice centre in Reykjavík.

Before becoming the National Police Commissioner Sigríður Björk was the Commissioner of Reykjavík Metropolitan Police, the Commissioner of Suðurnes Police, the Deputy National Police Commissioner, and the District Commissioner of Ísafjörður. She holds a cand. jur in law from the University of Iceland, Master of Law from Lund University, Sweden, and Master of Public Administration from University of Iceland.