

Baroness Parminter



Kate Parminter was created a life peer in July 2010. She sits in the House of Lords on the Liberal Democrat benches and made her maiden speech on 21 July 2010.

Kate was born in 1964 and grew up in West Sussex. Educated at state schools in Horsham she went on to study Theology at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford from 1983-1986.

Subsequently she worked for Nestle, Simon Hughes MP and a PR Consultancy. From 1990-1998 she headed the Public Affairs for the RSPCA, during which time she chaired the Campaign for the Protection of Hunted Animals which helped to ban hunting. In 1998 she became Chief Executive of CPRE, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the leading conservation campaigning charity which Kate led for nearly six years.

From 2004-2010 she was been a freelance consultant advising corporations and charities on charity, CSR and campaigning issues. Clients included Lloyd's, the City of London Corporation, Mencap & Age Concern. She was also an advisor to the 'Every Child a Reader' programme which tackles illiteracy in schools.

She was a Liberal Democrat Councillor on Horsham District Council in West Sussex for eight years (1987-1995), a member of the Liberal Democrats' South East Region Executive and until 2011 was a member of the Liberal Democrats Federal Executive and the Federal Finance and Administration Committee.

In 2008 she was appointed by Nick Clegg to the Party Reform Commission charged with outlining a route map for the future of the Liberal Democrats.

Kate is a trustee of the leading think tank, IPPR and is also a Patron of the Meath Epilepsy Trust. She supports an elected second chamber and is committed to campaigning on issues which include the environment, equality, animal welfare and education.

She lives in Godalming, Surrey with her husband, Neil Sherlock and two school age daughters.