

Zoltán Balog
Junior Minister for Social Inclusion
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Balog Zoltán

Place and Date of Birth: Ózd, 1958

Academic Qualifications: Graduated from the Reformed Theological Academy of Budapest in 1983 as the pastor of the Reformed Church, then took a degree in mental hygiene at Semmelweis University's Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Sciences.

Work Experience: Worked as a semi-skilled turner at the Diósgyőr Machine Factory from 1976 to 1977, then he was the caretaker of the Catholic Residential Home in Hosszúhetény between 1979 and 1980. He was the pastor of the Reformed Church in Maglód between 1983 and 1989. He worked as a consultant for the parliamentary group of Fidesz between 1990 and 1993. From 1998 to 2002 he was chief advisor to the Prime Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, then in 2002 and 2003 he was head of the social policy department at the Presidential Office. From 2003 he served as director-general of the Foundation for a Civic Hungary, where he is currently president of the advisory board. He was Member of Parliament during the 2006-2010 administration and chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Minorities, Human Rights and Religious Affairs.

Public Functions: Theological consultant for the Conference of European Churches He was office-bearer at the European Protestant Open University between 1992 and 1998. He has been the leader of the Protestant Forum since 1996. Trustee of the Bethesda Foundation since 2000 and Chairman of the Hungarian Association of Civil Cooperation since 2009. Speaker at various conferences on theology, ecclesiastical policy and public affairs. Organises camps for children and young people.

Other: Fluent in German, speaks English at conversational and classic Greek at basic level. Married with five children.