

Laurentien van Oranje



Laurentien van Oranje is a Dutch princess. In the last years she has been actively engaged with campaigns encouraging reading among children and works on issues dealing with environment. She is an associate in the European Climate Foundation, senior advisor at the WWF and vice-president of 'Fauna and Flora International'. Princess Laurentien is the author of series of children's books with a main character called Mr Finney . The books deal with different aspects of climate change and have been translated to numerous languages, including Bulgarian. In 2009 she founded Missing Chapter Foundation – its aim is to stimulate the dialogue between children and adults, in order to built a different mode of thinking for a sustainable lifestyle, where the key questions are asked by the kids. In 2004 she founded Reading and Writing Foundation - Its mission is to help prevent and reduce illiteracy in the Netherlands. In March 2009, Princess Laurentien was designated UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development and she was appointed Chair of the High Level Group on Literacy of the European Commission in February 2011. Princess Laurentien obtained her Master of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley and BA degree in Political Science from Queen Mary of the University of London.