

CURRICULUM VITAE

Monika Griefahn

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Currently

Freelance for culture, the media and the environment

- *Presentations*
- *Preparation of conferences and workshops*
- *Examples (i.a.):*
 - *Coordinator of Cradle to Cradle festival, Berlin, 2011*
 - *Lecturer at Hochschule Ansbach, Environmental policy and sustainability (course of studies: specialist journalism), 2010/2011*
 - *Part of the symposium „Towards the Big Environmental City“, speech about „What do societal actors expect from each other?“, 2011*
 - *Speeches about architecture and sustainability, Canada and USA, 2010*
 - *Co-organization of 30th anniversary of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, Bonn, 2010*

1998 -
Oct. 2009

Member of the German Parliament

- *Member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Culture and the Media*
- *Member of the Sub-Committees on Cultural Policy Abroad and New Media*
- *Spokesperson of the parliamentary group of the SPD for the Committee on Cultural and the Media (1998-2000, 2005-2009) and for the Sub-Committee on Cultural Policy Abroad (2005-2009)*
- *Spokesperson for the Sub-Committee United Nations (1998-2000)*
- *Head of the Commission for Culture and the Media (2000-2005)*
- *Deputy Chair of the of the German-French Parliamentarian's Group and Chair of the working group "Cultural Variety" of the German Parliament and the Assemblée Nationale*
- *Vice Chair of the German delegation to the Interparliamentary Union*
- *Member of the OSCE-delegation (1998-2005)*

1990 - 1998

Minister of Environmental Affairs in the State of Lower Saxony, Germany

- *additionally (1994-1998): Member of the state parliament of Lower Saxony*

- 1984 - 1990 **Greenpeace International**
- *Member of the International Board of Directors*
 - *Responsible for developing training programs and new offices in Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Latin America and the former Soviet Union*
- 1980 -1983 **Greenpeace Germany**
- *Co-founder and Executive Director*
 - *Responsible for campaigns against chemical pollution and for the protection of the North Sea as well as other environmental issues*
- 1980 - 1982 **YMCA Hamburg, Germany**
- *Executive Director*
- 1973 - 1990 **German-French Youth Organisation**
- *Seminars in France and Germany ,Adult education for trade unions, church organizations, NGOs*

EDUCATION

- 1973 -1979 **Universities of Göttingen and Hamburg**
- *Sociology and Mathematics*
 - *Diploma in Sociology*
- 1961 - 1973 **School**
- *elementary school (evangelic school Hölterstraße, Mülheim-Ruhr)*
 - *municipal grammar school for girls stressing modern languages; degree: „Abitur“ (university entrance diploma)*

LANGUAGES

- German: native speaker
- English: fluently
- French: fluently
- Spanish: basic knowledge

HONORS

- Knight of the french Legion of Honors (2002)

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT

Right Livelihood Award Foundation („Alternative Nobel Prize“) (since 1986)

- *Co-Chair*
- *Jury Member*
- *Co-Organization of the 30th anniversary convention in Bonn, September 2010*

German Evangelic Kirchentag (since 2008)

- *Member of the Executive Committee*

F.C. Flick Foundation against xenophobia, racism and intolerance (since 2001)

- *Vice-Chair*

Initiative „Gesicht zeigen!“ against right-wing extremism (since 2001)

- Initiator and chair person; local initiative in the subdistrict of Harburg, Lower Saxony

Ökofilmtour (competition of movies about ecologic and social topics) (since 2008)

- Chair of the jury

MEMBERSHIP IN NGOS (SELECTION)

- Greenpeace
- Amnesty International
- Unicef
- Arbeiterwohlfahrt (= workers welfare association)
- Various local organizations in the fields of culture, welfare and environment

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Books

Monika Griefahn: „Greenpeace. Wir kämpfen für eine Welt, in der wir leben können“

Rowohlt, Hamburg, 1983

Monika Griefahn: „Weil ich ein Lied hab. Die Politik einer Umweltministerin“

Piper, München, 1994

Articles and speeches

„Computerspiele als Kulturgut?“

In: S. Ganguin, B. Hoffmann (Hrsg.): Digitale Spielkultur. Kopaed Verlag, München 2010

„The Cultural Dimension of Environmentalism“

Speech at Harvard Universität, Mass., USA, 10/2007

„Global warming ten years after Kyoto“

IPU-Conference in Bali, 04/2007

„Rapper haften für ihre Texte“

In: die tageszeitung taz, 07/2007

„Kreativität – ein Wirtschaftsfaktor?“

In: Kulturnotizen, 11/2006

„Europas Medien und kulturelle Vielfalt“

In: Liberation, 06/2004

„Nachhaltigkeitspolitik und Kulturpolitik“

In: Kulturpolitische Mitteilungen, II/2002