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Curriculum vitae

Educated:

St Mary's CBS, Belfast

St Joseph's College of Education, Belfast

Queen's University, Belfast.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Education, (QUB)

Member Institute of Public Relations

Political Career

- Former General Secretary (1974-82), Chief Whip (1982-84) and Leader (1984-87) of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland.
- Belfast City Councillor (1977-1985) - Chairman of the Community Services Committee.
- Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (1982-86) - Chairman of the Education Committee.
- The collapse of the Northern Ireland Assembly in June brought a premature end to his political career in Northern Ireland resulting in his resignation as Leader of the Alliance Party in September 1987.
- Invited by Fine Gael to move to the Republic of Ireland and to contest the European Elections in 1989.
- Member of the European Parliament 1989-present.
- Vice-president of the Regional Policy Committee (1992-1994).
- European Parliament specialist in cross border and interregional co-operation (1989-1994).
- European Parliament Rapporteur on China/Hong Kong since 1996.
- Vice-president of the Foreign Affairs Committee (1997-1999).
- Appointed Head of mission of 77 member EU Electoral Observation Team in Sri Lanka September/October 2000 and again in November/December 2001.
- Member of the European Convention 2002.
- European Parliament Rapporteur on Pakistan 2002.