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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

3 September 1978 Oulu, Finland

MARITAL STATUS

Married, three children

EDUCATION

Master of Theology (practical theology), Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 2011

Master of Administrative Sciences (administrative law), Faculty of Business and Law, University of Joensuu, 2008

Several training sessions related to responsibilities at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Justice, organised by e.g. HAUS Finnish Institute of Public Management Ltd, Efector Oy and various ministries, on discretionary government transfers, public procurement, the Government presentation procedure, statute drafting, EU decision-making, and gender impact assessment. "Arvojen Akatemia" (Value Academy) by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (2015–2016). "Hyvä Suomi" programme by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (2010). Member of the Church's Social Forum (2008–2009). Leadership training programme by the Lutheran World Federation (2005–2007). Training Course for Newly Recruited Diplomats by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the group of central government officials (2004). Member of the "Nuoret tulevaisuudentekijät" (Young future makers) network in the Parliament of Finland's Committee for the Future (2000–2001).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish, English, Swedish, German

WORK EXPERIENCE

05/2014–

Ombudsman for Children, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health/Ministry of Justice

- *Chairman of the Child Advisory Council appointed by the Government*
- *Chairman of the Child Advisory Council's working group for early childhood education (tasked with the assessment of and innovation for the development of early childhood education in Finland)*
- *Chairman of the Child Advisory Council's working group for the communication of children's rights and international child policy (tasked with considering topical matters in international child policy and assessing the communication of children's rights at national level)*
- *Member of the steering group for setting the grounds for the early childhood education plan (National Board of Education)*
- *Member of the steering group for interaction under the CHILDCARE research project (a research consortium for equality matters in child day care, pre-primary education and child care allowances)*
- *Member of the expert group for recommendations for physical activity in early childhood (Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, TEHYLI – physical activities promoting health and wellbeing)*
- *Member of a national expert group for multidisciplinary child welfare research (National Institute for Health and Welfare); Member of the Human Rights Delegation (Human Rights Centre)*
- *Member of the comprehensive school forum's action group (National Board of Education)*

03/2010–04/2014

Executive Director, Finnish Parents' League

- *Member of the Child Advisory Council appointed by the Government (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health)*
- *Member of the Advisory Board on the Health and Welfare of Children (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health)*
- *Member of the legislative working group for early childhood education (Ministry of Education and Culture)*
- *Chairman of the child health forum (SOSTE, the Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health)*

- *Member of the monitoring group for the action plan on responsible alcohol use (City of Helsinki)*
- *Member of the management group for the In the Company of Children programme (Alko Inc., National Institute for Health and Welfare)*

09/2007–02/2010

General Secretary, Advisory Council for Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education
(Department for Cultural, Sport and Youth Policy; Youth Unit)

- *General Secretary of the working group for the Child and Youth Policy Programme 2007–2011 (Ministry of Education)*
- *Secretary of the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs (Ministry of Education)*
- *Expert member of the management group for the Policy Programme for the Well-being of Children, Youth and Families*
- *Expert member of the study group on the growth and well-being of children and young people (administrative structures and central government management) (Policy Programme for the Well-being of Children, Youth and Families)*
- *Chairman of the working group for the reconciliation of the Youth Act and the Child Welfare Act (Policy Programme for the Well-being of Children, Youth and Families)*
- *Member of the advisory board on student and youth housing*
- *Member of the working group for the national indicators of children's well-being*
- *Member of the management group for the national communications and influence campaign for the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2009*
- *Chairman of the working group for the national indicators of youth well-being (Advisory Council for Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education)*
- *Chairman of the steering group for the "From boys into fathers" research project (Advisory Council for Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education)*
- *Member of the working group investigating the lowering of the voting age in municipal elections (Ministry of Justice)*
- *Member of the working group preparing the making of multiprofessional cooperation between authorities statutory (Ministry of Education)*
- *Expert member of the working group Young men into working life (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment)*
- *Secretary of the working group for an NGO strategy (Ministry of Education)*

- *Member of the working group "Monitoring tools for participation by and information for young people" (European Commission and Member States)*
- *Member of the steering group for a study on the well-being of upper secondary school students by the Union of Upper Secondary School Students*
- *Member of the working group "The participation in public life of young people with fewer opportunities (peer learning)" (European Commission and Member States)*
- *Member of the working group "Child impact assessment in the church" as part of the project The rights of girls and boys in the church*
- *Member of the programme committee for the Child and youth work convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland in 2009*

