

Professor Dr. Wolfgang Schuster

Professor Dr. Wolfgang Schuster was elected as mayor in the capital city of Stuttgart, from 1997-2013, he served as deputy mayor, responsible for education, culture and sports in Stuttgart and from 1986-1993 as elected mayor in Schwäbisch-Gmünd.

2015 to 2018 he was the chairman of the Deutsche Telekom Foundation. Today, he is the chairman of the Council for local affairs of the Deutsche Telekom AG.

He is the managing director of the Institute of Sustainable City Development and advised the German Government as member of the National Council of Sustainable Development. As President of the Council of Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), he founded the European Foundation for Education focusing to link education to employment. He was member of the Reflection Group on Europe 2030, Vice President of the World Association of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and member of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA).

Wolfgang Schuster publishes on issues like education, integration, demographic change, mobility, European development and sustainability.

Curriculum Vitae

- September 5, 1949 born in Ulm/Danube, Germany
- since 1979 married to Stefanie Schuster, M.D., physician and occupational health specialist, Founder and President of the Olga Foundation for sick children, Stuttgart
three children, six grandchildren
- 1968 Graduation from Humboldt grammar school in Ulm
- 1968 – 1969 Military service with the mountain infantry in Mittenwald; reserve officer candidate
- 1969 – 1973 Student of law and political science at the universities of Tübingen, Geneva and Freiburg
Politically active as deputy chairman of the Senate at Freiburg University
First State examination in law in Freiburg
- 1974 – 1976 Administrative trainee with the State civil service of Baden-Württemberg in Ulm; Doctorate in law with a dissertation on civil law
Second State examination in Stuttgart
- 1975 – 1980 Member of the Ulm City Council
- 1976 – 1977 Post-graduate studies at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in Paris
- 1978 – 1980 Assistant head of division in the B-W State Ministry working under former minister-presidents Dr. Hans Filbinger and Lothar Späth
- 1980 – 1986 Executive Director to the former Mayor of Stuttgart, Dr. Manfred Rommel
- 1986 – 1993 Mayor of Schwäbisch Gmünd
- 1993 – 1996 Deputy Mayor for Culture, Education and Sports,
City of Stuttgart
- January 1997 Mayor of Stuttgart, capital of the State of Baden-Württemberg – January 2013
- January 2013 Honorary citizen of the State Capital Stuttgart
- January 2013 Professor of the State of Baden-Württemberg

Curriculum Vitae, short version

- Born 1949 in Ulm, Germany
- Doctorate in law
- Post-graduate studies at the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in Paris
- 7 years Mayor of Schwäbisch Gmünd
- 4 years Deputy Mayor for Culture, Education and Sports, City of Stuttgart
- 16 years Mayor of Stuttgart, capital of the State of Baden-Württemberg (until January 2013)
- Professor of the State of Baden-Württemberg
- Member of the National Council of Sustainable Development
- Member of the Reflection Group on Europe 2030 (appointed by the European Council of the 27 heads of state)
- Honorary President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Brussels
- Honorary Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Barcelona
- Chairman of the European Foundation for Education, Stuttgart
- Director of the Institute for Sustainable City Development GmbH
- Chairman of the Deutsche Telekom Foundation (2015 – 2018)
- Chairman of the council for local affairs of the Deutsche Telekom AG

Current functions

- Chairman of the European Foundation for Education, Stuttgart
- Director of the Institute for Sustainable City Development GmbH, Stuttgart
- Chairman of the council for local affairs of the Deutsche Telekom AG, Bonn
- President of the University of Applied Science HWTK, Berlin
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the German CSR Forum, Stuttgart
- Honorary-President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Brussels (organisation composed of 54 national associations of towns, municipalities and regions from 42 countries)
- Honorary-Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Barcelona (global association of 170,000 cities, local and regional governments in 136 countries representing over three billion citizens)
- President of the Foundation for the promotion of the Turkish-German-University, Istanbul
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the German-Turkish Forum, Stuttgart
- Chairman association of the Institut Francais, Stuttgart

Former important functions

- Member of the National Council for Sustainable Development, Berlin
- Member of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA), Nairobi
- Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Barcelona
- Member of the Reflection Group on Europe 2030 (appointed by the European Council of the 27 heads of state)
- President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Brussels
- Vice-President of Deutscher Städtetag (DST) (German Association of Cities)
- Co-Chairman of the National Demographic Strategy Commission
- Chairman Deutsche Telekom Stiftung
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board

- Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG (public transport company)
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Verkehrs- und Tarifverbund Stuttgart GmbH (regional transport and tariff company)
- Deputy chairman of the Supervisory Board
Flughafen Stuttgart GmbH (airport company)
- President
Zweckverband Landeswasserversorgung (Baden-Württemberg water supply)
- President
Zweckverband Bodensee-Wasserversorgung (Lake Constance water supply)
- Member of the Supervisory Board
Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (LBBW)
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Baden-Württembergische Bank (BW Bank)
- Chairman of the Administrative Council
Staatstheater Stuttgart (Stuttgart State Theatre)
- Chairman of the coordination committee
“Stuttgart Metropolitan Region”
- Member of SWR broadcasting council
- Member of the Regional council of Stuttgart

Founder of networks

- Cities for Mobility
(members: 650 cities, companies, universities, research institutes from 82 countries)
- Cities for Children
(members: 62 major cities in 30 European countries, Council of Europe, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Committee of the Regions (CoR))
- Cities for Local Integration Policy of Migrants (CLIP)
(members: 35 cities of 22 countries, CEMR, 6 universities, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Commission, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions)
- Forum Education – Digitalization, Berlin. An initiative to promote new ways of education and learning by Digital media. Supported by Deutschen Telekom Foundation, Bertelsmann Foundation, Robert Bosch Foundation, Siemens Foundation, Dieter Schwarz Foundation, Montag Foundation Jugend and Gesellschaft and Foundation Mercator