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Honorary Senior Lecturer at the European Centre Migration and Social Care (MASC) at University of Kent

Visiting Professor in the Department of Applied Social Sciences (DASS), London Metropolitan University.

Consultant to the Sri Lanka research team for the Teasdale-Corti Global Health Research Partnership Program in the Trauma and Global Health Program, a partnership between McGill University (Montreal, Canada) and research teams from four low and middle-income countries, namely Guatemala, Nepal, Peru, and Sri Lanka

Additional Appointments

Member of the Management Committee of Qalb (Counselling Service for Asian people), Waltham Forest, London from January 1995

Patron of Naz Project – a HIV, AIDS and Sexual Health Agency (Voluntary Organisation) for South Asian, Middle-East and North African people – from October 1998

Member of Executive Committee of SPN (Social Perspective Network) from April 2006

Vice Patron of Nest (Community Non-Governmental Organisation) in Sri Lanka from September 2004

Member of editorial committees of *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*; *Mental Health Review Journal* and *Psychosis*

Some Past Appointments

Consultant Psychiatrist (General Adult Psychiatry) at Chase Farm Hospital (Enfield Community Care Trust) from January 1970 until June 1993

Member of Mental Health Act Commission (MHAC) Oct. 1986 until October 1995, Chair of its National Standing Committee on Race and Culture November 1988 until November 1994, and member of its Central Policy Committee April 1993 until October 1995

Senior Lecturer (part-time) in Mental Health, Tizard Centre, University of Kent at Canterbury from December 1995 until November 1998

Member of the Management Committee of IPAMO (An Alternative to Hospital for the African-Caribbean Community of Lambeth), Lambeth. September 1995 until December 1998

Member of Council of Management of MIND June 1991 until October 1999

Member of 'Platform on Multi-Cultural Societies and Mental Health' based at WHO, Geneva and meeting in different countries. October 1992 until 1995 (last meeting in Athens, Greece)

Chair of the Board of Directors of Nafsiyat (Intercultural Therapy Centre), Islington, London November 1994 until December 1999

Member of Board of Trustees of Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, London. April 1998 until September 2000

Vice Chair of the Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists November 1994 until March 2001

Member of Board of Community Housing Association (CHA). September 1999 – July 2001

Member of the Management Committee of Abayomi. Counselling Service of African-Caribbean People from January 2001 until December 2001 (when project closed)

Member of Working Party established by National Association of Health Authorities (NAHA) on services for ethnic minorities '88-'89

Chairperson, Transcultural Psychiatry Society (UK) June '87-'91 and member of its Executive Committee from 1987 until its demise in 2009.

British Representative on Executive Committee of Transcultural Psychiatry Section of World Psychiatric Association, May 1989 to May 1991

Member of fact-finding team to West Bank and Gaza set up by the Palestinian Mental Health Association in June 1990 (Report published in 1991)

Consultant to Mental Health & Substance Dependence Department of World Health Organisation from November 2000 until 2002

Member of Management Committee of Kush Housing Association. (a Black-led Housing Association) from December 1999 to July 2003.

Member of Trust Board, Songhai (Voluntary Organisation to provide mental health services for black and minority ethnic communities) from October 2004 until March 2006.

Member of Scientific Consultation on the Social and Health Impact of Migration, International Organisation for Migration, Geneva June 1994

Member of Advisory Committee on 'Breathing Space': A Project Supporting Refugees to Rebuild their Lives from May 2000 until 2002