

Brian Cowen

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Brian Cowen was born in Tullamore, County Offaly, in January 1960. He attended Cistercian College in Roscrea and University College Dublin.

Mr. Cowen trained and worked as a solicitor before entering politics.

A member of the Fianna Fáil Party, Mr. Cowen was first elected to the Dáil (Lower House) in 1984.

Mr. Cowen has held three ministerial appointments: Minister for Health and Children; Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications; and Minister for Labour. Previously, he was Opposition spokesperson for agriculture and for health.

Mr. Cowen was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2000.

Mr. Cowen is married and has two children.