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THE FUTURE GRAND DUKE GUILLAUME

‘I see my role as Head of State as that of a unifying figure for all who consider Luxembourg their home. I intend to defend our independence, preserve our traditions and wisely embrace the opportunities that will shape our future. Guided by the values of integrity, compassion and service, I am committed to strengthening social cohesion, safeguarding our democratic stability and supporting a sustainable, innovative and prosperous economy. Together with the citizens of Luxembourg, we will cross the bridge to a future that honours our past while shaping a vibrant and inclusive tomorrow.’

His Royal Highness **Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume**, Prince of Luxembourg, Prince of Nassau and Bourbon-Parma, born on 11 November 1981, is the eldest son of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg. He has four siblings: Prince Félix, Prince Louis, Princess Alexandra, and Prince Sébastien.

Prince Guillaume officially became Hereditary Grand Duke on 7 October 2000, upon his father's accession to the throne. He was appointed *Lieutenant-Représentant* of His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri on 8 October 2024. On 3 October 2025, he will take the oath of office following his father's abdication and will thereby become the new **Grand Duke of Luxembourg**.



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FAMILY

On **26 April 2012**, Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa announced the engagement of **Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume** and **Countess Stéphanie de Lannoy**. Their wedding was celebrated at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Luxembourg City on **20 October 2012**, after which Countess Stéphanie became Princess of Luxembourg and Hereditary Grand Duchess. She will assume the title of Grand Duchess on 3 October 2025, when her husband ascends the throne.

The Hereditary Grand Duke and Hereditary Grand Duchess are **the parents of two sons: Prince Charles Jean Philippe Joseph Marie Guillaume** (born 10 May 2020) and **Prince François Henri Luis Marie Guillaume** (born 27 March 2023), both at the Grand Duchess Charlotte Maternity Hospital in Luxembourg.

EDUCATION

Prince Guillaume began his primary education at the Lorentzweiler school in Luxembourg. He then attended the **Lycée Robert Schuman in Luxembourg City** before continuing his **secondary studies at the age of sixteen at the Institut Le Rosey and the Collège Alpin Beausoleil in Switzerland**, where he obtained his French baccalaureate in 2001. He is fluent in Luxembourgish, French, German, English and Spanish.



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Continuing a long tradition of the Grand Ducal Family, the Hereditary Grand Duke completed officer training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in Great Britain from September 2001 to August 2002. Sworn in as an **officer of the Luxembourg Army in December 2002**, he holds the rank of Colonel. Upon his swearing-in as Head of State in 2025, he will be promoted to the rank of General and will assume the role of **Commander of the Army**, under the authority of the government, as provided for in the Constitution.

After **studies in international politics in the United Kingdom**, he continued his education in France, earning a **double degree in Arts and Political Science with honours from the University of Angers in 2009**.

Alongside his university studies, Prince Guillaume also undertook **training to familiarise himself with the economic and political world**. He completed internships at multinational companies, including Union chimique belge in 2003 and Deutsche Bank in London in 2004. In 2005, he gained experience with the Spanish branch of the ArcelorMittal steel group. That same year, Prince Guillaume came to fully appreciate the significance of his role as heir to the throne when he participated in the United Nations Millennium Conference in New York alongside the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, aimed at eradicating extreme poverty worldwide.

A **working visit to the European Commission and to the Permanent Representation of the Grand Duchy in Brussels in 2012** allowed him to deepen his knowledge of the European Union, its negotiation processes and institutional mechanisms. On this occasion, he attended meetings of the Foreign Affairs Council and the Political and Security Committee (PSC).

From 2018 to 2019, the Hereditary Grand Duke pursued **postgraduate studies at the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) in London**, where he acquired further expertise in preparation for his future responsibilities as Head of State.

HIS COMMITMENT ABROAD

Alongside his studies, the Hereditary Grand Duke began to carry out his representative duties, which included promoting Luxembourg abroad as well as supporting domestic businesses and economic initiatives. In March 2001, he was appointed Honorary President of the Board of Economic Development of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a body responsible for promoting and developing the national economy, now known as the Trade and Investment Board. Since 2004, he has presented the Luxembourg American Business Award in New York.

At the age of 19, he chaired his first economic missions, which took him to the Republic of Korea, Italy and the United States. He has since **regularly chaired economic and financial missions** to numerous countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa.

By the time he ascends the throne, he will have completed 70 missions over 24 years in his role as Hereditary Grand Duke. Although he is going to step down as Chairman of the Trade and Investment Board, promoting the Luxembourg economy remains a commitment particularly dear to him.

