

Ursula von der Leyen

Born on 8 October 58 in Brussels; married, seven children

Since November 2005

Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Since 2005

Chairwoman of the Family Affairs Committee "Eltern, Kind, Beruf" (Parents, Children, Work) of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)

Since 2004

Member of the Presidium of the CDU

2003 - 2005

Minister for Social Affairs, Women, Family Affairs and Health of Lower Saxony

2003 - 2005

Member of the CDU in the State Assembly of Lower Saxony

2001 - 2004

Local political mandates in the region of Hanover

2001

Master's Degree in Public Health

1999

Member of the Working Group of Doctors (Arbeitskreis Ärzte) of CDU Lower Saxony

1998 - 2002

Member of academic staff in the Department of Epidemiology, Social Medicine and Health System Research (MHH)

1992 - 1996

Lived in Stanford, California/USA

1991

Conferred a doctorate

Since 1990

Member of the CDU

1988 - 1992

Assitant Doctor, MHH Women's Clinic

1980 - 1987

Studied Medicine at Medizinische Hochschule Hannover (MHH - Medical School of Hanover)

1978

London School of Economics

1977 - 1980

Studied Economics in Göttingen, Münster

1971 - 1976

Abitur (German equivalent to A-Levels) at Mathematisch-naturwissenschaftliches Gymnasium (grammar school specialising in maths and science), Lehrte