

Curriculum Vitae of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg

Crown Prince Guillaume was born on 11th November 1981 in the *Grand Duchess Charlotte maternity hospital* in Luxembourg. He is the eldest son of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg.

He has 3 brothers and 1 sister: Prince Félix (1984), Prince Louis (1986), Princess Alexandra (1991) and Prince Sébastien (1992).

Since April 2012, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Guillaume had been engaged to Countess Stéphanie de Lannoy, wedding was celebrated on 20th October 2012.

Education

The Prince's mother tongue is Luxembourgish, but He is also fluent in French, English, German and Spanish.

Crown Prince Guillaume attended *Lorentzweiler* primary school and completed His lower secondary education at *Lycée Robert Schuman*. He then attended *Collège Beausoleil* in the Swiss Alps where He passed His French Baccalaureate in 2001.

From September 2001 until August 2002, Crown Prince Guillaume underwent officer training at the *Sandhurst Royal Military Academy* in the United Kingdom.

He was commissioned as an officer in the Luxembourg Army in December 2002 and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He has a keen interest in the significant geopolitical events of our time and in 2005 He took part in the United Nation's "*Millennium Conference*" in New York. He studied international politics in England, Switzerland and in France.

In June 2009, Crown Prince Guillaume was awarded His bachelor degree with distinction in Humanities and Languages with a specialization in Political Science at the *University of Angers* (France).

Official duties

Crown Prince Guillaume was officially appointed "Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg" on 18th December 2000.

He has been honorary President of the "*Board of Economic Development*" since 2001, the agency for economic promotion and development, presently renamed "*Luxembourg for Business*". His first assignments took Him to South Korea, Italy, Russia, Canada, and to the United States of America in order to ensure the promotion of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a land of investments and business opportunities. In this capacity, He also accompanied His parents on a State visit to Slovakia in 2005...

He came back to Luxembourg after finishing His studies in July 2009; since then, He was fully involved in different economic and multi-sectorial missions to Russia, to the United States and in the Middle-East; more recently in China in the context of the Shanghai Expo2010, as well as in Sweden...

As a member of the "*State Council*" (Conseil d'Etat) since June 2005, Crown Prince Guillaume attends regularly commissions and plenary sessions which made him fully acquainted with the legal and legislative branch of Luxembourg's parliamentary system.

He is also a board member of the "*Fondation du Grand-Duc et de la Grande-Duchesse*". The main purpose of this Foundation being help those most vulnerable in society. Since it was founded, it has worked to support integration and inclusion. For over 30 years, the

Foundation has fought against all forms of exclusion– in Luxembourg and abroad– by helping to finance projects or associations that are active in the fields of disability and social work. Also, the Foundation is involved in a direct and timely way in helping families in need. The activities of the Foundation are completed by its international work in helping deprived children in certain developing countries, such as Burundi (“Main tendue à l'enfance” project).

Crown Prince Guillaume is also deeply concerned with the idea of building economically self-sustaining businesses aiming at combating poverty, and in particular by the concept of *Social Business* (initiated by 2006 Nobel Prize M. Yunus).

Alongside His economic, social, cultural, sports commitments He regularly takes part in Grand-Ducal Family national events, activities and ceremonies.

Patronage

Prince Guillaume has granted His high patronage to the "*Luxembourg Cycling Federation*", "*the Luxembourg Youth Hostel Association*" as well as to the "*Association nationale des victimes de la Route*", to "*l'Orchestre de Chambre du Luxembourg*", to "*the European Union Youth Wind Orchestra*" and to the "*Association Jonk Entrepreneuren*".

Traineeships

In 2003, Prince Guillaume completed a traineeship at *Union Chimique Belge*, where He participated in 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, He took part in various projects with the Spanish branch of *Arcelor*, a steelmaking company now part of the *Arcelor Mittal group*.

Humanitarian commitment

In summer 1997, Prince Guillaume participated in a humanitarian aid camp in Nepal, as a member of the *Luxembourg Scout movement*. He contributed to a reforestation project and other activities to bring assistance to underprivileged communities.

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. Since autumn 2010, Prince Guillaume has been appointed honorary President of the board of the "*Kräizbiereg Foundation*", a charity for the disabled, after being its chairman for more than ten years.

Interests

Prince Guillaume is interested in politics, economics and philosophy; His favourite books include biographies and historical novels.

The Prince enjoys music, both classical and modern, and plays piano and guitar. As a child, He used to sing in the *Pueri Cantores Choir* of Luxembourg. In Switzerland, He was a singer in the school rock band.

Among performing arts, Prince Guillaume particularly enjoys theatre; He took part in several school plays during His studies in Switzerland. He is also a keen sportsman and enjoys football, tennis, skiing, swimming and water sports.

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More information: www.monarchie.lu – www.fondation-grand-ducale.lu