



Mr Nasir Ahmed

Place of Residence: **Birmingham**
Sector: **Community Relations**

Mr Nasir Ahmed completed his GCSE education in Bangladesh before coming to the UK in 1957. After his arrival Mr Ahmed started to work for a post office supply department in Birmingham where he resided, meanwhile he also took up further education at Technical College in Birmingham.

Mr Ahmed also became a member of the Pakistan Welfare Association which was renamed Bangladesh Welfare Association, he took membership in 1972 and he became a member of the management committee in 1973. A decade later he was elected as General Secretary for the Association. During his reign as General Secretary Mr Ahmed was successful in obtaining loans and grants from the council to fund the Bangladesh Welfare Association, and to help move its office premises to a better location, having obtained some £50,000 from the City Council.

Mr Ahmed also founded the Birmingham Advisory Liaison Committee after the infamous Handsworth Riots, and in 1988 he helped establish the standing consultative forum for all ethnic minorities in Birmingham. In the same year he also founded the Bangladesh Islamic Project Consultative Council, which was later renamed the Bangladesh Council in 1994. Mr Ahmed was elected as chairperson in 1989 and served the Bangladesh Council until late 1997.

Mr Ahmed in his efforts to facilitate the needs of Bangladeshis in Birmingham, after hard work managed to secure some half a million pounds which helped build the Bangladesh Community Centre based in Birmingham. In 1996 the Bangladesh Multipurpose centre was built with the help of Mr Nasir Ahmed as well as Birmingham City Council and other organisations, Mr Ahmed was also at one stage

the chairperson of the Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council for West Midlands. He was the vice chairperson of the National Council and was elected as parent governor of Holte Secondary School for a period stretching 8 years. Furthermore he was also a chairperson for Lozells Neighbourhood Forum and is still a trustee of Bangladesh Welfare Association.

As a consequence of Mr Nasir Ahmed's achievements and commitment to community work, he was obtained the Good Citizen award in 2004, given by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. He also received the Channel S Community Award in 2005.

Presently Nasir Ahmed serves as the chairperson for the Bangladesh Multipurpose Centre, Chairperson for Birmingham Action for Civil Liberties and President of Bangladesh Islamic Centre and Mosque.