

Dan McCurry – Man of the people

I don't look like a politician. I don't sound like a politician. I'm not blessed with an Oxbridge education, and I'm not here from the Westminster bubble. But even more than that, I don't look or sound like a politician because I am a man of the people.

I left school at 16 and got a job, like most people did in the 80s. Later in life, I discovered education and qualified to defend suspects in police stations, under the legal aid scheme.

Previous to this, my film making hobby turned into a job as video editor of BBC news in the early days of News24.

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On becoming educated, I discovered myself to be an intellectual, when I started writing for the political blogs. I was one of the founding writers on Labour List.

When Labour List editor, Derek Draper, was hacked by the Tories, I responded by accusing David Cameron of hiring Andy Coulson for his criminal skills. This breached the taboo that the abuse of the press is a necessary price to pay for freedom. Andy Coulson eventually went to jail, and I don't think this would have happened if I hadn't written that blog.

My roots in the constituency go right back to being in a rock band at school and rehearsing and gigging at The Basement in Covent Garden. I later ran Acquisition Fireplaces in Camden High Street. Today I attend Holborn and Kentish Town police stations to defend my clients. If selected, I fully intend to move to the constituency.