

Rt Hon. Neil KINNOCK MP

Born on 28 March 1942 in Tredegar, South Wales.  
Married, 2 children.

**Education:**

At local schools and University College of Wales, Cardiff:  
Graduate in Industrial Relations and History (BA) and  
postgraduate Diploma in Education.

Joined the Labour Party at the age of 15 and from  
1962-1966 Chair of the University College Socialist  
Society  
1965-1966 President of the Students' Union.

1982 Honorary Fellow of University College, Cardiff  
July 1992 Honorary Degree of Doctor in Laws by the Univer-  
sity of Wales  
June 1993 Honorary Professor of Politics, Thames Valley  
University

**Career:**

1966-1970 Tutor, Organiser in industrial and trade union  
studies for the Workers' Educational Association  
- organisation specialising in the tuition of  
adult students.

Since 1970 Labour Member of Parliament for Bedwellty and  
Islwyn in South Wales

During 1970-1979  
(variously)- Member of the House of Commons'  
Public Expenditure Select Committee, the  
Nationalised Industries Select Committee and the  
European Legislation Select Committee.

Between 1974-1975  
Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Depart-  
ment of Employment.

1979 Labour's Chief Opposition spokesperson on Educa-  
tion(a post held until the election as Leader of  
Labour Party)

1980 Elected Member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet.

1978-1994 Member of the National Executive Committee of the  
Labour Party

1988 Chairman of the Labour Party

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October 1983-1992

Leader of the Labour Party, a post held until his resignation following Labour's defeat in the General Election.

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Vice President of the Socialist International.  
Made Member of the Privy Council by Her Majesty the Queen.

**Publications:**

Various pamphlets and 2 books:

- "Making Our Way - Investing in Britain's Future" (Blackwell 1986)
- "Thorns and Roses" (Hutchinson 1992).

Various Radio and Television programmes including the BBC documentaries "Tomorrow's Socialism" broadcast in 1994.

**Other Interests:**

Music, especially opera and male choral work,  
Visiting the theatre,  
Rugby football.

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**Nationality** : British

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| 1970      | Labour Member of Parliament for Bedwellty and Islwyn in South Wales  |
| 1970-79   | Variously member of the House of Commons Public Expenditure Select Committee, Nationalized Industries Select Committee and European Legislation Select Committee |
| 1974-75   | Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Employment   |
| 1979      | Labour's Chief Opposition Spokesperson on Education  |
| 1980      | Elected member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet  |
| 1978-94   | Member of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party   |
| 1988      | Chairman of the National Executive Committee   |
| 1983      | Privy Councillor   |
| 1983-92   | Leader of the Labour Party<br>Vice-President of the Socialist International<br>Member of the Commission<br>Transport (including trans-European networks)         |
| 1995-1999 | Member of the Commission with responsibility for Transport   |
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