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Profile:

Scottish politician, journalist and academic • British Privy Councillor • International director of humanitarian programmes in wars and disasters. Lord High Commissioner in Scotland 2008 and 2009.

Personal:

Born 4 June 1939, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, Scotland • Married to Daphne MacColl, two daughters, four grand-daughters.

Education:

Abercromby School and Dollar Academy • University of St Andrews (First Class Hons MA, Modern History), postgraduate work in United States, Sweden and Switzerland (International Relations, Conflict Studies and Humanitarian Law).

Politics:

MP (SNP) for Clackmannan 1974–79 • Member of the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe and the Western European Union 1975–79 • Member of the Government Steering Group for the Scottish Parliament 1997–99 • MSP (SNP) for Mid Scotland and Fife, and Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament 1999–2003 • MSP (SNP) for Ochil 2003 and Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament (non-party) 2003–2007. Chair of Steering Group for Governance in Northern Ireland Assembly (2007–08); Member of the EU Caucasus-Caspian Commission [2007–08].

Media:

Columnist and correspondent for British and foreign newspapers • presenter and producer for ITV, BBC and foreign TV • produced over 200 documentaries including Emmy prizewinner, *Contract 736* • author of many contributions to academic publications and humanitarian journals • Author of *Caught in the Crossfire* and *To Be in Britain?*

Academic:

Stevenson Professor of Public Affairs, University of Glasgow (2007–) • Visiting professor (conflict studies), University of Stirling • Regular lecturer at universities in the UK, Europe and North America.

Humanitarian:

Director of Public Affairs of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, 1984–92 • Director of the Worldwide Campaign for the Victims of War 1992–94 • Served in Armenia as Chief Delegate and in Ethiopia, Mexico, Mozambique, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan, South Africa and Zimbabwe • Special adviser to UN and international NGOs.

Current Activities:

Vice-Chair of the Carnegie Commission on Civil Society • Independent Adviser on Scottish Ministerial Code • Member of Council, the Constitution Unit • Trustee of Glasgow Culture & Sport • Trustee of the Edinburgh International Military Tattoo • Member of the Board of the John Smith Memorial Trust • Chair of the Scottish Press Awards • Patron, Wee County Development Trust.

Honours

Privy Councillor 2004 • Scottish Politician of the Year 2003 and 2005 • LL.D from St Andrews University, D.Univ from Edinburgh, Stirling and Queen Margaret Universities • Freeman of Clackmannanshire • Pirogov Gold Medal of the USSR 1989 • Medal of the Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation 2007.