



## Baroness Pola Manzila Uddin

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics**

**B**orn in Bangladesh and brought up in England, Baroness Uddin is an advocate of social reforms and equal rights.

A formidable champion for women, Lady Uddin was invited to the House of Lords in 1998, for her contribution to the advancement of women and disability rights, bestowing the title of the Rt. Hon. Baroness Uddin of Bethnal Green. She began her professional and political career in the 70's, in the East End, developing a number of leading edge and well regarded

services and organisations, many of which have come to be accepted as benchmark for sustainable development and community engagement.

Baroness Uddin serves on the Select Committee on European Affairs and have chaired a number of Government Task Forces, under the auspices of the Prime Minister's office, Home Office and the FCO.

She continues to work with a number of international charitable and educational causes, and currently

leading the national pilot Breaking the Cycle Project which works with families affected by substance misuse. She is a board member of Autism Speak UK, Honorary member of the Board of Channel S Television and is a patron of Orbis International, Student Partnership Worldwide, Bethnal Green and Victoria Park Housing Association, Women's Housing Forum, Women's Aid, Brit-Bangla and The Dame Vera Lynn Trust.

Baroness Uddin has an honorary doctorate from Exeter University.