



Cllr Sirajul Islam

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics**

Cllr Sirajul Islam is currently Deputy Leader of the Council for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. He is a Labour Councillor representing Bethnal Green South Ward since winning a by election in 2001. His portfolio currently includes responsibility for Equalities, Workforce to Reflect the Community, Communications, Housing Management, Member Development, Democracy & Citizenship and Consultation and Involvement. Born in 1967 into a respected Muslim family in the greater Sylhet District in Bangladesh. Councillor Islam moved with his parents to the UK in 1972 and upon arrival attended primary and secondary school and completed his PG Certificate in Community Development from the University of Westminster in 1999.

Councillor Sirajul Islam has served as the Community Relations Coordinator for Barts and London NHS Trust from 1997, prior to this he has worked in different places in the UK. Moreover from 1990 to 1994 Cllr Sirajul Islam worked as a Community Development Officer for Tower Hamlets Council and also in the same position at Bethnal Green City Challenge from 1994 to 1995. Between 1995 and 1996 Cllr Islam moved into the area of housing where he became a Tenant Management Development Officer and then from 1996 moved his sights onto being a Community Consultation Officer for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Councillor Islam joined the labour party in 1996 and has been a Labour Councillor in Tower Hamlets since 2001 to date. He was Leading Cabinet Member for Social Services and Health from 2002 to 2005 and during which time the service achieved three star rating from the Commission for Social Care Inspections and was recognised as one of the best in the country. He has also served as Labour Group Chief Whip from 2005 to 2006.

He has actively been involved in many voluntary organisations, and is now a Governor of John Scurr



Primary School in East London. In addition he is the Treasurer of Bengali Educational Society, as well as Director of Tower Hamlets Community Housing. Councillor Islam is also Trustee of Spitafields Market Community Trust and has recently become a accredited Peer Reviewer for the Government's I&DeA. In addition he is a Former Associate Non Executive Director of Tower Hamlets Primary Care NHS Trust as well as Former Chairman of Bethnal Green Area SRB5 Board (Connecting Communities Programme).

Adding to his long line of duties to the community in Tower Hamlets Cllr Sirajul Islam has been the Vice Chairman of Tower Hamlets Local Government Committee in year 2000.

Cllr Sirajul has worked tirelessly to bring fundamental change to the Bangladeshi Community in Tower Hamlets and is one of the biggest voices in the Council today working hard to fight against crime, reduce poor housing and bring in regeneration to the Borough. In Addition Cllr Islam is a dedicated family man and active political member of our community today.

Mr Islam is married with four children.