

FINNLAND

Minister of Science and Culture

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Annika SAARIKKO

Born on 10 November 1983 in Oripää

Political career

6 June 2019	Minister of Science and Culture,
07/2017–06/2019	Minister of Family Affairs and Social Services (Sipilä)
2010–2016	Centre Party, Deputy Party Leader
2011 to present	Member of Parliament,
2013 to present	Turku City Council, Member
2013 to present	Regional Council of Southwest Finland, Assembly, Member

Other work experience and societal responsibilities

2010–2011	Special Adviser to the Prime Minister (Kiviniemi)
2010	Special Adviser to the Minister of Social Affairs and Health (Vanhanen II)
2009–2010	Press Attaché to the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development (Vanhanen II)
2009	Church of Finland Ecclesiastical Board, parish elections communications, Project Secretary
2008	Church of Finland Ecclesiastical Board, acting Communications Officer
2007, 2008	Summer Reporter for a local newspaper
2006–2008	Various fixed-term positions with the Federation of Turku and Kaarina Parishes
2002–2008	Stand-in teacher positions
2015 to present	Tiukula Foundation, Board, Member

Earlier positions of trust in the Board of the Finnish 4H Federation, the Advisory Committee on Mental Health Policy, the Board of the Finnish Slot Machine Association, the HIV Foundation, the Alzheimer Society of Finland, European Movement in Finland and the UN Association of Finland

Other information

Language skills: Finnish, Swedish and English

Interests: outdoor activities with family, cooking, reading, jogging