Governance for Youth, Trust and Intergenerational Justice: Fit for all generations?

**Biographies**

Mr Angel Gurría has been the Secretary-General of the OECD since 2006. Under his leadership, the Organisation has established itself as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture and has advanced its active engagement with the G20, G7, APEC and other international fora. Mr Gurría has amplified the OECD’s impact and relevance in several policy areas, focusing on the promotion of better lives through inclusive growth and new approaches to economic challenges. He has also made the OECD more inclusive through new memberships, strengthening the link with key emerging economies and fostering its global outreach. Mr Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his native Mexico, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s.

Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands is social entrepreneur, writer, strategist and dialogue facilitator. Her work revolves around social innovation and intergenerational dialogue on sustainability as well as socio-economic issues. She is a passionate advocate of systemic change through human-designed solutions and emancipation of ‘unexpected experts’. In 2004, she started the Reading & Writing Foundation, which has developed over time into a team of 100 professionals working to prevent and reduce illiteracy. In 2009, she founded Missing Chapter Foundation, which facilitates dialogue between children and leaders (originating from the notion that decisions are more durable and valuable if they take into account the sharp insights, questions and solutions from children and teenagers) and engages in advocacy about the practical implementation of Art. 12 of the UN Convention of the Right of the Child. In 2017 she founded Number 5 Foundation, whose mission is connecting for impact on complex societal issues. Princess Laurentien holds a range of honorary functions in the fields of literacy, European culture and conservation, one of them being UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development (since 2009). She also wrote several (children’s) books, including the Mr Finney-series.

Ms Caren Marks is Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Family, Seniors, Women and Youth in Germany since 2013. Prior to her current position, she was the spokeswoman for the working group “Family, Seniors, Women and Youth” of the parliamentary group of the Social Democratic Party. Ms Marks is a member of the German Bundestag (Parliament) since 2002.

Ms Elsa Pilichowski is the Director of the Directorate for Public Governance (GOV). Ms Pilichowski has more than 20 years’ experience dedicated to public governance in OECD and Partner countries. She joined the OECD in 2000, in the Public Governance Directorate where she worked until 2012, leading projects and teams on Agencies, Public Employment and various governance and indicator issues. Ms Pilichowski then moved to the OECD Global Relations Secretariat as deputy head of unit for the Eurasia region and in 2014 to the Office of the Secretary-General (OSG) where she was Advisor and then Counsellor to the Secretary-General on the strategic and corporate agenda of the OECD. Prior to joining the OECD, Ms Pilichowski held positions of Research Assistant at the World Bank.
Mr Maciej Julian Kucharczyk is Secretary General at AGE Platform Europe since July 2020 – a network of over 100 organisations of and working for people aged 50 years and over – Maciej has the overall responsibility of managing the network and implementing AGE's strategic objectives. Before taking the responsibility of Sec Gen, Maciej was working at AGE on social policy issues, such as the adequacy and sustainability of social protection, minimum income, promotion of human rights, social justice and dignity. From 2014 to 2020, he was vice-President of Social Platform, the largest network of European rights-based NGOs working in the social sector. Graduated in international economic relations, Maciej holds post-graduate degrees in European affairs at the College of Europe (Belgium) and in public administration at the ENA (France).

Ms Maree Brown is Director of the Child Wellbeing Unit in the New Zealand Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet which is leading cross-sector work on New Zealand’s first Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. Prior to her current role Maree held senior positions in Oranga Tamariki —Ministry for Children, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. She has spent most of her career in child and family policy roles.

Ms Alexandra Robinson is the Global President of AIESEC, a global, youth-led organization present in over 110 countries and territories focused on developing leadership in young people through the facilitation of 40,000+ cross-cultural internships and 40,000+ volunteer experiences annually. As Global President, she leads a culturally-diverse team of 25 individuals composed of 21 nationalities working in five locations around the globe who, together, are responsible for safeguarding the essence of the organization, ensuring its evolution to remain relevant, and driving ambition across our global network. A graduate in Global Studies (African Studies, Global Health & Environment) and Public Policy (Global & US Health Policy) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the United States.

Ms Floor van Houdt works in the European Commission since 25 years. She is currently active as Head of Unit in charge of “Youth, Volunteer Solidarity and Traineeships Office”. In this capacity, she deals with EU Youth Policy, youth activities under Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps and other actions for young people. She also leads the Commission’s traineeships programme. Prior to her current position, she worked on EU policies on research, entrepreneurship and maritime affairs. Before joining the Commission, she studied law and European Studies in the Netherlands, Spain and Belgium and worked as a European affairs consultant.

Ms Grace O’Regan is Ireland’s representative at the OECD Public Governance Committee (PGC) and is a member of the PGC Bureau. She works in the Reform Delivery Office at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, leading on the ‘Delivering for Our Public’ pillar of Our Public Service 2020. Grace is secretary to the Public Service Leadership Board (PSLB) and the Public Service Management Group. Her career has spanned five Government Departments, including the Department of An Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) where she worked on social policy and was eCabinet Project Manager. She also worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs, in the ‘Communicating Europe’ Division. Grace has also spent time in the private sector as an economic consultant and holds an M.Sc. (Econ) in Policy from Trinity College Dublin.