

Karamjit Singh

Karamjit Singh was born and still lives in Coventry. His parents were amongst the earliest South Asian settlers arriving in the city during the 1940s, and he has published his father's autobiography.

His first employment role (starting in 1971) was at Warwick University as a Research Associate in the Industrial Relations Research Unit, and he also studied part time for an MA Industrial Relations (awarded 1976). He was also a Member of the University Council (2007 -9).

His career over the past fifty years has covered different sectors at local , regional and national level including community work; local government ; race equality ; investigating potential police misconduct and miscarriages of justice; parole decisions; appointing senior civil servants and QCs; as an Ombudsman considering complaints about judicial appointments; heading the review of Social Fund welfare decisions ; the regulation of financial services and funding of political parties; and chairing NHS mental health and acute hospital trusts.

His past Trustee roles on national foundations include promoting citizenship education in schools; advocating reform in justice processes; addressing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness, health and wellbeing. He has been a trustee of the GNP Sikh Temple in the city and he also funded and organised free medical camps in the North Indian village his parents emigrated from.

In 1990 he was awarded a 12-month residential Harkness Fellowship to study public policy in the United States. He was awarded the CBE in 2000 New Years Honours List for services to the administration of justice.

He is currently a Board Member of the Belgrade Theatre, Chair of the Warwickshire Libraries Advisory Committee; member of the Companions Board of the Chartered Institute of Management and is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.