

Profile of Trustees

Sir Stephen O'Brien, President



Stephen O'Brien has been the President of Proshanti since 2010. This followed a visit to Juri, Bangladesh, in 2009 where he could see for himself that there was a significant need for additional health care facilities in the area, especially for the poor and disadvantaged. Stephen has been very involved in London for many years having been CEO of London First, Chair of Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Chair of Barts Health NHS Trust, the largest health trust in the UK

Revd Helen Matthews, Vice President



Helen Matthews has become the Vice President of Proshanti UK in 2014 after serving five years as the Founder Chair of the charity. She is currently Minister of the three South London United Reformed Churches of St Mark's Balham, St Andrew's Balham & Tooting URC.

Lilu Ahmed



Lilu Ahmed was born and brought up in Juri and is a founder honorary member of the T N Khanom Academy College. Lilu, one of the founders of Proshanti, is currently the chairperson of the charity. She is also a founder working member of Bromley by Bow Centre. She is currently working for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets as a Family Support Manager under Children's Services.

Meriel Barclay



Meriel Barclay has been a Trustee of Proshanti since the start and acts as the Honorary Treasurer. She gets particularly involved in the areas of finance, HR, governance and strategy. She is a retired accountant and used to work as Director of Corporate Services for a law firm and then for a research institute, The National Centre for Social Research. Meriel is a Trustee of two other charities, both very different from Proshanti, and also plays the harp in local orchestras.

Michèle Bailleux



Michèle is an Independent Consultant in regeneration and development with a special interest in forging links between the statutory, voluntary and private sectors as well as fundraising. She has held central roles in the London Development Partnership, Central London Partnership, Paddington Waterside Partnership, Royal Docks Partnership and, most recently, the Ocean Regeneration Trust. Michèle became a trustee of Proshanti in 2014.

Dr. Jaha Afroze Momena, FRCOG



Born in Bangladesh, **Dr Jaha Afroze Momena** is an Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at the Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford, UK. She has been involved with Proshanti since 2013 and provides clinical advice on management of patients at Juri.

Dr Rebecca Scott



Dr Rebecca Scott is a GP at the Bromley by Bow Health Centre. Having lived and worked amongst Bangladeshi people in East London for many years, she and her family went to live in Sylhet from 2011-2013 and they learnt to speak Sylheti while they were there. Rebecca has enjoyed her visits to Juri and is glad to be able to provide clinical support to this project.

Graham Rowbotham



Graham Rowbotham is the partnership secretary of Linklaters LLP, one of the leading international law firms in the City. In addition to being the company secretary for Proshanti, he is the company secretary for the Bromley by Bow Centre, an innovative community organisation in east London.