
Jolanta Kwaśniewska

Country, city: Poland, Warsaw

Position: Former First Lady of the Republic of Poland (1995-2005)

Founder and President of the “Communication Without Barriers” Foundation, Lawyer

Organization/Business name:

Jolanta Kwasniewska’s Foundation “Communication Without Barriers”

Areas of Expertise: children by trying to enrich their lives and improve their opportunities, preventing violence against women, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle and preventing disease, especially cancer



SHORT BIOGRAPHY:

Citizenship: Polish

Education: Master of Law, The University of Gdansk

Some achievements:

Mrs. Kwaśniewska has been very active in promoting the idea of peace and tolerance in the world. She organized an international conference “**Keep Children Smiling in the New Millennium**” in Warsaw (1999) to mark the 10th anniversary of the UN General Assembly’s adoption of the Convention of the Rights of the Child where the idea of the Rainbow Bridge Project and Schools of Tolerance was first launched.

Since 1997 Mrs. Kwaśniewska is a member of the **Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation** which focuses on young adults with a mission to mobilize campus and community service partnerships by recognizing and rewarding the best practices in academic service-learning.

Till 2008 Mrs. Kwaśniewska was a member of the **Honorary Board of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC)** which works to identify and co-ordinate a global network of organizations fighting child sex abuse and abduction.

In February 2008 she became a member of **The Women Leaders’ Council**, launched at The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, to co-ordinate action, forge new partnerships, facilitate access to resources and work to reduce the stigma for victims of human trafficking.

In April 2008 she became a Patron of the **European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC)**, which works to change how cancer is viewed, how cancer patients are treated and improve cancer survival and the lives of cancer patients across Europe.

In March 2010 Mrs. Kwasniewska became a member of the **European Advisory Council (EAC)** composed of key organizations and individuals from across Europe, specialised in health policies and women’s health issues in particular. EAC is supporting in its work the European Institute of Women’s Health (EIWH) to which Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska is a Patron.

Jolanta Kwasniewska’s Foundation “Communication Without Barriers” and Women’s Rights Centre Foundation organized **the contest of the White Ribbon Award 2010, 2011 and 2012**. The purpose of the contest is to select and award the man who had a unique contribution in helping women via his reaction to various forms of violence and discrimination against women.

Languages: Polish – mother tongue, English, Russian

Hobby: literature, theatre, music and the fine arts, travelling, sports (skiing, tennis and Nordic Walking).

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