

Peter Mandelson MP has been the Member of Parliament for Hartlepool since 1992.

Mr Mandelson was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland between 1999-2001. During this time, he negotiated the creation of Northern Ireland's power sharing government and the IRA's announcement that they planned to put their arms beyond use. He also introduced the radical overhaul of the police service in Northern Ireland.

As Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in 1998 Mr Mandelson published the Government's Competitiveness White Paper- 'Building the Knowledge Driven Economy'. He had responsibility for the introduction of Britain's first ever National Minimum Wage and helped introduce the Regional Development Agencies. He was previously Minister without Portfolio in the Cabinet Office between 1997-1998 working directly to the Prime Minister.

Prior to his ministerial appointments, Mr Mandelson was Tony Blair's Campaign Manager in the May 1997 election that brought Labour to power. Previously, he directed Labour's 1987 'red rose' general election campaign.

Mr Mandelson studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St Catherine's College, Oxford. He was a television producer on LWT's Weekend World, before being appointed Labour Party Director for Campaigns and Communications in 1985. He remained in this post until he was selected as the Labour candidate for Hartlepool in 1990. In February 1996, he published 'The Blair Revolution' with Roger Liddle. This was republished in May 2002 with a fresh introduction entitled 'The Blair Revolution Revisited'.

As well as his work for his Hartlepool constituents, in Parliament, he is interested in economic regeneration and governance for the English regions and he continues to keep an interest in Northern Ireland. He is an active chair of the Policy Network, a European and International think tank whose journal and conferences promote the exchange and debate of centre left policy ideas to modernise European social democratic thinking. He is also UK chairman of the UK-Japan 21<sup>st</sup> Century Group of leading academics, politicians and business people. Mr Mandelson has travelled and lectured extensively in Europe, Asia and North America, and lived for a year in East Africa.