09/2003–8/2007

General Secretary and Coordinator, Evaluation and Subsidy Committee, Ministry of Education (Department for Cultural, Sport and Youth Policy; Youth Unit)

- *Secretary of the Evaluation and Subsidy Committee for national youth organisations and youth work service organisations (Ministry of Education)*
- *Secretary of the management group preparing the overall reform of the Youth Work Act (Ministry of Education)*
- *General Secretary of the working group for the Child and Youth Policy Programme 2007–2011 (Ministry of Education)*
- *Secretary of the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs (Ministry of Education)*
- *Desk Officer responsible for the implementation of the report by the Ministry of Education's Civil Society 2006 committee (Citizen Participation Policy Programme, Ministry of Justice)*
- *Permanent expert member of the Ministry of Justice's Prerequisites for the civil society working group (Citizen Participation Policy Programme, Ministry of Justice)*
- *Member of the working group of public officials for the Citizen Participation Policy Programme; Member of the steering group for the youth projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*
- *Expert member of the national committee under the Council of Europe's All Different – All Equal campaign against racism*
- *Member of the monitoring group for the Finnish Youth Cooperation – Allianssi's Youth Elections 2007 project*

- *Member of the national support and monitoring committee for the Youth and Work Programme of the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health*
- *Member of the preparatory group for Pentti Arajärvi's one-man committee (Government resolution on the promotion of operational preconditions of non-governmental organisations)*
- *Member of the working group "Monitoring tools for participation by and information for young people" of the European Commission and the Member States*
- *Member of the steering group for a study on the well-being of upper secondary school students by the Union of Upper Secondary School Students*
- *Member of the working group "The participation in public life of young people with fewer opportunities (peer learning)" of the European Commission and the Member States*
- *Data administrator for the Policy Programme for the Well-being of Children, Youth and Families*
- *Desk Officer responsible for the implementation of the report by the Ministry of Education's Civil Society 2006 committee (Citizen Participation Policy Programme, Ministry of Justice)*
- *Permanent expert member of the Ministry of Justice's Prerequisites for the civil society working group (Citizen Participation Policy Programme, Ministry of Justice)*
- *Member of the working group on electoral communications (Citizen Participation Policy Programme, Ministry of Justice)*
- *Secretary General of the working group "Young people as influencers" under the Civil Society 2006 Committee (Citizen Participation Policy Programme)*
- *Member of the steering group for a research project by the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra (student well-being and the duration of studies)*
- *Member of the NAVI group (an advocacy group operating in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, tasked with promoting young adults' activities and possibilities to influence)*
- *Member of the planning group for Finn Church Aid's youth activities (Change-maker Finland)*

1999, 2002, 2003	Member of Parliament's personal assistant (12 months)
2002	Chairman and acting General Secretary, Finnish Centre Students
2001	Trainee, European Parliament (Brussels, 3 months)

2000	Member of the Board of Directors, National Union of University Students in Finland (area of responsibility: education policy)
1999	Citizens' Agenda 2000 NGO Forum; Information Officer, European Movement in Finland (3 months)
1993–1999	Miscellaneous seasonal work in my own lure workshop and at Kuusamon Uistin Oy, and as a voiceover for TV commercials

POSITIONS OF TRUST

2016– 2017–)	European Network of Ombudspersons for Children ENOC, member of the Office (Chairman)
2015–	Member of the Board of Directors, Haukkala Foundation
2014–2015	Member of the Board of Directors, Finnish Hospital Clowns Association
2012–2014	Member of the Board of Directors, SOSTE – the Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health
2012–2014	Representative of the Helsinki City Board in the Construction Committee, the Board of Directors of the Swedish Adult Education Centre (Arbis) and the City Planning Committee; deputy member of the City Board
2012–2014	Chairman, Toukola Social Democratic Association
2011–2014	Vice Chairman, Member of the Board of Directors, Väestöliitto, the Family Federation of Finland
2011	Member of the Board of Directors, the Association of Voluntary Health, Social and Welfare Organisations (YTY)
2012–2014	Chairman of the Board of Directors, Euroklubi ry (Euro Club)
2010–2014	Member of the Board of Directors, Finland Society
2008–2014	Chairman, Member of the Board of Directors, Children of the Station
2007–2011	Vice Chairman and Member of the Paavali Parish Council
2002–2004	Vice Chairman, the European Movement in Finland
2004–2006	Member of the Council, the International European Movement
2002–2003	Deputy Member, the Advisory Committee on International Human Rights of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
2002	Member of the party's Working Committee, Board and Delegation, the Centre Party of Finland
2001	Member of the Board and the Working Committee, Nuoren Keskustan Liitto ry
2000	Member of the Development Team, Finnish Youth Cooperation – Allianssi

