



Mr Mahmoud A Rauf

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Accounting**

Mr Mahmoud A Rauf is a qualified accountant as well as a prominent member of the Bangladeshi community. Born in 1946 in Nabiganj, Sylhet in Bangladesh, Mr Rauf was educated in Bangladesh before coming to the UK in 1968.

Mr Mahmoud A Rauf studied at the Madan Mohan College completing his B.Com in 1966 and in 1968 left for UK to further his education as student of accountancy. Whilst carrying out his education, Mr Rauf took part in the political events such as the anti-Ayub Movement and when the Liberation War began in 1971 Mr Rauf was an executive member of the Bangladesh Student Action Committee based in the UK. Mr Rauf through dance and drama encouraged Bangladeshi people to demand their independence as a prominent member of the People's Cultural Society at the time.

Even before his arrival to the UK, Mr Rauf was the Acting President of East Pakistan Chhatra Union in Sylhet as well as volunteering at an eye camp organized by Jalalabad

Blind Welfare Association. In addition to being an accountant, Mr Mahmoud A Rauf is also an executive member of the Asian Drama Group. Mr Rauf is also serving as the Chairman of a group called Bengali National Cultural Society UK.

One of the pioneers behind East London's Boishakhi Mela, Mr Rauf was also a founder member behind construction of the Shaheed Minar monument in Whitechapel's Aftab Ali Park in 1998. As a very active community member Mr Rauf fulfils numerous executive roles for a range of different socio-cultural and business organisations such as the Davenant Youth Centre of Excellence and the Ethnic Minority Enterprise Project.

Throughout the last twenty years Mr Rauf has also been voluntarily involved with East London based organisations such as the Tower Hamlets Community Empowerment Network, Brick Lane Business Association, Tower Hamlets Training/Business forum, Community Organisation Forum, City-side Regeneration Ltd and the

Banglatown Consultative Forum. Currently in Bangladesh Mr Rauf is a life member of Mukitijuddha Smriti Trust as well as the chairman of the board of directors of the Bangla language newspaper 'Notun Desh'. On the media front Mr Rauf was a director of the weekly publication 'Sylheter Dak' as well as being a founding member of Bangladeshi Journalists Association UK.

Mr Mahmoud Rauf is married to Ju-E-Shams and have a daughter and a son. Their daughter Sohani Shams completed her degree in Psychology and a post graduate in Education (PGCE) from the University of London and their son Raziq Mahi completed his Hons and Masters in Geography on Space Management from the University of Manchester. Raziq is a qualified journalist currently working with Virgin Radio, London. Throughout Mr Rauf's life, he has always been very conscious of society and the problems it faces and has tried his utmost to assist people in overcoming their obstacles as well as creating opportunities for the disadvantaged.