

## □ **Professor Naina Patel OBE - Founder and Executive Director of PRIAE**

Naina established PRIAE in 1998 after recognising that a dedicated body specialising in ageing and ethnicity was needed in the UK and across Europe. Such a body would provide support for black and minority ethnic organisations working on old age and, where necessary, across all ages through policy, research, information service developments and training. Naina has built PRIAE from zero finance to the unique and respected charitable institute it is today, having designed and secured the funding for the majority of its ground-breaking initiatives. Her first book in this area, *Race Against Time? Social Services Provision to Black Elders* (1990, Runnymede Trust) was credited to the inspiration from her mother and late father, and informed the need for an organisation like PRIAE. In 2001, Naina received an OBE from her Majesty the Queen as recognition of her pioneering work to improve the quality of life of ethnic elders. She accepted the award saying that it was in recognition to the area itself and paid tribute to all the elders and organisations who work tirelessly with little resources to provide much-needed service support. Naina was Professor of Ageing and Ethnicity at the University of Central Lancashire. See her interview in PRIAE films under Publications and Asian Voice with Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP. End note: Formerly UK Representative to the European Monitoring Centre on Racism in Vienna, Naina is a prolific writer and international speaker, advisor and often appearing in the media in support of minority ethnic elderly issues. Now as an international consultant she continues to promote the area and build on PRIAE's record of achievement.

## **Lord Herman Ouseley - Chair of PRIAE**

*"During my time as Chair of PRIAE, I have seen the area of ageing and ethnicity become much more established amongst the mainstream ageing giants, and become a serious voice and representative of BME elder issues."*

Herman Ouseley has been a trustee with PRIAE since its inception bringing a wealth of expertise, experience and knowledge of equalities and rights of ethnic minorities due to his previous roles within local government, care establishments and in particularly as executive chairman (1993-2000) of the Commission for Racial Equality. As a result of his commitment and services to local government and community relations in Britain, Herman Ouseley was knighted in 1997 and appointed as a member of the House of Lords in 2001.

## **Rt Hon Lord Navnit Dholakia OBE OBE PC DL**

*"PRIAE is a unique research policy organisation offering insight into issues affecting ethnic*

*elderly in our communities. I feel  
be associated with it."*

honoured to

Lord Dholakia has been with PRIAE since its creation and has been an important link between PRIAE and policymakers by raising awareness and highlighting BME elder issues in the House of Lords to push reform and advocate change.

Navnit Dholakia was appointed Baron Dholakia of Waltham Brooks and introduced to the House of Lords in 1997. He was elected to the post of Party President in 1999 and in 2002 of the Liberal Democrats Party, and now the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers.

### **Liam Hughes - Treasurer**

*" I have been proud to be a trustee of PRIAE which has been a vital watchdog on what is being done politically, economically and socially for BME elders and due to its diverse scope, it encompasses many minority groups."*

Liam Hughes has brought a wealth of knowledge from his background as National Advisor for Healthy communities - advising Local Government networks to improve and develop their understanding and work on health and health inequalities. Liam was formerly chief executive of Bradford Social Services; East Leeds Primary Health Care.

### **Professor Sashidharan - Trustee**

*"PRIAE has put the topic of ageing and ethnicity on the national and international map. No other organisation is committed solely to this area combining policy, research and information. PRIAE does not talk about elders, it has brought elders into debate , discussion as partners and help develop the area".*

Professor S Sashidharan is a Consultant Psychiatrist, Honorary Professor at the University of Warwick Medical School, co-director the National Centre for Research in Ethnicity and Mental Health, formerly the Medical Director of North Birmingham Mental Health Trust. Previously he worked at the University of Edinburgh and was Professor of Community Psychiatry in

Birmingham until 2000. For over 30 years he has been actively involved in research, service reform and campaigns to improve ethnic inequalities in mental health services in England. He also works as a consultant to the WHO, Geneva.

