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Dayal Sharma MBE

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Dayal Sharma was born in India, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Punjab University in 1962. He now lives and works in Bradford.

He arrived in England in 1964 and worked in engineering as a recruiting officer for ethnic minorities. In 1969 he joined the Inland Revenue and from 1987 was placed on secondment as a Director of the Institute of Asian Business.

Dayal has been a leading member of the Hindu Cultural Society of Bradford playing a major role in its development. During the last thirty years he has served the society as their Secretary, Chairman of the Trustees and was its longest serving President. He played an important role in laying the foundations of the new Hindu Temple.

He is a founding member and former chair of the Minorities Police Liaison Committee Bradford. He has worked with West Yorkshire Police in building good community relations between the police and minority ethnic communities for over 30 years.

He has also been heavily involved in local radio and for 13 years was a presenter, producer and assistant programme controller for an Asian programme on Pennine Radio and has been a programme advisory council member for Yorkshire Television.

He is an ambassador for the Yorkshire Society. He has an honorary degree from Bradford University and in 2007 received a Lifetime Achievement award from Bradford City Council. He was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2007. He is currently the CEO and founder of the Centre for Politics and Public Participation.