

## Short biography of Bjørn Tore Godal

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- Born on 20 January 1945 in Skien (NO)
- Nationality: Norwegian
- Chairman of the Workers' Youth League (1971–1973)
- General Secretary of the National Committee for International Youth Work (NIU) (1973)
- President of the Council of European National Youth Committees (CENYC) (1973–1975)
- Secretary for Research and International Affairs in the Norwegian Labour Party (1973–1980)
- Secretary of the Oslo Labour Party (1980–1982)
- Leader of the Oslo Labour Party (1982–1990)
- Member of the Norwegian Labour Party National Executive Committee (1983–1990)
- Member of the Standing Committee on Finance (1986–1989)
- Member of Parliament (1986–2001)
- Member and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs (1989–1991)
- Minister for Trade and Shipping (1991–1994)
- Minister for Foreign Affairs (1994–1997)
- Member of the Standing Committee on Defence (1997–2000)
- Minister for Defence (2000–2001)
- Adviser in the Department of Political Science at the University of Oslo (2001–2003)
- Ambassador at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Berlin (2003–2007)
- Special adviser to the Foreign Ministry on energy and climate issues (2007–2010)
- Senior adviser at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) in Oslo (since 2007)