

Mosaic Yorkshire Regional Leadership Group

Chairman

Tariq Shah – Director, Vigo Group



Property specialist and international active asset manager Tariq Shah is an executive director of the Vigo Group, managing a portfolio of assets ranging from landmark capital city investments to starter units for small businesses. Consistently driving a wide variety of projects from concept to completion, Tariq focuses on establishing strong partnerships to optimise and develop assets and ensure lasting positive impacts. The third generation to enter this family business, traditional values of honesty, integrity and trust are at the centre of Tariq's philosophy. These core principles, supported by a focus on excellence and a dynamic response to change have ensured the group has succeeded and developed across sectors and through market cycles. Tariq was educated at St Peter's School, York and holds a BSc in Economics and Politics from Birmingham University. He remains involved in politics and is also a Trustee of the AHS Foundation. Tariq is also a member of the Mosaic Advisory Board.

Members

Sarah Khan Bashir - Solicitor, Shire Solicitors (Vice-Chairman)



Sarah Khan-Bashir is a proactive, adaptable and conscientious Solicitor, highly committed to putting something back into the community. Sarah established Shire Solicitors in 2007. The practice specialises in defendant and claimant civil litigation as well as commercial and residential conveyancing. After qualifying as a Solicitor, Sarah joined the Office of the Force Solicitor for West Yorkshire Police for 7 years. One of the many initiatives she was involved with was the creation of a protocol to be followed by the courts and partner authorities in order to case manage civil applications brought by the police to the magistrates' courts. This model has been adopted by several police forces. Sarah is also a Director of 2:16, a West Yorkshire based training company which specialises in cultural awareness programmes and most recently is providing specific training in relation to the Muslim communities in West Yorkshire. As Patron of the Minorities Police Liaison Committee she acts as Chairwoman of a sub group of the committee looking specifically at the issue of Forced Marriages. This group successfully ran a City wide seminar on the subject. She is also involved with the projects specifically looking to recruit mentors for students from local schools with a view to encouraging links between successful Muslim professionals and disadvantaged young Muslims. Sarah is also regularly involved in radio programs looking at a wide range of issues that touch the British Asian community. Sarah was recently nominated for a Lloyds TSB Jewel award and was one of the finalists for the Professional Excellence Award. Sarah chairs the Mosaic Bradford Local Delivery Group

Mahroof Hussain - Councillor, Rotherham Council (Vice-Chairman)



Mahroof is currently a local Councillor and Cabinet Member on Rotherham Council. He was awarded the Councillor of the Year by Local Government Yorkshire and Humber in 2008/09. He was a parliamentary researcher for a Yorkshire Member of

Parliament in 2001 and worked with the Minister for Europe, Dr Denis MacShane MP as an advisor on Equality in Europe (2003-2005). Mahroof is a member of the Local Government Association Regeneration & Transport Board. He stood in the 2005 General Election in the Constituency of Sheffield Hallam. Mahroof was awarded a Member of British Empire (MBE) for service to Local Government in 2008 New Years Honours. Following the 2005 terrorist bombings in London, Mahroof was called upon by the Home Office to be a member of the Tackling Extremism Task Force which made some wide ranging recommendations to the government. He has subsequently worked with Department of Communities and Local Government on the next steps. Mahroof sits on the Ethnic Minority Employment Task Force. The Task Force was formed in response to the recommendations of the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit's report on ethnic minorities in the Labour market. The Task Force is chaired by the Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform and consists of Ministers from five other government departments.

Qari Asim - Solicitor, DLA Piper UK LLP



Qari Asim is a Real Estate solicitor by profession, working at DLA Piper UK LLP, one of the largest legal firms in the world. He deals with legal issues relating to Commercial Property and the construction of city's sky-scrapers, which are visible signs of Leeds's booming economy and in the evening he deals with invisible improvements, assisting in spiritually uplifting the Muslim community. Qari Asim is also currently a senior Imam (prayer leader) at Leeds Makkah Mosque, which is UK's Model Mosque. The mosque won the nationwide award due to its outreach work, and for planning initiatives that actively engage with youth, women different community organizations. Qari Asim is an Executive member of the Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board and provides guidance to mosques and Imams in the North of England. He has also advised local statutory bodies and law enforcement agencies in respect of Islamic and cultural issues. Qari is also Chair of Deen Foundation, an organisation dedicated to promoting education. He has translated a number of articles from Urdu to English and has authored a book *Our Children: Our Future*. Qari's current focus is on Youth Engagement; he is co-founder of Young Minds, a voluntary community organisation committed to providing recreational and educational activities to the youth.

