



Cllr. Lutfur Rahman

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics and Legal**

Lutfur Rahman is the Leader of Tower Hamlets Council and a partner in leading London law firm.

He uses both these roles in pursuit of a passion for social justice and the betterment of people's lives. His deep knowledge and understanding of the East End of London has been developed over many years in close contact with people from all walks of life. Lutfur believes that the Council's work on community cohesion is achieving good results that can be applied in other parts of the country and beyond.

Deeply committed to the values and aims of the Labour Party, he has been an activist for many years, including campaigning for and participating in the GMC and LGC. He has also represented Tower Hamlets in national fora, such as the 2003 Spring Party Conference. He was the ward secretary, Spitalfields and Bangla Town from 2006 to February 2007, elected twice as councilor for Spitalfields and Bangla Town in May 2002 and May 2006, appoint-

ed as Chair of Development Panel, May 2002 and was the Lead Member for Education and Youth Services, 2003-2005. He has also been the Lead Member for Culture.

He was a member and general secretary (1987-89) of the Progressive Youth Organization, Spitalfields, founding member of the Phoenix Youth Project and the Bow Community School (1982-86), founding member and first treasurer (1990) of Keen Students School (KSS) and trustee of Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Education Trust (2003-05).

He was the member and general secretary of Community Alliance for Police Accountability (CAPA) in 1988, member and chairman of Tower Hamlets Law Centre from 1996-2001. He has been the member of the Muslim Council of Britain's legal Affairs Committee since 2006. He is also a member of the GMB Union.

Lutfur Rahman was the Board member of the Poplar and Leaside Regeneration Project (SRB6)

(2001-2002) and since 2001 has been the Non-Executive Director for the Board of Barts & The Royal London NHS Trust.

Lutfur Rahman is a member of the Law Society and Law Society Advanced Children Law Panel..

He is also a Non-Executive Director on the Bart's & The Royal London NHS Trust where he helped to secure £1.2 billion worth of development for new hospitals in the area. In 2006, the Healthcare Commission rated the Trust's Quality of service as 'Excellent'.

At the Muslim Council of Britain's Legal Affairs Committee he has provided expert policy advice and proposals while at the Tower Hamlets Law Centre he harnessed the collective expertise of fellow lawyers to help make the Centre a dynamic professional body, which attracts good lawyers ready to undertake pro bono work.

He is married with one son and one daughter, the older child attends a school in Tower Hamlets.