



Details of the Lord President

On Thursday 13th May 2010 Nick Clegg was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Lord President of the Council.

Nick Clegg is also Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party and Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam.

Biography

Nick Clegg has been leader of the Liberal Democrat Party since 2007. Previously, he was the Liberal Democrat Shadow Home Secretary (2006-2007) and Shadow spokesperson on Foreign Affairs (2005-2006). He was also the Europe spokesman.

The Deputy Prime Minister previously served as Member of the European Parliament for the East Midlands (1999-2004) where he became Trade and Industry Spokesman for the Liberal Group of MEPs. He was advisor to European Commission Vice President Sir Leon Brittan (1996-1999), acting as trade negotiator with China and Russia, before which he worked as an official on international aid for the European Commission (1994-1996).

He also worked as a trainee journalist in New York, a political consultant in London and has worked in Budapest, writing about economic reform.

The Deputy Prime Minister gained an MA in Social Anthropology at the University of Cambridge (1986-1989). He continued his post-graduate studies in political philosophy at the University of Minnesota (1989-1990) and gained an MA in European Affairs at the College of Europe in Bruges (1991-1992).

He speaks Dutch, French, German and Spanish. His mother is Dutch and his father Russian. He grew up in Oxfordshire.

Nick Clegg is married to Miriam, a partner in an international law firm. They have three young sons.

He enjoys the outdoors, skiing and mountaineering.