2000	Vice Chairman, Finnish Centre Students
2000–2004	Member of the Culture Committee, City of Oulu
1999–2000	Member of the Board of Directors, JEF Finland (Eurooppanuoret)
1999	Member of the Youth Policy Team, Finnish Youth Cooperation – Allianssi
1999	Member of the Board of Directors, Finnish Conscripts Union
1999	Member of the Board and the Working Committee, Finnish Centre Students
1999	Member of the Board of Directors, Students' Union of the University of Joensuu (area of responsibility: education policy)
1999	Chairman, Joensuu's Center Students
1999	Member of the Board of Directors, Nuoren Keskustan Liitto ry (the Finnish Centre Youth), North Karelia District
1998	Member of the Board of Directors, the Union of Upper Secondary School Students (area of responsibility: students' unions)
1997–1998	Member of the Youth Council working group, City of Oulu
1997	Chairman of the Board of Directors, Students' Union, Pohja Brigade Non-Commissioned Officer School
1997	Chairman, Oulun Lukiolaiset ry (Upper Secondary School Students of Oulu)
1995–1996	Chairman of the Board of Directors, Students' Union, Oulun Lyseo Upper Secondary School
1994–1995	Board member responsible for communications, Students' Union, Oulun Lyseo Upper Secondary School

PUBLICATIONS

Several articles and interviews in newspapers, magazines and other media; a columnist for newspapers and magazines such as "Kirkko ja kaupunki" (the Parish Union of Helsinki), "Opettaja" (OAJ, the Trade Union of Education in Finland) and "Demokraatti" (the Social Democratic Party of Finland). Examples of published articles:

Kurttila, Tuomas: Nuorisopolitiikan kolmoishaaste (The triple challenge of youth policy). In: Prekaariuus-
ka? Portfoliopolvi, perustulo ja kansalais-toiminta (ed. by Hoikkala, Tommi & Salasuo, Mikko). Finnish
Youth Research Society, Finnish Youth Research Network, Electronic Publications 2006.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Jokelan jälkeen (After Jokela). In: Jokela-ilmiö. Sikermä nuorisotutkijoiden näkökulmia
(ed. by Hoikkala, Tommi & Suurpää, Leena). Finnish Youth Research Society, Finnish Youth Research
Network, Electronic Publications 2007.

