

# Lord Noon of St Johns Wood Kt, MBE

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An opportunity to remember,  
honour and celebrate  
his Life and Legacy





# Introduction

Following the death in October 2015 of Lord Gulam Noon of St John's Wood, Kt, MBE, it was felt by many, both within his family, in Parliament, and among his friends that a fitting way to remember him was to seek to continue and further develop his lifelong philanthropic work.

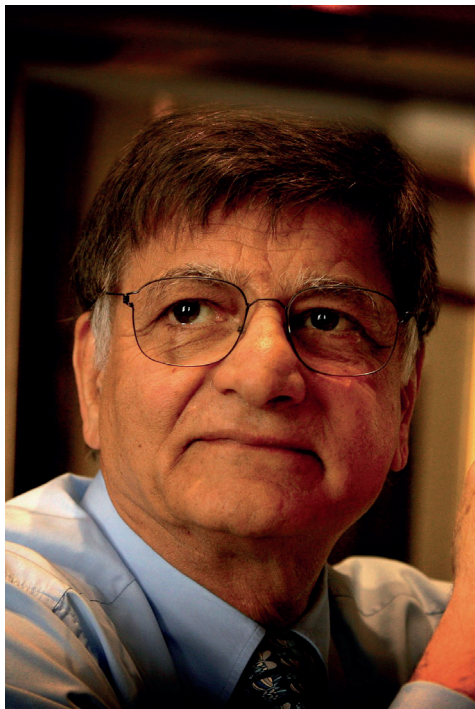
Lord Noon of course dedicated his time to supporting many hundreds of charitable projects and initiatives in India and the UK throughout his lifetime; however, two areas which, he showed the greatest passion, commitment and dedication to – “the footprints of his life” as he termed them, were:

- The Noon Hospital and Research Centre in Bhawani Mandi, Rajasthan, India and
- The Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business at the University of East London (UEL).

In order to ensure the continuation of these projects and to further develop Lord Noon's vision and aspirations for them, his family and friends have set up the Noon Memorial Legacy Trust – a Trust that will work with others to raise the necessary funds and provide the support that these two initiatives need and will need to provide the invaluable health and educational services that Noon so believed in.







# Lord Noon

Lord Noon rose from humble beginnings in India to build a vast business empire in the UK. Popularly known as the UK's 'Curry King', Lord Noon's stable of ready-made Indian food played a pivotal role in shifting British culinary preferences towards new dishes such as chicken tikka masala.

Gulam Kaderbhoy Noon, The Lord Noon of St Johns Wood Kt, MBE sadly passed away in October 2015 at the age of 79.

Born Gulam Kaderbhoy in Bombay (now Mumbai) India, Noon's commitment to the British way of life was second to none. His readiness to speak out against extremism made him a popular figure with politicians. He was an early voice warning against the influence of radical Imams, and was one of the 25 Muslim leaders invited to Downing Street after 7/7. He sat on the committee that devised new procedures for becoming a British citizen.

He was awarded an MBE for his services to the food industry in 1994. Knighted in 2002 and made a life peer with the formal title of 'Baron Noon of St John's Wood' in 2011.

In addition to being active in the political world and being one of the UK's most successful business entrepreneurs, Lord Noon was also a great philanthropist donating millions of pounds to charities, both in the UK and in India, helping fund endeavors such as schools and hospitals.

In Bhawani Mandi - his ancestral home in India he founded and built a state of the art hospital serving a population who previously had poor access to essential healthcare.

In the UK he developed and supported numerous educational projects. His greatest achievement was at the University of East London (where he was proud to be the Chancellor), where his Noon Foundation generously funded The Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business. Lord Noon was a tireless ambassador for the University, and passionate about UEL's values of equality of opportunity, utilising potential and engaging with communities.

In his memory and to continue his legacy the Noon Memorial Legacy Trust has been established. The Trust aims to ensure that his great passions for providing essential healthcare for the poor in India; and crucial access to educational opportunities for those in the UK who otherwise would not have the opportunities afforded to them are continued.



# The Noon Hospital and Research Centre India

The Noon Hospital and Research Centre is a hospital with a vision for excellence in medical care and was Lord Noon's brainchild and his legacy to the people of Rajasthan in memory of his beloved mother.

The comprehensive health care facility located at Bhawani Mandi in a sprawling greenery of 5 acres renders world-class professional care, personalized services and friendly ambiance for its patients who are referred to as guests

The vision behind the hospital is to provide excellent and accessible health care to the ones who need it the most, and where people's health comes first. Lord Noon chose only the most highly dedicated medical teams, and ensured they were supported, not only by the most modern

diagnostic and treatment facilities, but also a cadre of knowledgeable, experienced, and most of all, compassionate and caring nursing and technical staff.

Lord Noon insisted that all staff embraced fully the hospital's values, which include: passion for excellence; mutual respect; personal responsibility and teamwork.

The hospital provides the full range of healthcare to rival any health facility in the world, from paramedic services to outpatient consultations, well-equipped laboratories for blood and biochemistry tests, state of the art X-Ray facilities, operating theatres served by departments of dental, orthopaedic, physiotherapy, ophthalmology, gynaecology, maternity and paediatric care, and general surgery as well as an in-house general physician.

The hospital ensures at all times that the high quality and caring services are affordable or completely free of charge for people who live below the poverty line.



# The Noon Centre for Equality & Diversity in Business

Lord Noon was appointed Chancellor of the University of East London in January 2013. He was a tireless ambassador for the University, and passionate about UEL's values of equality of opportunity, fulfilling potential and engaging with communities.

He was a huge inspiration to every member of staff and student with whom he came into contact. Amongst the many things he did - his family foundation generously funded and established the Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business.

It is important to note that the Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business was way ahead of its time – Lord Noon recognised before many in the business world that embracing diversity was not simply a matter of good corporate responsibility but rather was good business sense.



The Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business was established in 2012 with the support of the Noon Foundation. It provides a forum for engagement, support and research in the interdisciplinary area of workplace diversity.

The Centre enjoys a strong intellectual foundation, with a robust research programme and is well placed to apply theoretically informed approaches to the challenges that individuals from various

ethnic, race and gender groups face in entering, and sustaining careers, in the business sector.

The Centre's vision is not just about research. It is a student-facing support platform and a transformational space for engaging and supporting students into industry networks, career development and self-employment.

The Centre's vision is to become known as the leading research centre for engagement, support and research in the interdisciplinary area of workplace equality and diversity.

Since its establishment The Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity in Business has supported many hundreds of students in accessing opportunities and experiences they simply would not have had. The Centre has established a series of ground-breaking support programmes, for example, Noon's Global Scholars, the Elite Students programme, London Scholars, and the annual Global Equality and Diversity Conference. Each initiative

has a balanced combination of research excellence, practical outcomes and student engagement throughout – students who have engaged with these initiatives with day to day support from the Noon Centre have had their lives transformed and attained levels of education and employment that were previously only dreams – dreams that Lord Noon and his Centre have made true.



**The Noon Memorial Legacy Trust  
Remembering the Life and Legacy of  
The Lord Noon of St Johns Wood Kt, MBE.**

