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Former First Minister Lord McConnell receives honorary degree

Former First Minister of Scotland Rt Hon Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale will receive an honorary degree at the University of Edinburgh tomorrow (Friday, 3 July).

Lord McConnell, a politician and campaigner who is currently Vice President of UNICEF UK, will receive the degree of *Doctor Honoris Causa* at a ceremony in the Usher Hall.

Raised in Arran, Jack McConnell worked as a mathematics teacher before becoming a politician. During his time at Holyrood, he managed Scottish Labour's 1997 referendum campaign, which helped establish the Scottish Parliament.

He served in the Scottish Government for eight years, including as Finance Minister and Education Minister, before becoming First Minister from 2001 and remaining in post until 2007.

There will be a chance to take photographs of Lord McConnell after the ceremony – approximately 12.15pm. Photographers should go to the box office entrance of the Usher Hall.

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