

Citation for Mr David Miliband
Doctor of Laws (LLD)
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He began his career as a political analyst at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and then at the Institute for Public Policy Research. In 1994, aged 29,

manifesto for the 1997 general election. Followin

the Labour Member of Parliament for South Shields. David represented South Shields until 2013, when he resigned his seat to take up his post at the IRC in New York.

his word. During his time at the helm he has grown the IRC from a \$400m, slightly unknown organisation doing good work, to a \$1.5billion powerful agent of change.

He leads a staff of thousands, who include first responders, humanitarian relief workers, international development experts, health care providers and educators. Colleagues cite

constantly striving to do better for the people that the IRC serves he faces issues head-on and says what needs to be said. His perspective is that the work is too

sector, and he has spoken powerfully about the growing need for, and increasing dangers to, non-governmental organisations such as the IRC. He has called our time

to thirteen academics from Ukraine when the war broke out there, and are grateful for the new ideas, energy and perspectives that they bring to our university.

In recognition of his achievements in helping some of the most marginalised people in the world, and of his commitment to tackling some of the most difficult problems in global politics, Vice-Provost, I have pleasure in presenting Mr David Miliband, Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.