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Short Biography · approx. 50 words

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Medium-Length Biography · approx. 110 words

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Full Press Biography · approx. 300 words

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Abdirahman serves on the advisory councils of the Swedish Institute and of the Center for Migration and Integration Research (CMIR) at the Stockholm School of Economics. He is a member of the Expert Advisory Council of the Crown Princess Couple's Foundation, founded by Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel to promote the health and inclusion of children and young people in Sweden. He has also served on the Swedish Government's council Ett läsande land (A Reading Nation). He is an Obama Foundation Leader, a European David Rockefeller Fellow with the Trilateral Commission and a European Young Leader with Friends of Europe.

He has received the Raoul Wallenberg Academy's Honorary Award and the Royal Patriotic Society's Fostrargärningsmedalj. He has also been named Society Builder of the Year by the business magazine Veckans Affärer and Opinion Leader of the Year by Dagens Opinion.

Previously, Abdirahman was a policy expert specialising in social sustainability at the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. He has also worked at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm and at the international peacebuilding

organisation Interpeace in Geneva. He holds a bachelor's degree in International Studies from Marymount Manhattan College in New York.

About Stiftelsen Järvaveckan

Stiftelsen Järvaveckan is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan and religiously independent foundation. It works to strengthen democracy, promote inclusion and bridge the gap between citizens and decision-makers in Sweden.

Through research, public opinion surveys, analysis of statistics from public authorities and dialogue, the foundation aims to improve opportunities for people from different backgrounds, particularly those new to Sweden or with a migration background, to participate in Sweden's political, social and economic life.

The foundation encourages open, fact-based discussions of societal challenges without stereotyping entire neighbourhoods or population groups. Its guiding conviction is that a stronger democracy requires both knowledge and dialogue, enabling more people to be heard, understood and able to contribute.

Three Core Areas of Activity

Järvaveckan Democracy Festival: Organises a national democracy festival each year, bringing together politicians, public authorities, businesses, civil society and the public for dialogue and knowledge exchange.

Järvaveckan Research: Conducts public opinion surveys and analyses official statistics to inform debate about people's living conditions, attitudes, challenges and opportunities.

Järvaveckan Dialogue: Creates meeting places and forums for dialogue among citizens, decision-makers and other stakeholders to promote understanding, participation and collaboration.

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