

## Tim Montgomerie – potted biog

Born into a military family, Tim attended Exeter university where his religious beliefs and politics combined to create the Conservative Christian Fellowship. He worked as a speech writer for William Hague and Iain Duncan Smith and greatly influenced IDS's ideas about compassionate Conservatism. Along with IDS and Philippa Stroud he created the Centre for Social Justice to take forward the work that IDS had started as Party leader.

Just prior to the 2005 general election he set up the website Conservative Home which has been a focal point for Conservative members to air their views. He persuaded many columnists, MPs and Cabinet members to contribute to the many threads that are written and responded to daily and it is the 'go to' site for all Conservatives. He left Conservative Home to work as a columnist with The Times. Subsequently he has written for all of the 'broadsheets' and is a frequent commentator on all of the political shows. After leaving The Times he set up the Unheard website.

Socially he is to the Left of the Party, but is a firm Brexiteer. The Observer once said that he was one of the most influential Conservatives outside of the Cabinet.