Anniken Huitfeldt was appointed Minister of Labour on 21 September 2012. Before that she was Minister of Culture from 2009-2012 and Minister of Children and Equality from 2008-2009. Since 2005, Anniken Huitfeldt has been a Member of Parliament for the Labour Party for Akershus County. She was a deputy member in the 2001 – 2005 and 1993 – 1997 parliamentary terms. Ms. Huitfeldt was a researcher with the Institute for Labour and Social Research, FAFO, from 2000 to 2005. She was President of the Labour Youth League from 1996 to 2000, and has headed the Norwegian Labour Party women’s network since 2007. Ms Huitfeldt holds a postgraduate degree in History from the University of Oslo and has completed undergraduate studies in Political Science and Geography. She was a student at the London School of Economics from 1992 to 1993.

“Our societies must aim towards higher employment of women. We cannot afford to waste any talents. Reconciling work and family life goes hand in hand with gender diversity in business organisations.”

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