

UNITED KINGDOM

Minister for Culture, Creative Industries & Tourism

Department for Culture,
Media & Sport

Margaret HODGE

Married, 4 children

Responsibilities

- Arts
- Creative Industries
- Heritage, Architecture, Royal Parks and Royal Estate
- Museums & Galleries, Archives & Libraries
- Tourism
- IT and e-Government
- Science and Sustainability
- Volunteering and the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Human rights champion

Biography

- 1973 she entered politics as a councilor for the London Borough of Islington where she was
- 1975 – 1979 Chair of the Housing Committee
 - 1982 – 1992 Deputy Leader from 1981 to 1982, before becoming Leader
- 1992 – 1994 She spent two years as a consultant for Price Waterhouse
Prior to her appointment to the DfEE she was Joint Chairman of the House of Commons Education and Employment Select Committee.

She was educated at Bromley High School and Oxford High School before obtaining a BSc at the London School of Economics.

- 1994 She was elected Member of Parliament for Barking and has **carried out the following roles in Government:**
- 1998 – 2001 Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment and Equal Opportunities, Department for Education and Employment
- 2001 – 2003 Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Department for Education and Skills
- 2003 – 2005 Minister of State for Children, Young People and Families, Department for Education and Skills
- 2005 – 2006 Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform in the Department for Work and Pensions
- May 2006 before coming to DCMS, Margaret Hodge was appointed Minister of State for Industry (at the Department of Trade & Industry) and the Regions