### **Dr Chai Patel, CBE FRCP - Patron**

*"I commend PRIAE for taking the time to hear the voice of BME elders and working to use their experiences to create the capacity for policy makers and BME elders to interact and advocate change".*

Dr Chai Patel has been with PRIAE since 2004 and as patron of PRIAE has brought his knowledge and expertise of healthcare policy issues and experience as former Chief Executive of the largest continuing care company in the UK. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the Open University and in 1999 was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his services to the development of social care policies. Chai is the Chairman of HC-One, one of the largest independent care home operators in the UK.

### **PRIAE Staff and Support**

Led by Professor Naina Patel, PRIAE employed several specialist and project staff during its life. Among this included:

Ahsan Malik, Project Director for CEMESME (Contribution of Ethnic Minority Employees to Small & Medium Sized Enterprises [SMEs] and PRIAE projects in its later years. This included the delivery of the Personalised Mentoring Programme whereby postgraduate students from various ethnic backgrounds develop international trade activities in UK companies, which was commended by the CBI during the launch of the research results (see press release and FT article under CEMESME publications). Ahsan was also Project Management Mentor to a number of PRIAE projects, assisting the project teams in successfully delivering to the administration and financial needs of projects and the funders. He has been a Senior Consultant for a specialist EU management consultancy, providing comprehensive support to its public and voluntary clients in grant consultancy and complete project management delivery. Contact Details: Email: [ahsan773@hotmail.com](mailto:ahsan773@hotmail.com) ; phone 07813 882562

Sunjeeda Hanif, Project Manager for Community Engagement in the Minority Elderly Policy Network and conference organiser including the SCEES Project, Scotland (2010). She has had extensive contact with BME Elder organisations, multi-agencies & planners, practitioners,

researchers / academics, commissioners & managers in health, social care & housing. Her high determination to create change via PRIAE's work and with her personal experience of navigating the health and social care system as a Carer, and recently helping the media to reflect appropriately her local community of Beeston in Leeds and by so doing providing a voice for Muslim women in her neighbourhood, has provided her with a specific insight into exclusion and discrimination, experienced by BME Elders and carers.

### **Abbey & Co**

Abbey & Co is an accountancy firm with a special community heart. Abbey & Co provided PRIAE with administrative and financial services in its later years, to which we are most grateful.

### **Policy Project Supporters**

Across the UK and Europe, PRIAE has had since its inception the support and active engagement of many elders from diverse ethnic backgrounds many of whom you will see in the PRIAE films (see under publications; staff and trustees of BME age organisations, policymakers, researchers, professionals, and funders in the UK and internationally. We are most grateful to them all for working with us in many different initiatives during PRIAE's life.

### **Funders, partners**

PRIAE as an independent charitable Institute raises all its funds by itself. A majority of its income comes through submitting applications under call for proposals from the UK government, European Commission, charitable foundations. PRIAE does not fund raise publicly as a matter of policy. This is to protect funding source for local minority age organisations who provide critical support to black and minority ethnic elders. PRIAE also has many associates/volunteers who come from policy, professions, research and academia who support PRIAE's specific projects from MEC to CNEOPSA in dementia care and funders who have recognized the work PRIAE has done with respect.

They have included (original names used):

- Department of Health
- Department of Trade and Industry
- European Commission
- Big Lottery Fund
- Lloyds TSB Foundation
- CBI

- City Parochial Trust
- Institute of Race Relations
- Fundamental Rights Agency
- European Research Area in Age/New Dynamics of Ageing Programme
- FuturAge project partners
- Mazars
- Wrigleys Solicitors LLP
- University of Central Lancashire
- Help the Aged
- Age Concern
- Age UK
- King's Fund
- Home Office Racial Equality Unit
- Runnymede Trust
- Various city councils and local authorities in the UK and across Europe
- Club de Madrid
- Ditchley Foundation
- Birmingham Commission on Ageing