



Mr Aminur Rashid

Place of Residence: **Cardiff, South Wales**
Sector: **Engineering**

Mr Aminur Rashid is the current General Secretary of the Welsh Asian Council. A Chartered Engineer by profession, Mr Rashid over the last forty years has been one of the most active members of the Bangladeshi Community in South Wales. Born in Manikganj, Dhaka in Bangladesh, Mr Rashid passed his matriculation examination from his local high school in Manikganj and completed his Intermediate Science examination (I.Sc) from Dhaka Government College, before coming to the UK in 1965 for studying Civil Engineering.

He travelled to Cardiff to complete his studies and by 1970 graduated with a B.Sc(Eng) degree in Civil Engineering which essentially led to his first job working with Newport City Council. Whilst being employed by Newport City council, Mr Rashid obtained further professional qualifications as the M.I.C.E (Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers), the M.I.H.T (Member of the Institution of Highways and Transportation) and the A.M.E (Member, Association of Municipal Engineers).

Throughout the last thirty eight years, Mr Rashid has held senior positions in various sections of the Engineering and Construction Department and was eventually promoted to the post of Highway Maintenance Manager. After serving as a principal Local

Government Officer for Newport City Council for nearly thirty eight years, Mr Rashid has just retired.

Whilst carrying out his education and establishing a successful career, Mr Aminur Rashid was also a prominent member of the Bangladeshi community in South Wales. Notably, his commendable role during the liberation movement of Bangladesh, where Mr Rashid was elected as the General Secretary of the Bangladesh Action Committee in South Wales. Mr Rashid regularly arranged trips to London and even held two meetings in Cardiff in support for the movement, where Justice Abu Sayed Choudhury, came from London to address the meetings. Immediately after the independence of Bangladesh, the Bangladeshi community set up a 'Bangladesh Association' in Cardiff and Mr Rashid was elected to serve as General Secretary of the organisation. In recognition of his outstanding contribution towards the community, the Bengali Satellite channel, 'Channel S' has awarded him the community award 2008 from the Wales region.

Mr Rashid in the mid-eighties also helped set up the Cardiff and Vale Race and Equality Council which is currently known as 'Race Equality First', where he's served as Chairman on three separate occasions, for a total period of nine years. The Chartered Engineer

since 2001, has also been an elected board member of a Welsh Assembly Government programme, supported by Cardiff City Council, for tackling poverty and social disadvantages called 'The Cardiff Community First Local Partnership Group'. Having had three children progress through the local education system, Mr Rashid has always taken a keen interest in their development and as a result, the engineer, has been a Governor of their local primary and high school for nearly twenty years. He's also a board member for Arts groups in South Wales, such as the 'South Wales Intercultural Community Arts', 'Cardiff and District Multicultural Arts Development' and the 'Wales Tagore Society' for many years.

Mr Rashid is also a board member of the South Wales Police advisory group, the 'Cardiff Older Persons Forum' of the Cardiff City Council and the 'South Glamorgan Race and Health Advisory Committee'. Within the Bangladeshi community, Mr Rashid has helped set up a Bangla school and a mosque in his vicinity. The Local Government Officer is married to Shirin Rashid and they are blessed with three children. Mr Rashid is a massive cricket fan and follows football, golf, rugby and snooker amongst other sports. His other hobbies include walking, reading and listening to music.