

The Orator: Professor John Parkin

Malcolm Shepherd CBE is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology.

Malcolm was born into a mining community in County Durham in 1948. He attended the Robert Richardson Grammar School and then graduated with a BA in Business Studies from the University of Hertfordshire. In his final year as an undergraduate, Malcolm was awarded a scholarship by the Bristol Aircraft Corporation. He joined them as a graduate apprentice in 1970, later taking a role as Management Accountant and qualifying as a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in 1973. He became a Fellow of the Institute in 1990.

Malcolm continued to work in industry where he held Finance Director and Commercial Director roles with the Twinlock Group of Companies and with the Medical Division of Smiths Industries. Malcolm then moved to a consultancy role, advising large companies and charities before switching his career to the 'voluntary sector'.

He has worked in the Charity Sector for over 25 years, as a Trustee, consultant and volunteer. He was a founding member of Saferworld, for 14 years was a Director of Friends of the Earth (3 years as Chairman), was on the Council of the National Trust, a Cycling England Board Member and numerous other advisory bodies for the Department for Transport and the Cabinet Office. Malcolm joined Sustrans in 1994 and was involved in the creation of the vision for the National Cycle Network. Malcolm was appointed Chief Executive in 2008.

Malcolm has recently been awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2015. The award is in recognition of his contribution towards services to Transport and the Environment.