

Roger Gough – Biography

Roger Gough is Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform, and has served in a variety of Cabinet roles since 2006. He has served as the Conservative Member for Darent Valley since 2005. He has chaired the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board since it was established in shadow form in September 2011.

He worked in investment banking for sixteen years until 2002, mainly as an investment analyst specialising in the banking industry. From 1988 to 1991, Mr Gough lived and worked in Tokyo as an analyst of the Japanese financial sector; he was subsequently an analyst of the European banking industry.

He was a Research Director of Policy Exchange from 2006 – 2009 and served as Rapporteur to Ken Clarke's Democracy Task Force from 2006 – 2008. He has written widely on policy issues, chiefly constitutional and local government matters. His study of international comparisons in local government 'With a Little Help from Our Friends' was published by Localis in 2009.

His first book, 'A Good Comrade: János Kádár, Communism and Hungary' was published in September 2006. For this book he was awarded the Knights Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary.

His second book, 'Account Rendered' (co-authored with Stuart McCracken and Andrew Tyrie MP) was published by Biteback in July 2011. It examines Britain's role in the transfer of terror suspects for the American government.