

Danny Kruger MBE MP

Devizes



Born in Westminster, Danny is the son of writer and property developer Rayne Kruger and restaurateur and television presenter Dame Prue Leith. He was educated at Eton College, subsequently studying history at the University of Edinburgh and University of Oxford. After university, he worked at the Centre for Policy Studies think tank, and then became a policy adviser for the Conservative Party. Kruger became David Cameron's chief speechwriter in 2006 and was previously a speechwriter for former party leader, Iain Duncan Smith, and later, Boris Johnson.

He later went to work full-time at a youth crime prevention charity that he had co-founded with his wife, Emma, called Only Connect, a project working in prisons to stop criminals re-offending, which he ran for 10 years and now chairs. For his charitable work, Kruger received an MBE in 2017. In August 2019, Danny became the political secretary to Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Danny was elected as the MP for Devizes in Wiltshire in December 2019 and he made his maiden speech on 29 January 2020, in which he called for a return to Christian values. He is also the co-chair, with Miriam Cates MP, of a new project called the New Social Covenant Unit. Its purpose is to develop proposals to strengthen families, communities and the nation. The project builds on the report he wrote for the Prime Minister last year on how to sustain the community spirit we have seen through the pandemic.

His new book, '*Covenant*', offers a thoughtful and rounded call for a conservatism that values family and community over self-interest and social atomisation.