

# CV

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## Consultancy and directorships

### EDUCATION:

- Business economist (*siviløkonom*), Bedriftsøkonomisk Institutt – the Norwegian School of Management, 1985
- One-year foundation course in Political Science, Molde Regional College, 1980
- One-year foundation course in Law, the University of Oslo, 1987

### PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:

- Chief editor/CEO of the newspaper *Vårt Land*, 1991–2016
- CEO of Mentor Medier, 1987–2015
- Personal secretary to Rector Jørgen Ransers at the Norwegian School of Management, 1984–1985
- Head of Marketing and CEO of the newspaper *Vårt Land*, 1985–1991
- Journalist at *Sunnmørsposten*, 1976–1982 Temporary positions and freelance work
- Commentator, writer and speaker

### OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- Chair of Official Norwegian Reports (NOU) committee (Medieombudsutvalget) in 1994.
- Member of Official Norwegian Reports (NOU) committee (Dagspresseutvalget) in 1991.

### DIRECTORSHIPS:

#### Formerly:

- Chair and member of the board of the Norwegian Media Businesses' Association, 1993–2001
- Chair of the Board of the Norwegian Press Association, 2001–2005
- Member of the Executive Board of the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO), 1999–2001
- Chair of the Board, *Dagsavisen* newspaper, 2012–2015
- Chair of the Board, *Programbladet* magazine, 1990–2005
- Chair of the Board, Mediaconnect distribution company
- Chair of the Board, *Dagen* newspaper (Sweden), two terms

#### Current:

- Member of the Board, the Association of NGOs Norway
- Chair of the Board, Misjonsalliansen aid organisation

### SKILLS AREAS:

- Experience of and insight into financial management and leadership
- Experience of strategic development work
- Experience of advocacy and contact with politicians in the press and culture fields
- Broad network of contacts across society
- Experience of and insight into evaluations relating to the press and media
- Insight into ethical evaluations
- Experience of reorganisation processes
- Insight into the role of management in strong professions