Ulf KRISTERSSON
Minister for Social Security
Sweden

Ulf Kristersson was appointed Minister for Social Security after the election in 2010. His very first task was to review the recent reforms of the sickness and disability insurance system, and make the necessary changes to optimise the system. These reforms were presented already in 2011 and were included in the Budget Bill for 2012. He is currently involved in important reviews of the Swedish pension system.

Ulf Kristersson was born in 1963. He started his political career at a young age and was elected National Chairman of the Moderate Party Youth Organisation in 1988. He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Stockholm city already in 1991, and held this position until the spring of the year 2000. In this position, he has worked primarily with social insurance policy, but has also been actively involved in the Education Committee, the labour market committee and the Parliament's auditor's office. Following the election in 2002, Ulf Kristersson took on office as Mayor in the town of Strängnäs and was responsible for financial and economic issues and in 2006 he was appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Stockholm. In this office, he especially devoted time to work with homelessness, children in vulnerable situations and decreasing dependency on social assistance benefits.

Over and above his prominent political career, Ulf Kristersson has authored a number of books. He is married and has three children.

“Being able to support oneself is the foundation of independence and security and the key to Sweden’s successes in terms of gender equality. In order to change attitudes, women need to have the same advantages and disadvantages to achieve self-sufficiency as men.”

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