

Dr Kirsten Tackmann

The Left Party

Veterinarian, laboratory worker specialising in chemistry

Born on 24 September 1960 in Schmalkalden/Thuringia; married.

Attended Georg Schumann polytechnic school in Berlin-Lichtenberg from 1967 to 1977. Trained as a laboratory worker specialising in chemistry and gained *Abitur* (higher education entrance qualification) from 1977 to 1980. Studied at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Humboldt University in Berlin from 1980 to 1985. Compulsory period of practical training from 1985 to 1986; obtained doctorate in 1993.

From 1986 onwards research assistant at an institute for research into scientific strategies to prevent the spread of, monitor and control infectious agents that affect animals, including those transmissible to humans. Member of staff council from the early nineties onwards.

Member of the United Services Union (ver.di), the FREIe HEIDe initiative, and the Brandenburg search-and-rescue dogs association.

Member of the Pioniers/Free German Youth (FDJ). Member of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED)/SED-PDS from 1979 onwards. Inactive Membership in the PDS from 1990 until 2001; rejoined the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) in June 2001. Deputy chairwoman of county branch of the PDS since 2002; member of the executive committee of the Brandenburg branch of the PDS/The Left Party.PDS (The Left Party since 2003) from 2003 to 2012; ordinary member of the committee of the Brandenburg branch of The Left Party since then.

Member of the German Bundestag since 2005.

Membership of Bundestag bodies

- Member
 - Committee on Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
- Substitute member
 - Petition Committee