

Dagfinn Høybråten CV



DAGFINN HØYBRÅTEN (born 1957) has been the General Secretary of Norwegian Church Aid since April 2019. Høybråten has a broad background from Norwegian political life and from international organizations, regionally as well as globally. He has been the Minister of Health and Care Services, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, party leader of the Christian Democratic Party and Vice President of the Norwegian Parliament. As a parliamentary representative he was a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, among other things, where he was responsible for development policies. Internationally Høybråten has been the chair of the Gavi Vaccine Alliance. In his public service he has been the Director General of Norway Social Security Administration, a Chief Municipal Executive of the Oppegård municipality and the Executive Director of the Norwegian Associations of Local and Regional Authorities. He came to Norwegian Church Aid from the position of Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Copenhagen. He has held several church duties and has written four books. He is married and has four children.

Professional background:

Nordic Council of Ministers: Secretary-General and Chief Administrative Manager of the Nordic countries' joint international organization from 2013 to 2019.

National Insurance Administration: Director of Insurance 1997-2004 (took leave in the periods when serving as Minister)

Oppegård municipality: Chief Municipal Executive 1993-1996.

Norwegian Associations of Local and Regional Authorities: Chief of Staff 1988-1989, Director of Municipal Policy Activities 1990-1993.

Political leadership experience:

Christian Democratic Party: Party leader (2004-11), Parliamentary leader (2005-2011).

Parliament: Parliamentary Representative 2005-2013. Member of the Control and Constitutional Committee 2005-2006. Member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs 2006-2009 and the Foreign and Defense Committee 2009-2013. Rapporteur for a number of development policy issues, among others. The state budget's African part and global health issues. Member of the Storting's presidency (5th vice president) 2011-2013.

Nordic Council: President 2007. Member of the Bureau 2005-2009.

Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs: Minister of Labor and Social Affairs 2004-2005.

Ministry of Health: Minister of Health 1997-2000 and 2001-2004.

Ministry of Justice and the Police: Acting Justice Minister February-March 1999

Ministry of Finance: State Secretary 1989-1990.

The Ministry of Church and Education: The Minister's Personal Advisor / Secretary 1983-1986

Christian People's Party Youth: Leader 1979-1981

Important board positions:

Norges Bank's Executive Board 1991-1997

The Norwegian Missionary Federation's Main Board 1993-1995

Modum Bad (chairman), 2001.

Vaccine Alliance Gavi, 2006-2015, Chairman of the Board 2011-2015.

Public investigation work

Committee leader, NOU 1997: 16 About grants for private schools (1996-1997)

Head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission appointed by the Parliament in 2018 to review the Norwegian language policy on Sami and the Kven and its consequences.

Literature

Mydske, Per Kristen og Dagfinn Høybråten: Organisering og lokalt selvstyre: Mot et paradigmeskifte?, Kommunal organisering, Tano, Oslo, 1989

Høybråten, Dagfinn: Pengene eller livet - Livskvalitet for alle, Avenir, Oslo, 2009

Høybråten, Dagfinn: Drivkraft, Cappelen Damm, Oslo, 2012

Høybråten, Dagfinn: Hjemme i julen, Luther, Oslo, 2016

Høybråten, Dagfinn: Northern Lights at Peach Flower Hill (kinesisk utg.), Fudan University Press, Shanghai, 2017

Education

Cand.polit. University of Oslo, 1984 (Political Science)

Luther College, Iowa, USA 1976-77 (Social Sciences)

Christian Gymnasium, 1976 (High School)

Awards

Honorary President, Yiyang Central Hospital, Hunan, China, 1999

Røykfriprisen, 2002

Commander of St. Olav's Order, 2004

Honorary Doctor (law), Luther College, Iowa, USA, 2005

LHL's honorary prize, 2006