

## Jon Pult

Member of the Swiss Parliament (MP) Social Democratic Party.

I was born on 12 October 1984 as a Swiss-Italian dual citizen. I started speaking in the village of Guarda in the Lower Engadin (Switzerland) and in Milano (Italy). Before I started kindergarten in Domat/Ems and Chur (Switzerland), I couldn't speak a word of German as an Italian-Romansh speaking boy. I had to learn it.



That was an early lesson: talking to each other means listening, understanding - and being understood yourself. That's how you build bridges to each other, which left its mark on me. I realized early on that my trilingual and cultural diversity of my family and our country is a stroke of luck.

I went to primary school and then to high school in Chur. This is where I grew up with my brother and my parents and where I still live today. I studied history, economics and social history and philosophy at the University of Zurich and graduated with a licentiate. Since I was a high school student, I have invested a lot of time and energy in political work. At the age of 19 I became a city councilor in Chur, at 24 I became chair of the Social Democratic Party of Grisons and at 26 I became councilor of the canton of Grison.

In addition, at 29 I became the president of the Alpine Initiative, an NGO who strives to protect the unique and ecologically sensitive alpine region and preserve it as a living space. At 35, I became National Councilor (MP) and at 36, Vice-President of the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland. For a living, I taught as a substitute teacher alongside politics and my studies. Since 2016, I have been working as a strategy and communications consultant at the Zurich agency Feinheit AG. Today I live in Chur and Bern.

I have been passionate about politics since I was 18. Because that's where I can take a stand for my convictions. My vision is a free and just society that protects Nature and thus the rights of future generations.

April 2022

### **Doris Ragettli**

Co-founder of the global movement [www.RightsOfMotherEarth.com](http://www.RightsOfMotherEarth.com)

She has a degree in retail business management and environmental consulting. Doris initiated the global signature campaign asking the UN to commit to drafting and adopting a Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth in 2011. The movement has delivered the first account of 117 000 signatures to the former UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon at the Earth Summit Rio+20.



She also works with the Organization Scientific International, which organizes the annual Forum for Rights of Nature at the UN in Geneva and works with the Earth Law Center to include the Rights of Nature in the Biodiversity Convention. Doris is a member of the UN in Harmony with Nature knowledge network.

Doris worked for a humanitarian organization in Geneva for 13 years and during her vacation time, she co-led 5 cross USA bike-rides in the nineties, raising money and awareness to end hunger and poverty. On those bike-rides over the Rocky Mountains she saw the damage caused by clear cutting forests for cattle raising and the damages caused to Nature. The logging trucks hauling trees down the highway and the suffering of the cattle that stood knee deep in mud made the cyclists cry. That's when Doris decided to become a vegetarian and to speak up for Mother Earth.

April 2022