

Biography: Qassim Afzal

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Qassim Afzal Born in Manchester, five generations of diverse family, English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Australian and Americans, father and mother from Africa and Subcontinent, moved from Cyprus 1950's.

Education/Profession: IT & Math's, 1995 part MA/BA middle-eastern studies, MA in International Business, Certificate in Languages, is reading for PhD.

Qassim a international business entrepreneur, CEO ABI Media Marketing Consultancy, delivering research for government agencies, sme's & micro networking, a production consultant for BBC, C4 Moore TV etc and current affairs TV Presenter.

1998 Qassim hit the ground running, 4 week campaign, rocks Labour's UK strongest seat, achieved a 32% swing, first LibDems British Asian Councillor in Manchester. 2001 Parliamentary Candidate Small Heath & Sparkbrook 5% swing, 2004 European Elections and 2005 selected 6 weeks before GE in Gorton, historic 33.2% share & 11.9% swing, congratulated by Leader, President and press recognizing as high profile British Muslim politician, reflecting a reputation as an experienced, effective and engaged UK LibDems politician and campaigner.

Qassim has served at nearly every level, directly elected to Interim Peers Panel, Federal Executive, Federal Conference Committee, International Relations Committee, Liberal International, ELDR, Local Government Association, English Council, and NW Regional Executive, Policy. Chair: Ward & Constituency, LibDems Manchester City Party, LibDems Friends Pakistan & Kashmir, Parliamentary Candidates Association and Media/Communication spokesperson 1999.

He's researched, constructed, moved chaired and spoken on policy at federal conferences encompassing central government funding, civil liberties, equality, racial terminology, religious discrimination, India Pakistan UN resolution, anti-Iraq war consultation, and appointed by Shadow Education Secretary to chair the working policy group of Parliamentarians and faith leaders on "faith in Church of England schools", amended "Islam in the West" for IRC moved at congress, strategic policy adviser to Northwest Development Agency, board member Ethnic Minority Business Forum, 5050 Vision, target £1 billion growth. Represented LibDems European Parliament at AGM Amnesty International, human rights, justice, challenging Labour/Conservative parliamentarians, guest speaker at Lib Dem Youth & Students' AGM, and public speaker at Iraq anti-war demonstrations, international guest speaking Palestine Israel inauguration Californian USA, LibDems spokesperson/speaker Pakistan Parliament, led several high level parliamentary, presidential delegations.

Qassim is married to Zahra, holds 1st class masters in Political Science, works at local school, reading 2nd masters in education, three young children conferences goers, two school councillors son Hamza, daughter Zaynab, and youngest Hassan all party members.