

Barbara Vest

Doctor of Science

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Barbara Vest joined the Durham Energy Institute Advisory Board in 2016 and is now in her second term of membership.

Barbara was born in South Shields and raised in Boldon by her nanna following the untimely loss of her mum when she was 6. Whilst Barbara has achieved success on a

after them well. Something she delivers on through Durham University and through DEI.

personality of the woman we honour today. To do that I will quote from Matthew Gordon with whom she works at the All Party Parliamentary Energy Studies Group.

When London was ever ready for one Barbara Vest, I first met her at a Parliamentary Reception, where she persuaded a highly regarded Peer to give us a guided tour of parts of the Palace. It turned out that she knew every policeman on duty, every member of the events team waiting staff, every MP in the room, every Peer and, probably everyone else in attendance.

Three phrases sum her up:

Hello pet, what do you do?

Shy bairns get nowt.

le Geordie

Barbara is leader on national energy matters in the UK and a huge supported and advocate of DEI. She is an inspiring example to us all. Chancellor, I present to you Barbara Vest, OBE, who is eminently worthy to receive the Degree of Doctor Science honoris causa.

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