



Mr Ghulam Ahmed Chowdhury

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

Mr Ghulam Ahmed Chowdhury was born in the village of Rankle located in the district of Sylhet. He obtained his first degree in Business Studies from the University of Dhaka in 1963. He then arrived here in the United Kingdom in 1989, where he took a Diploma in Teaching Adults from the Royal Society of Arts, London. In addition he acquired various other teaching qualifications in Adult Education from the College of Further and Higher Education in Northampton. He is certified to Teach Adults and ESOL.

After having obtained his first degree in Bangladesh, Mr Chowdhury's first full time job was as a sales representative for a local chemical company called 'TIBET'. He then joined Pakistan International Airlines PIA as check-in supervisor in Chittagong Airport. He was later reposted to Karachi Airport. In 1970 he was promoted and as a result he took a foreign posting in Heathrow Airport as Duty Officer. However by the end of 1972 due to his allegiance to Bangladesh, Mr Chowdhury resigned from his post at PIA and instead joined Biman Bangladesh Airlines where he served as Duty Officer at Heathrow airport until 1980.

During the early 1980's Mr Ghulam Chowdhury was a controlling partner in a successful Bangladeshi restaurant in London. Later between 1985 and 1986 Northampton Council for Community Relations as their coordinator employed him. In 1986 the LEA as Guidance Worker employed him and then in 1992 he moved onto work as a Community Liaison Officer for Northampton College. The college subsequently made him a Business Development Officer, this was his last job and Mr Ghulam Ahmed Chowdhury took retirement in 2006.

Mr Chowdhury is also involved with several community organisations. He was a volunteer of the Al Jamatul Muslimeen of Bangladesh; he later became Chairman of the Education Sub committee. In 1987 he was elected as Chairman of the community and continued this service for some six years. He has also been school governor of St Georges Middle School, as well as Executive Member of the Gharana Housing based at Wellingborough. He was Trustee of local 'Dostio Women's Group' from 1995 to 1999. In Addition Ghulam Ahmed

was the first Asian Independent Member of the Northampton Police Authority and was later appointed as an Independent Advisor to the Independent Advisory Group. He is also the founding member of all the Faiths Group set up after the September 11th incident in the USA.

Mr Ghulam Ahmed Chowdhury is married with three children. His wife is a part time Bengali Language Tutor at the local supplementary school. His eldest son Mizan is married and has a BSc Honours in Business and Engineering as well as a MSc in Computing. He currently works for Computer Science Corporation as a Business Architect Consultant on the NHS IT programme. Mr Chowdhury's eldest daughter is also married and has a BSc Honours and later completed her PGCE in teaching. She is currently the Deputy Head-teacher of a London Primary School. Mr and Mrs Chowdhury's youngest daughter is studying Law at the University of Northampton.

Mr Chowdhury having retired now takes pleasure in gardening, voluntary work and practicing his faith.