



## Mr. Maruf Ahmed Chowdhury

Place of Residence: **Clayhall, Redbridge**  
Sector: **Business Advisor**

**M**r Maruf Ahmed Chowdhury was born and brought up and educated in Bangladesh. He attended Government High School in Sylhet where he obtained a Secondary School Certificate, going on to M.C College where he gained his HSC. Mr. Chowdhury later went to Dhaka University achieving a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours from the years 1979 to 1982, a Master of Commerce the following year and a Bachelor of Law (LLB) in 1984.

On finishing his formal education Mr. Chowdhury started full time employment. His first job initially on a part time basis commenced in June 1980, whilst he was still studying and this was with the family business M Ahmed Construction Ltd his directorship continued until April 1986. On leaving university he also was a partner of E H Enterprise and a proprietor of an import/export firm called Maruf Enterprise. Mr. Chowdhury decided that it was time broaden his horizons and travel abroad and he left Bangladesh and initially travelled to America where he resided from June 1986 to April 1987. Whilst undertaking a post graduate course, to supplement his income,

he worked part time as an assistant manager of a McDonald's restaurant in California. In May that year, Mr. Chowdhury moved to the UK, where he had family connections being first employed as the manager of the Indian Ocean Restaurant in Holloway Road, London; a year later he became a partner of Enfield Tandoori Restaurant. In 1990 Mr. Chowdhury obtained the necessary qualifications to become a Financial Consultant for American Life Insurance Company. A few years later he moved on to Laurentian Life Plc, in Tooting Broadway, as a Senior Financial Consultant. Mr. Chowdhury currently holds the position of Senior Loans Counsellor for the East London Small Business Centre, in East London; where he has special responsibilities for management of the Muslim Loan Fund and acts as a specialist to the catering sector. Obviously Mr. Chowdhury has been through a lot of hard work and devotion to get where he is today. Having had several careers in different industries and various roles to play throughout the years, processing and sharing a repertoire of the range of different skills needed to succeed.

Besides his tough working life, Mr. Chowdhury has been actively involved with voluntary work. He is currently the Honorary Presidium Member of Beanibazar Welfare Trust, Beanibazar Jonokollan Somittee and Beanibazar Pouro Unnoyon Songstha in the UK. Moreover, he is the Organising Secretary of UK Awami League, the General Secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Association in the UK as well being the Honorary Joint Secretary for Central Sahid Minar Committee, UK. On top of all of that Mr. Chowdhury is the Vice President of Majlish Home Care Services, Vice Chair of Sir William Beveridge Foundation, Vice president of Dhaka University Jalaladab Ex-students Union all in the UK.

Mr. Chowdhury is now happily married to Mrs. Samantha Chowdhury, who is a Senior Business Development Manager for NatWest Bank. (RBS Group); together they have 2 children with whom they live. Their eldest child is their daughter Nishat who is 17 and studying her A Levels and youngest their son Rafat who is 14 studying for his GCSEs.