



## Cllr Syeda Amina Khatun MBE

Place of Residence: **West Midlands**

Sector: **Politics/Community**

Cllr Syeda Amina Khatun is a Labour councillor in the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. The Labour councillor was the first Bangladeshi woman to be elected in the Midlands region in 1999 and was made a Member of the British Empire for her services to Community Development in 2004. Born in Bangladesh, Cllr Khatun arrived in the UK in October 1975.

The Tipton Green representative started her first job as research/outreach worker for the Education Department in 1986 and later progressed on to becoming a Language Support Tutor. Whilst retaining many full time positions Cllr Khatun has always remained open to serving her community needs. Since the mid eighties, the Labour councillor has used her

professional experience to manage various voluntary organisations. She has particularly helped manage and start up women groups in the midlands area such as the Bangladeshi Women's Association and the Youth Group for Local Young Women as well as mother and toddler groups. She has also engaged in setting up numerous young peoples groups and even ones for the elderly too. Cllr Khatun is also recognised as a campaigner for environmental improvements.

Since 1995, Cllr Khatun has been employed as a Youth Worker as well as project managing a local advocacy group called the Asha Project. Cllr Khatun is also the Non Executive Director of Rowley Regis and Tipton Primary Care Trust. Within the Sandwell

Metropolitan council, Cllr Khatun is a Cabinet advisor for education together with being the alternative member of committee for Europe. She is also serving as Chairman for Tipton Town Committee.

Earlier this year Cllr Syeda Amina Khatun was again recognised for her work in the Bangladeshi community at an awards event organised by the Birmingham Bangladeshi League BBL where she received an award.

Throughout her life the Tipton Green Labour councillor has shown devotion towards the betterment of the Bangladeshi people. She is still an enthusiastic volunteer for many community groups in the West Midlands area and let's hope she continues her good work for many years to come.