

CURRICULUM VITAE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE HEREDITARY GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG

His Royal Highness the Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume Jean Joseph Marie, Prince of Luxembourg, Prince of Nassau and Bourbon-Parme, was born on 11th November 1981 in the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* hospital in Luxembourg. He is the eldest son of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg.

His siblings are Prince Félix (1984), Prince Louis (1986), Princess Alexandra (1991) and Prince Sébastien (1992).

On 18th December 2000, Prince Guillaume was officially appointed “Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg”.

On 20th October 2012, the Hereditary Grand Duke married Countess Stéphanie de Lannoy in the *Notre-Dame* Cathedral in Luxembourg City. Countess Stéphanie de Lannoy thus became the Hereditary Grand Duchess of Luxembourg.

In 2018 and 2019, Prince Guillaume attended a postgraduate course at the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) in London, where he gained additional expertise in order to be able to fulfill his future responsibilities in the best possible way.

EDUCATION

Prince Guillaume’s mother tongue is Luxembourgish. He is also fluent in French, German, English and Spanish.

Prince Guillaume attended primary school in Lorentzweiler and continued his education in the *Lycée Robert Schuman* until the fourth year of Luxembourgish secondary education. Then he pursued his studies at the *Le Rosey Institute* and at the *Collège Beausoleil* in the Swiss Alps, where he passed his French Baccalaureate in 2001.

MILITARY TRAINING

From September 2001 until August 2002, the Hereditary Grand Duke accomplished his Officer training at the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy in the United Kingdom. He was commissioned as an officer of the Luxembourg Army in December 2002 and currently holds the rank of Colonel.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINEESHIPS

After his studies in international politics in the United Kingdom, Prince Guillaume continued to study those subjects in France, while taking part in significant geopolitical events during the same period. Thus, in 2005, he attended the “*Millennium Conference*” at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York. In 2009, the Hereditary Grand Duke graduated with honours with a Bachelor’s degree in Humanities and Languages, specialising in Political Science, at the University of Angers (France).

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In 2003, Prince Guillaume completed a traineeship at *Union Chimique Belge*, where he contributed to the drafting of the company's historical papers. In 2004, his internship at *Deutsche Bank* in London enabled him to gain substantial experience in international finance. In 2005, the Hereditary Grand Duke took part in various projects in the Spanish branch of steel company *Arcelor Mittal*.

In 2018, the Miami University Dolibois European Center awarded its highest honorary distinction, an honorary doctorate (*honoris causa*), to the Hereditary Grand Duke for his commitment to public and social causes.

OFFICIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL DUTIES

In 2001, the Hereditary Grand Duke was made Honorary President of the Board of Economic Development, which he leads during trade missions under the organisation's current name, the Trade and Investment Board. His duties in this context have taken him to many countries in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. In this capacity, he joined the Grand Ducal couple on, a State visits to Slovakia in (2005) and to Germany in (2012). As a member of the Council of State since 24 June 2005, the Hereditary Grand Duke regularly attends plenary sessions and sits on various committees.

COMMITMENTS

During the summer of 1997, the Hereditary Grand Duke participated in a humanitarian aid camp in Nepal, as a member of the Luxembourg Scouts movement. He participated in a reforestation project and various other activities to assist deprived communities. His Royal Highness joined the Board of the "World Scout Foundation" in 2017 to support the development of the Scout movement worldwide. In October 2019, the Hereditary Grand Duke made his Scout promise in front of hundreds of Scouts at the municipal park in Luxembourg City.

In 1999, he embarked on a charitable mission to Aguascalientes to bring social and educational assistance to children in one of the poorest regions of Mexico. After being chairman of the "Fondation Kräizbiërg", a charity for disabled people, for over ten years (2000-2011), Prince Guillaume accepted the title of Honorary President in March 2011.

Convinced of the necessity for developing new economic models, the Hereditary Grand Duke focuses on the concept of "social business" and developments linked to microfinance activities. He also shows a keen interest in Luxembourg's craft industry and he is involved in numerous initiatives supporting young citizens. In addition to his economic commitments, the Hereditary Grand Duke actively participates in Luxembourg's social and cultural life.

On 18th January 2016, the Hereditary Grand Duke joined the governing board of the foundation „Europäische Stiftung Kaiserdom zu Speyer“ which promotes the permanent preservation of the almost 1,000-year-old imperial cathedral of Speyer.

PATRONAGE

Prince Guillaume has granted his high patronage to the Luxembourg Cycling Federation (*Fédération du Sport cycliste luxembourgeois*), the youth hostel association of Luxembourg (*Centrale des Auberges de Jeunesse*), the national road victims' association (*Association*

nationale des victimes de la Route), the Luxembourg chamber music orchestra (*Orchestre de Chambre du Luxembourg*) the *European Union Youth Wind Orchestra*, as well as the *Jonk Entrepreneuren Luxembourg*, an association promoting young entrepreneurs, and *Special Olympics Luxembourg*.

FONDATION DU GRAND-DUC ET DE LA GRANDE-DUCHESSE

The Hereditary Grand Duke is one of four board members of the Fondation du Grand-Duc et de la Grande-Duchesse. The main purpose of this foundation is to help those who are most vulnerable and support their integration and inclusion in society. In Luxembourg, the foundation responds to individual requests for social assistance and to people with disabilities. Internationally, the foundation contributes financing to both development projects and humanitarian aid.

PERSONAL LIFE AND LEISURE

Prince Guillaume is interested in politics, economics and philosophy; his favourite books include biographies related to his interests, philosophical treatises and historical novels.

The Hereditary Grand Duke enjoys classical and modern music; he plays the piano and has a passion for playing the guitar. As a child, he used to sing in the *Pueri Cantores* choir of Luxembourg. In Switzerland, he was a singer in his school's rock band.

Prince Guillaume particularly enjoys theatre performances; he took part in several school plays during his studies in Switzerland. He is also a keen sportsman and enjoys tennis, skiing, swimming and water sports.

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