

Usman Ahmed

I was born in 1992 to an immigrant family from Pakistan, I was born in Britain and my identity is British with a pride in my heart of my Pakistani heritage. My parents and family came over to the United Kingdom from Pakistan in 1985 and moved to Southwark. My family still resides there but my dad found work in Telford so my parents moved there. My dad served as a trade union shop steward of a Transport union. I am not privileged upbringing, I'm just from an ordinary working class family, a family who just like the vast majority of people on Britain who goes out to work everyday to work hard and strive to bring home a living and put food on the table. This country gave so much to me and my family, the opportunity to create my own business, the opportunity for my immigrant parents to make something of their lives here. I was to put back into society and give something back and I want to do that through public service. That's why I do this, this is why I'm in politics and that the opportunities this country gave to me and my family is why I passionately in the power of politics.

I am not Telford based, yes I have links there but I have extensive family in our fantastic capital city just outside of the constituency in Southwark. I am in London 3 days in a week on business in Westminster and I serve on the executive committee of BAME Labour. I am passionate beyond belief that we have more representatives of minority ethnic communities in public life. If selected as your candidate I will move into the constituency and get involved in charities and communities because that is at the core of what I believe, Community work and public service. This is who I am, I want to devote myself to serving people.

I am a passionate campaigner, experienced Local Government Caseworker and the founder of MediSync UK LTD, a business I set up myself from scratch to promote health awareness and health education in the UK. I am passionate about Public Service so I serve as President of the Telford Muslim & Community Forum which is a forum representing every section of the community, listening to and resolving any concerns that the community may have. I am also a local School Governor at the Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College in Telford, I am responsible for child safeguarding, working with a domestic violence charity and serving on the management committee of the pupil referral unit. I am also passionate about getting more young people into training and work and reducing the number of children entering the care system. I want to go on to serve my country as a Member of Parliament representing Holborn and St Pancras in Parliament and I explain to you why.

My core beliefs in freedom, fairness, responsibility and justice. I am passionately committed to the values and ethos of the Labour Party. I believe that people should have power over their communities rather than it all belonging to the state. I have leadership skills and I enjoy heading up projects. I recently headed up a fundraising project for the Hope House Children's hospice when it faced closure. I also enjoy the work I do as a member of the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS trust in Telford and the London Ambulance service. I also enjoy speaking up for people, representing them and being their voice. That is exactly what I will be for the people of Holborn and St Pancras, an effective voice that fights head heart and soul for the people of the constituency and the things that really matter to them.

From now until the General election and beyond I am elected I will roll up my sleeves and get stuck in, the community. I will re-locate permanently to the constituency. I will devote a few hours a day on weekdays and all day on weekends meeting people on the doorsteps and in Public meetings.

I am not remote from London or based elsewhere who is just seeking to be the Parliamentary candidate in the hope of a seat. I want to represent Holborn and St Pancras because I understand the lives of Londoners and I have links in London. I will bring with me my business experience, my school governor experience, and my experience in child safeguarding and domestic violence. I will bring with me my Labour Party experience and political experience as a councillor and committee chair. I am proud of what our Labour Party has achieved over the years, maternity leave, paternity pay, sure start centers, a national minimum wage, supporting people through the welfare state and of course proud of this Labour party that created our greatest institution our National Health Service and that fights for it against the Tories who didn't support and who now seek to destroy it.

I ask for you to put your trust and your faith in me and give me the huge honor and immense privilege of being your Parliamentary candidate.