

# Christopher Patten

**Nationality:** British

## **Personal details**

Born 1944

Married, three children.

## **Education**

St. Benedict's School, Ealing

Balliol College, Oxford (BA Hons. and MA Hons. in Modern History).

1965           Coolidge Travelling Scholarship, USA.

## **Political career**

1966           Conservative Research Department

1970 - 1972   Political Advisor, Cabinet Office,

1972           Political Advisor, Home Office

1974 - 1979   Director, Conservative Research Department

1979 - 1992   Member of Parliament for Bath

1983 - 1985   Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office

1985 - 1986   Minister of State, Department of Education and Science

1986 - 1989   Minister for Overseas Development

1989 - 1990   Secretary of State for the Environment

1990 - 1992   Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Chairman of the Conservative Party

1992 - 1997   Governor of Hong Kong

1998 - 1999   Chairman of Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland

1999-           Chancellor of Newcastle University

## **Other details**

Author of 'The Tory Case', 1983 and 'East and West', 1999.

