



## Simon Thomas - Plaid Cymru

Simon Thomas lives in Aberystwyth with his wife and two children. He was educated at Aberdare Boys' Grammar School and Aberystwyth University. He trained as a librarian before working as a researcher for Taff-Ely Borough Council. He also worked as an anti-poverty worker and a Rural Development Manager for Jigso.



Simon was elected to the House of Commons as MP for Ceredigion in 2000. In Parliament, he spoke for the party on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Transport, International Development, Energy, Culture Media and Sport.

He was one of the longest serving members of the Environmental Audit Committee and was recognised as a constant advocate for the environment and sustainable development.

After losing his seat in 2005 he became a development manager for Technium in Pembrokeshire, before being appointed senior special advisor to the One Wales Government, advising the Deputy First Minister and other Plaid Cymru Ministers.

In 2011 he was elected to the National Assembly as a regional member for Mid and West Wales

He has been a member of Plaid Cymru's 5 strong Shadow Cabinet since 2014. Simon is Shadow Minister for Education, Skills and the Welsh language. Simon also speaks for the party on Public Services and Local Government.

“I've made my home in this region, raised my children locally so what happens here matters to me as a resident.”

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