

Ansgar Wimmer, *1967 in Osnabrück, has been a member of the Board of the Alfred Toepfer Foundation F.V.S. since October 2004, and has served as its Chairman since 1 July 2005. Prior to this, from 2000 to 2004 he headed the department for Culture, Education, Youth, Social Affairs and Sport of the City of Gütersloh as a non-partisan Deputy Mayor. Wimmer gained earlier professional experience as a Project Manager at the non-profit Bertelsmann Foundation, at the United Nations (UNCTAD/Geneva) and at the consulting firm McKinsey & Co. He holds a full legal qualification and, as a John J. McCloy Scholar, earned a Master of Public Administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University/USA).

In a voluntary capacity, Ansgar Wimmer serves as Deputy Chairman of the Federal Association of German Foundations. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Kunststiftung NRW, the E.W. Kuhlmann Foundation, the Foundation for Historical Museums Hamburg, and the Überseeclub Hamburg; a member of the Foundation Council of the Hamburg Public Libraries and the Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Foundation, Basel, the Ernst H. Klett Foundation Merkur, Stuttgart; and a Board member of the Lieselotte-Klein-Stiftung, Hamburg/Berlin, as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the Foundation for Historical Museums Hamburg. In addition, he serves as a trustee of the Foundation for Innovation in Higher Education, established by the federal and state governments in Hamburg, and provides advisory services on strategic matters, organisational, personnel and programme development, as well as evaluation and impact orientation in the non-profit sector.

Ansgar Wimmer is married and the father of four adult children.