

Wali Rahman Organisational Development Officer and Co-Chair BME Staff Network, Wiltshire Council

Wali grew up and attended school in the quiet military town of Warminster in Wiltshire. He then went onto the University of Westminster where he gained a Business Administration Degree (majoring in marketing) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Computing.

Currently, Wali is an Organisational Development Officer at Wiltshire Council where he is also the co-chair of the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Staff Network.

Wali was the first Community Liaison Coordinator for Bath & North East Somerset Council, responsible for promoting good relations between the residents of Bath and its 15,000



university students. He was also Wiltshire Council's first Prevent Officer back in 2009, as part of the Corporate Equalities team before running an adult education centre for a couple of years. Wali then returned to Wiltshire Council to work in the Economic Development service on Employment and Skills initiatives for five years before landing his ideal role in learning and development. Wali looks after the council's leadership and management programme, staff inductions, public lectures (#EPIC Talks) and delivers training on Equality and Diversity and Unconscious Bias.

Wali has recently gained a CMI (Chartered Management Institute) Level 3 Diploma in Leadership and Management as one of the first people to complete Wiltshire Council's accredited Leadership and Management programme. He has also been awarded Associate Member status with the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM).

In his spare time, Wali has been active in promoting community cohesion, equality and diversity, interfaith relations and combatting violent extremism in both Bath and Wiltshire since 2001. He is also a huge basketball fan and plays in the local league in Trowbridge.