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Early life, education, and family

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- *Sanders immigrated to the United Kingdom in 1968 or 1969.*
- *His son, Jacob Edward "Jake" Sanders (born 26 November 1968), was elected to Oxford City Council in 2000, and was a Green Party parliamentary candidate in the Oxford East constituency at the 2005 general election.*
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Larry Sanders was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Dorothy (née Glassberg) and Eli Sanders. Sanders' father was a Jewish immigrant whose family was killed in the Holocaust, while his mother was born in New York City, to Jewish immigrant parents, on 2 October 1912. His father Eli – born in Słopnice, Galicia, Austro-Hungarian Empire (now part of modern-day

Poland) on 19 September 1904 – emigrated from his birthplace to America in 1921 aged 17, and supported his family by selling paint. Sanders describes his childhood as his family never lacking for food or clothing, but major purchases, "like curtains or a rug", being difficult to afford. Sanders' mother died in June 1959 at the age of 46. Sanders' father later died on 4 August 1962, at the age of 57. Both he and his younger brother attended James Madison High School in Brooklyn. Sanders described both of them as post-World War II, young Jewish radicals, but were part of the crowd, not yet leaders.

Sanders attended Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, received his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School and obtained a master's degree in social work from the University of Oxford.

Sanders immigrated to the United Kingdom in 1968 or 1969. He became a university lecturer at the University of West London, then at Oxford in the department of social administration.

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Political career

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- *First elected in 2005, Sanders was a Green Party county councillor representing the East Oxford division in the Oxfordshire County Council, until he retired from the Council in 2013.*

Sanders was active in the Labour Party in Oxford in the 1980s. He left the Labour Party in 2001 because he felt that it had moved too far to the right under the leadership of Tony Blair, and defected to the Green Party as a result.

First elected in 2005, Sanders was a Green Party county councillor representing the East Oxford division in the Oxfordshire County Council, until he retired from the Council in 2013. His main focuses in county politics were social and health care services. He resigned from the board of the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust in October 2005 in a principled stand amid concerns that proposed cuts to services would leave vulnerable patients at greater risk.[citation needed]

He became Chairman of the Oxford Community School's Board of Governors in September 2009, following the resignation of the previous chairman, Chris Ballinger, and six other board members. In December of the same year, the Department for Children, Schools and Families approved an application by Oxfordshire County Council to disband the Board of

Governors and replace them with an interim executive board. On hearing the decision, Sanders stated that he was "dreadfully disappointed".

Sanders ran as a Green Party candidate for Oxford West and Abingdon at the 2015 UK general election and finished in fifth place, receiving 2,497 votes, or 4.4% of the overall vote.

In February 2016, he was appointed Health Spokesperson of the Green Party of England and Wales.

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Sanders was selected as the Green Party candidate for the Witney by-election following former Prime Minister David Cameron's resignation as an MP in September 2016. He finished in fourth place with 1,363 votes (3.54%). Sanders was selected to contest the Oxford East constituency at the 2017 snap general election. However, he was not elected, and finished in fourth place with 1,785 votes and a 3.3% share of the vote.

References

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