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# John Monks, *General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation*

Born in Manchester in 1945  
Married with three children

## Education

Degree in Economic History from Nottingham University, England

## Career

1967-69	Management trainee with electronics Group, Plessey Ltd.
1969	Joined Trades Union Congress, Great Britain
1977-87	Head of the TUC's Organization and Industrial Relations Department
1979-1995	Member of the Council of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) of Great Britain
1987-1993	Deputy General Secretary, TUC
1988-1991	Member of the UK Economic and Social Research Council
1993-2003	General Secretary of the TUC, Great Britain
1998-2004	Vice Chairman, Learning and Skills Council, England and Chair, Adult Learning Committee
1999-2000	Chairman, Co-operative Commission UK
2003-	General Secretary, ETUC

Current duties outside the ETUC include membership of the following bodies:

- Visiting Professor to the School of Management at the University of Manchester.
- Chairman, People's History Museum, Manchester
- Councils of the European Policy Centre, Brussels and the Centre for European Studies, London
- Council of Henley Management College

Interests include music, sport and hiking. (supports Manchester United, Swinton Rugby League Club and Lancashire County Cricket Club)

(Honorary degrees from the following universities: Nottingham, UMIST, Salford, Cranfield, Cardiff, Southampton, Open, Kingston)