Ikram Butt - Co-Founder, British Asian Rugby Association



Ikram Butt made history by becoming the first British Muslim to represent England at either rugby code when he appeared for England against Wales in the European Rugby League Championship in 1995, dispelling the myth that such physical sports did not appeal to those with an Asian heritage. He went on to set up the South Asia Bulls and the British Asian Rugby Association (BARA) with the aim of encouraging more Asians to participate in sport and benefit from the values it instills, recently forming and managing the British Pakistan RL XIII. BARA has been recognised by both rugby governing bodies and Sport England for their work in the community and given direct endorsement by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and current Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe. Now back at the club where it all started, as part of the Leeds Rugby Foundation in the role of 'Connecting Communities' Manager, he is seeking to re-establish his relationship with the City of Leeds and institute a greater understanding and tolerance through the medium of sport, education and health.

Mabs Hussain - Chief Inspector, West Yorkshire Police



Mabs Hussain joined West Yorkshire Police in 1996 at the age of 23 and was posted to Bradford an area where he was born and still lived in at the time. Having worked in a uniform role he quickly realised his passion was for investigating crime and moved into CID. As a Detective Constable he was part of the team that was set up to investigate the Bradford Riots in 2001. He describes this period as a 'sad time in Bradford's history and for the Asian community'. In 2001 he was promoted to Sergeant working in Leeds and then again to Detective Sergeant. One of the most memorable investigations he was in charge of was the murder of a 3yr old girl, an investigation he received a crown court commendation for by the honourable Mr Justice Grigson. The suspect in this case received a life sentence for her murder. In 2006 he was promoted to Detective Inspector spending 3 years leading investigations into organised crime groups and individuals within Wakefield and Bradford divisions. As the Officer in charge of the district drugs team he utilised conventional and undercover policing tactics to target those that harm our communities. In 2009 at the age of 35 he was promoted to Detective Chief Inspector as the head of crime for Airedale and North Bradford Division. He has been responsible in leading his teams in investigating offences from the most serious of murder to drugs supply, robbery, burglary, vehicle crime and assaults. Mabs has recently changed roles and is now the head of Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships, a role which has given him an opportunity to build a lasting relationship with mosaic, a partnership which is currently piloting a mentoring scheme in Bradford in some of the most deprived and challenging communities.

Mohammed Nasser – Senior Tax Manager, Ernst & Young



Mohammed Nasser, 33, is a Senior Tax Manager at Ernst & Young, one of the world's leading professional services firms. Originally from Batley in West Yorkshire, he joined E&Y in London in 2002, working in its Business Tax Advisory team, and in 2008 he relocated to E&Y's office in Leeds. Mohammed specialises in tax accounting and is a senior manager in the firm's Tax Accounting and Risk Advisory Services business. During his time at E&Y, he has advised some of the leading companies in the world and been on a number of international secondments. In 2008 he was seconded to E&Y's office in New York to lead a major project on the tax accounting implications of US corporations converting to International Financial Reporting Standards. In 2006 he spent time at E&Y in Bangalore, India. Mohammed holds an Economics degree from the University of Manchester. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling, reading and cricket.

Stuart Watson – Partner, Ernst & Young



Stuart is a partner in Ernst & Young LLP, a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory work with some 141,000 people working around the world. He is based in the Leeds office and works with clients across a range of sectors, as well as running the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards for the North and Midlands. Stuart is a supporter of charities with objectives that promote better opportunities for young people, and this, of course, is what first attracted him to Mosaic. For relaxation, Stuart enjoys rugby, cycling and embarrassing his wife and children.