



Maria Fyfe

Council member from 2015

Born in The Gorbals, grew up in Pollok, Glasgow. Married Jim Fyfe (deceased), industrial relations journalist. Two sons, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren. As mature student, gained Upper Second in Economic History, then teaching qualification. Lectured in Further Education in Falkirk, then senior lecturer on TUC courses for union reps at Central College, Glasgow. Awarded Hon Doctorate by Glasgow University for work on behalf of women.

Glasgow councillor 1980-87, convener of Personnel Committee, depute city treasurer, before being elected Labour MP for Glasgow Maryhill 1987 – 2001. Appointed deputy shadow minister for women, later Scottish front bench spokesperson on Health, Education and Arts. Chaired Scottish Group of Labour MPs. Chaired Scottish Constitutional Convention working party on equal representation of women in planned Scottish Parliament, long involvement in women's rights campaigns. Other parliamentary work included international development, making preparations for the Good Friday Agreement, and membership of the Council of Europe, advancing human rights issues.

Interests: Labour politics, cookery, writing. Author of memoir "A Problem Like Maria" (a reminiscence of 14 years in Westminster) and editor of collection of essays "Women Saying No" aimed at countering the lack of women's voices and concerns being heard in the referendum debate. Currently chair of the Remember Mary Barbour Association, which plans to have a statue erected in her memory