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Derek became an engineering apprentice at Hoover Limited in Merthyr Tydfil after leaving school. From there he went on to work in the Valuation Office Agency. He took a three year sabbatical from work to undertake his degree at Swansea University. After completing his degree he went back to the Valuation Office Agency for a short time before working full-time for the PCS Trade Union. He worked in this job until being elected Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in 2004. Derek has also served as Deputy Leader and Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association.

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