

**Biography Gerdi A. Verbeet**  
**President of the House of Representatives of the States General**

Gerdi A. Verbeet was elected President of the House of Representatives on 6 December 2006. She has been a Member of Parliament for the PvdA (Labour) Party since 26 July 2002. Before this she was an MP from 11 December 2001 to 23 May 2002. During this time Gerdi Verbeet was spokesperson for sports, elderly care, old age pensions and victims of World War II. She was deputy chairperson of both the Standing Committee on Justice and the Standing Committee on Elderly Care and deputy member of the Presidium.

Gerdi Verbeet was born on 18 April 1951 in Amsterdam, and has lived there all her life. After grammar school she read social geography for a number of years. From 1977 to 1982 she read Dutch Language and Literature.

Between 1980 and 1994 Gerdi Verbeet held various positions in education, particularly vocational training and adult education. Simultaneously she was active in organizing government-generated information campaigns aimed at increasing the number of women in executive/managerial positions in both education and technical instruction/professions.

From 1994 to 1998 Gerdi Verbeet was (the) political advisor for Tienieke Netelenbos, State Secretary for Education, Culture and Science. From 1998 to 2001 she was (the) political advisor for Ad Melkert, chairman of the PvdA (Labour) Party.

Among other things Gerdi Verbeet was chairperson of a parents' council and chair of a charitable women's rescue institution. At present she is a member of the recommending committee of the Ronald McDonald Kindervallei Foundation, as well as of the Special Olympics and member of the Board of the Foundation for Women and Pension Rights/Entitlement.

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