



Mr Mohammed Abdul Mukit MBE

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Community Relations**

Mohammed Abdul Mukit MBE is among the first few Bangladeshi's in the East End to receive the Queens' Award in the Millennium Year for Youth and Community Development. His dedication and commitment to various causes include the Bengali community's fight for justice in the late 1960's, the Bangladeshi Liberation War in 1971, Anti-Racist struggle of the 1970's as well as setting up The Youth and Community's response for equal rights, housing, education, health and employment.

Born in Habibpur (Dspbari), Jagannathpur, District Sunamgonj, Abdul Mukit currently lives in London with his wife Fathema Choudhury (a Teacher) and five children. He arrived in the UK in November 1967 and received both a secondary and higher education, graduating in Youth & Community studies from Greenwich University in 1988. Between 1983-2002, Abdul Mukit worked in the former ILEA and Tower Hamlets Education Department as Senior Youth & Community Development Officer.

Abdul Mukit's long standing achievements include setting up youth initiatives; the Sylhet Friends' Society (1969), Bangladesh Sports Association (1972), UWA (1973), Progressive Youth Organisation (1979), Spitalfields Housing Association and Spitalfields Small Business Association (1979), FBYO, BWA, Boundary Community school (1982), Weavers Community Trust (1983) as well as a host of other parent and community fora.

Abdul Mukit has held the Chair's post at Spitalfields Housing Association, Boundary Community School, Sports Network Council (SNC) and Vice Chair positions at the Tower Hamlets local area Partnership 1. He is also a Parent Governor at St Matthias Primary School in Tower Hamlets. Abdul Mukit's other services to the community include founder and trustee of the Jagannathpur British-Bangla Education Trust,



Jagannathpur Upozila Unnoyan Shangst (UK) Ltd, and other social enterprises.

Abdul Mukit is widely eulogised and has received civic receptions from Tower Hamlets Councillors and community groups (2000), the House of Lords' British Muslim Honorary Award (2001), Sylhet Investors Forum (2003), Bangladesh Overseas Centre (Sylhet) and Jagannathpur Pouroshova (2004).

His mission is to link and promote the aspirations of UK Bangladeshi's with business and development in Bangladesh. He has established contacts with national and European politicians and frequently visits Bangladesh to set up new projects and dedicates his efforts to involve local planners to raise awareness and achieve funding for local projects.

Throughout Mr Mohammed Abdul Mukit's career he has demonstrated commitment and hard work working with the wider community to creating an environment of harmony and racial tolerance. He has also strived to create educational and sport opportunities for disadvantaged members of the community.