Kurttila, Tuomas & Parviainen, Immo: Valtakunnalliset nuorisojärjestöt ja nuorisotyön palvelujärjestöt
(National youth organisations and youth work service organisations). In: Nuorisolakiopas (ed. by Aaltonen,
Kimmo). Tietosanoma 2007.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Kuka ottaa johdon? (Who will take the lead?) In: Nuorten poliittinen ohjaus – strategista johtamista, kentän kasvavaa yhteistyötä vai latistuvaa osallistumista? (ed. by Paakkunainen, Kari & Suurpää, Leena). Finnish Youth Research Society, Finnish Youth Research Network, Electronic Publications 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Onko kasvatuksesta tullut mahdoton tehtävä, mission impossible? (Has upbringing become a mission impossible?) In: Kymmenen kysymystä kasvatuksesta (ed. by Elina Nivala). Lasten Keskus 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Onko yhteisöllisen kasvatuksen paluu mahdollista? (Is the return of collective upbringing possible?) In: Kymmenen kysymystä kasvatuksesta (ed. by Elina Nivala). Lasten Keskus 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas & Metso, Tuija: Kasvatuskumppanuus – varhaiskasvatuksen voimavara (Educational partnership – a resource in early childhood education). In: Lastentarhanopettajan kalenteri 2011–2012 (ed. by Ritva Semi). PS-kustannus 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas & Metso, Tuija: Johdanto, Havaintoja ja näkökulmia (Introduction, Observations and viewpoints) In: Vanhempien Barometri 2011. Finnish Parents' League 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Lapsivaikutusten arviointi julkisessa hallinnossa (Child impact assessment in public administration). In: Näyn ja kuulun. Lasten Keskus 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Vanhemmat koulussa (Parents at school). In: Kerhot hyrräämään – näkökulmia ja malleja koulun kerhotoiminnan vakiinnuttamiseen (ed. by Riitta Rajala). National Board of Education 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Esipuhe (Foreword). In: Isyyden ihanteet, arki ja kokemukset. Raportti isyyden tutkimuksesta Suomessa (2010). Muistio nuorten työelämäasenteista ja -arvoista sekä toimenpiteistä nuorten työllisyyden edistämiseksi (2010). Aika vapaalla. Nuorten vapaa-aikatutkimus 2009 (2009). Taidekohtia. Nuorisobarometri 2009 (2009). Perusarvot puntarissa. Nuorisobarometri 2007 (2007).

Kurttila, Tuomas: Vippaa vitonen (Spare me a dime) In: Tykkää taloudesta. Linkki nuorten talousosaamiseen. Economic Information Office 2011.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Arvio hallituskauden 2011–2015 toimenpiteiden vaikutuksista lapsiin (An assessment of the impacts of measures taken during the government term 2011–2015 on children). In: Annual Report by the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2015. Government term 2011–2015 from the viewpoint of children's rights. Harvojen yhteiskunta vai kaikkien kansakunta? (Do we want a society for the few or a nation for all?) Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2015.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Lapsiystävälliseen yhteiskuntaan. Nyt. (Towards a child-friendly society. Now.). Impulssi-kirjoituksia (24 p.). Kalevi Sorsa Foundation 2012.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Yhteiskunta muuttuu – koulu sen mukana? – pohdintaa Suomen perusopetuksesta (Society is changing – is school changing as well? Reflections on basic education in Finland). In: Annual Report by the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2016. Eriarvoistuva koulu? (Is school becoming unequal?) Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2016.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Foreword by the Ombudsman for Children in Finland In: Annual Report by the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2017. Onko lapsella oikeusturvaa? (Is legal protection granted for children, too?) Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2017.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Esipuhe (Foreword). In: Lapsibarometri 2016. Luottamus 6-vuotiaiden lasten kokemana (ed. by Terhi Tuukkanen). Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Finland 2016.

Kurttila, Tuomas : Lapsen oikeudet ja terveyden edistämisen mahdollisuudet varhaislapsuudessa (The rights of the child and opportunities to promote health in early childhood). Finnish Medical Journal Duodecim. Duodecim 2017. [Forthcoming in 2017]

Kurttila, Tuomas: Lapsen etu muuttuvassa yhteiskunnassa (pääkirjoitus) (The child's interests in a changing society (editorial)). Finnish Medical Journal Duodecim. Duodecim 2016.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Matkallesi (For your journey). In: Vauvan kirja 2015 (and in subsequent years). Kustannus Oy Maamerkki 2015.

Kurttila, Tuomas: Lapsen asema erilaisissa perheissä (The child's position in different types of families). In: Perhe ja avioliitto muutoksessa. Church Research Institute 2017. [Forthcoming in 2017]

Kurttila, Tuomas: Lapsiosaamisen suurvallaksi (Towards becoming a superpower in child know-how). In: 26 syytä uskoa Suomeen (ed. by Sanni Grahn-Laasonen). 2015.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Hyvä teko lapselle -palkinto 2017 (A Good Deed for a Child award 2017), The Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters

Hyvissä käsissä -tunnustus 2016 (In Good Hands recognition 2016), The Trade Union for the Public and Welfare Sectors JHL

Vuoden 2015 lapsitekopalkinto (A Good Deed for a Child award 2015), Nuorten Kotkien Keskusliitto ry (a social democratic children and youth organisation)

Honorary member of the Union of Upper Secondary School Students' North Ostrobothnia District