HIS COMMITMENT TO LUXEMBOURG

Within Luxembourg, the Hereditary Grand Duke maintains regular contact with economic stakeholders. He frequently participates in economic events and visits numerous Luxembourgish and foreign companies based in the Grand Duchy. A recent highlight was the inauguration by Prince Guillaume, in 2024, of the first edition of 'NEXUS2050', Luxembourg's major technology event. The start-up sector is an area he follows closely.

Continuing a tradition dating back 50 years, the solemn ceremony for awarding master craftsman's certificates by the Chamber of Trades is presided over by a member of the Grand Ducal Family - an honour Prince Guillaume has undertaken since 2004. Since 2015, he has also presided over the Chamber of Commerce's graduation ceremony.

REPRESENTATIVE FUNCTIONS

For 20 years, from June 2005 to October 2024, the Hereditary Grand Duke was a **member of the Council of State**, a position he relinquished upon becoming *Lieutenant-Représentant* in October 2024. During his tenure, he regularly attended plenary sessions and various committees of the Council, which allowed him to deepen his understanding of the country's institutional and legislative workings and to prepare for his future role as Head of State.

Following his appointment as Hereditary Grand Duke in 2000, Prince Guillaume accompanied the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess to **numerous representative and institutional events**, including National Day celebrations, New Year's audiences granted to national authorities and a number of State and official visits.



With the commencement of his Lieutenance in October 2024, the Hereditary Grand Duke also assumed from his father the responsibility of presiding over accreditation ceremonies for ambassadors, which mark the official recognition of diplomatic representatives sent by foreign states.

Prince Guillaume is particularly committed to the duty of remembrance. Inspired by the stories of his grandfather, Grand Duke Jean, who landed with the Allied troops in Normandy, commemorations of the Second World War hold a special place in the heart of this dedicated history enthusiast.

OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS AS A COUPLE

The future Grand Duke Guillaume and future Grand Duchess Stéphanie undertake many official engagements together. Their commitments as a couple often reflect shared interests, such as the promotion of Luxembourgish craftsmanship. Together with his wife, who is the founder and honorary president of the non-profit organisation De Mains de Maîtres, they actively support Luxembourgish arts, crafts and artisanal expertise.

Alongside their economic engagements, the **Hereditary Grand Duke and Hereditary Grand Duchess actively participate in Luxembourg's cultural life**, attending concerts, art fairs and artistic societies, as well as visiting exhibitions at the country's various museums and cultural institutions.

SCOUTING

Proudly assuming the title of **Chief Scout** following the death of Grand Duke Jean, who had held the position since 1945, the Hereditary Grand Duke made his promise in October 2019 before nearly 3,000 Scouts at the municipal park in Luxembourg City - a commitment he intends to continue honouring as Grand Duke.

On the international stage, the future Grand Duke Guillaume is also actively involved in world Scouting. In 2017, he joined the Board of the **World Scout Foundation (WSF)** and served as its President for a two-year term from September 2021 to October 2023. Upon his accession to the throne, Prince Guillaume will step down from his active role on the WSF Board and will assume the position of Honorary President of the Foundation the following year, a role conferred by His Majesty King Carl Gustaf of Sweden.

In March 2024, the **World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** awarded the **Bronze Wolf**, the highest Scout distinction, to Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume for his exceptional commitment to Scouting in Luxembourg and internationally. Established in 1935, this prestigious award has been conferred to fewer than 400 recipients to date.

INVOLVEMENT WITH THE KRÄIZBIERG FOUNDATION

After serving as **Chair of the Board of the KräizbiERG Foundation**, which supports people with disabilities, for over ten years (2000–2011), Prince Guillaume accepted the title of Honorary President in March 2011. The future Grand Duke remains deeply committed to this foundation, appreciating its approach to social and professional inclusion.

INTERESTS

Interested in politics, economics, philosophy and history, the Hereditary Grand Duke's preferred readings include autobiographies related to these fields, philosophical treatises and historical novels.

Prince Guillaume also **enjoys music, both classical and contemporary**, and has a particular passion for the guitar. As a child, he was a member of the **Pueri Cantores choir** in Luxembourg.

He is interested in sports in general **and practises tennis, skiing, swimming and other aquatic sports**.

Following the example of Grand Duke Jean and his father, Grand Duke Henri, Prince Guillaume enjoys spending time in nature. Inspired by the stories his grandfather told him, he explored the lush forests surrounding Fischbach Castle. Today, the future Grand Duke and Grand Duchess continue this tradition, spending time outdoors with their sons, Prince Charles and Prince François, whom they hope to instil with a love of nature.

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