



Mr Helal Uddin Abbas

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics**

Helal Uddin Abbas has been a Tower Hamlets resident for the last thirty years. He came to the UK in 1972.

Mr Abbas joined the Labour party in 1979 and since then has gone onto to serve in several positions including; ward secretary, chair of a secondary school governing body, councillor, vice chair of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Education Committee, and lead member for education. Furthermore he has been a delegate to the general Management Committee, Local Government Committee, and the annual Labour Party conference.

Helal Uddin Abbas was one of the founders of the first locally based anti-National Front organisations which were named the Anti Racist Committee of Asians in East London (ARC-AEL). Mr Abbas

has worked previously as a youth and community worker in several London boroughs as well as the training programme director of Common Purpose, a national charity. He was the lead member for education in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and leader of the council for four years. As leader of the council he was responsible for improving the standard of education in the borough, housing issues, and developing new houses and gaining access to employment and training.

As a ward councillor and field officer Helal Uddin Abbas spent a huge amount of time answering and dealing with individual residents and their issues and delegating time between meetings and writing reports and letters. During his time at the council he achieved a Good rating under the government's comprehensive perform-

ance assessment initiative, which recognised Tower Hamlets had both a focused and astute political leadership as well as strong, clear management.

During his time in the borough he achieved many Beacon Awards in fields such as; community cohesion, race equality, getting closer to communities and support for social care workers as well as an LGC award for the best Social Services Management Team.

Helal Uddin Abbas is notably proud of his political achievements in the fields of; regeneration, transport, housing and education. He is actively involved in campaigning for local residents around value, power and inclusiveness. He was also involved with the Bengali Housing Action Group and was the secretary of the organisation.