

NIEDERLANDE

Minister of Education, Culture and Science

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Ingrid van ENGELSHOVEN



Born on 12 July 1966 in Delfzijl

Married, one child

Education

1978-1984	Secondary education, Heilig Grafinstituut, Turnhout, Belgium
1984-1989	Policy and administrative studies, University of Nijmegen
1990-1995	Dutch law (specialising in constitutional law), University of Leiden

Career

1989 She began her career in 1989 as a policy officer for the Democrats '66 (D66) parliamentary party in the House of Representatives and served as its secretary from 1994 to 1996. She then worked as an adviser to the Netherlands Bar Association and at Pauw & Van Spaendonck, a communications consultancy.

2000-2004 She was Head of Strategy at the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management and Director of the Foundation for Responsible Alcohol Consumption from 2004 to 2008. She went on to

become a partner at Dröge & van Drimmelen, focusing on public affairs and corporate communication.

2010 She joined the municipal executive of The Hague for D66, where she was responsible for education and public services. From 2014 to 2017 her portfolio covered the knowledge economy, international affairs, education and youth services. On 23 March 2017 she became a member of parliament for D66. Her work in the House of Representatives encompassed home affairs, the police, the civil service and copyright.

2017 On 26 October 2017 she was appointed Minister of Education, Culture and Science in the third Rutte government.

Party political positions and outside activities

She was the D66 party chair from 2007 to 2013. In addition, she pursued a range of outside activities, including as chair of the supervisory board of the De Veste theatre in Delft and member of the supervisory board of the Netherlands Youth Institute. She also served on the panel tasked with designating outstanding schools and on the advisory board of Leiden University's Public Administration Institute.