

VEREINIGTES KÖNIGREICH GROßBRITANNIEN UND NORDIRLAND

Secretary of State for Education

Department for Education

Bridget PHILLIPSON

Bridget Phillipson was born and raised in Washington, attending local schools and joining the Labour Party aged 15. After reading Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford – where she was also Co-Chair of the University Labour Club – Bridget returned to the North East. Before becoming an MP, Bridget Phillipson managed a refuge for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

She was elected as the MP for Houghton and Sunderland South in 2010. Since her election in 2010, Bridget Phillipson has served as an Opposition Whip, and has sat on a number of Parliamentary select committees, including the high-profile Public Accounts Committee. In April 2020 she joined the Shadow Cabinet under Keir Starmer as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, before being appointed Shadow Education Secretary in November 2021.

Bridget Phillipson was appointed Secretary of State for Education on 5 July 2024 and Minister for Woman and Equalities on 8 July 2024.

Bridget Phillipson is married with two young children.