

Biography of Sigmar Gabriel

Secondary and grammar school (Abitur - university entrance exam) in Goslar; 2-year military service; teacher training studies at the University of Göttingen in the subjects German, politics and sociology.

1976-1989 Children and youth work in the "Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands - die Falken (Socialist Youth of Germany, the Falcons), a youth organisation with close ties to the SPD

1977 Joined the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)

since 1979 Member of the Public Services and Transport Workers' Union (ÖTV), later of IG Metall union, and the National Association for Workers' Welfare (Arbeiterwohlfahrt)

1983-1988 Lecturer in political adult education at the educational association Arbeit und Leben, and for the trade unions ÖTV und IG Metall

1987 1st state examination in grammar school teaching

1987-1998 County councillor for the Goslar district

1988 2nd state examination in grammar school teaching

1989-1990 Teacher in vocational adult education in Lower Saxony's adult education centres

Since 1990 Member of the Lower Saxony Landtag (federal state parliament)

1990-1994 Member of the environment committee of the Lower Saxony Landtag

1991-1999 councillor of the town of Goslar, during this time chair of the environment committee

1994-1997 spokesman for domestic policy in the SPD parliamentary group in the Landtag

1997-1998 Deputy chair of the SPD parliamentary group in the Landtag

1998-1999 Chair of the SPD parliamentary group in the Landtag

1999-2005 Member of the executive committee of the SPD

December 1999 to March 2003 Minister-President of Lower Saxony

2003 to 2005 Chair of the SPD parliamentary group in the Landtag

since 22 November 2005 Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety