



Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE, FRSA

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Community Relations**

Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari studied both a PhD and a PGCE teacher training course at Kings College, University of London. He also has a degree in Management from the Open University. He was awarded his MBE in 2003 for neighbourhood renewal work.

Dr Bari has been an officer in the Bangladesh Air Force, but trained in Royal Air Force College, a science teacher, a physics researcher and an SEN specialist in London. He is now the Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, and has held the position since June 2006.

He is the former President of Islamic Forum Europe and is also the Chair of the East London Mosque Trust. He is a Trustee of Muslim Aid. He is also on the London Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic Games as a non-Executive member. Dr Bari is a man with a philanthropic nature. He is a patron of the National Youth Agency and the Ramphal Centre.

Mr Bari is politically non-partisan, but considered to be instrumental in encouraging people to be involved in political and social activities in the mainstream society. This might have indirectly helped RESPECT MP George Galloway

secure his parliamentary seat for Bethnal Green and Bow during the last General Election. He did the same for the recent mayoral elections.

Dr Bari is also a keen behavioural specialist, and has written a number of books, as well as articles in newspapers, journals and community publications on the subject. His books tend to specialise on family and parenting, as well as issues of identity amongst youths. These books include the titles 'Building Muslim Families', 'A Guide to Parenting' and 'Race, Religion and Muslim Identity in Britain'.