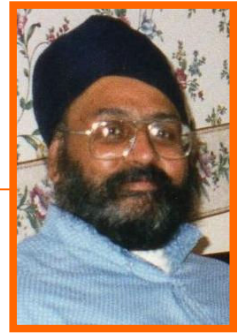


## **Daljit Singh - *The New Boy on the Block*** **BME business support - Research Project**

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Colleagues my name is Daljit Singh. I am a British born Sikh. In a previous life I was a Community Development Worker, School Inspector and Project Manager. More recently I was employed as a Business and Management Consultant developing bilateral business links between businesses in the UK and the Punjab.

This invaluable experience has enabled me to develop a network with professionals from the voluntary, public and private sector. I have also managed several innovative projects, which combat discrimination and disadvantage, promote diversity by recognising change and celebrating collective and individual achievements.

My most exciting and memorable work as a researcher was with the Sikh Family History project. With the support of the community this oral history project recorded the migration patterns of Sikhs travelling from the Punjab and to the North West. Recent work with the BME community has once again inspired me to take the challenge of research.

I have recently enrolled as a PhD student at the Centre for Public Policy, Northumbria University. With the support of my new colleagues at BECON I intend to research the development of ethnic minority owned and managed small and medium sized businesses based in the North East. For this mammoth task I intend to enlist the support of all individuals and organisations working with the business community in the North East

If you can support me and would like to develop work with BME business community please contact me at BECON from January 2009. Your help and support will be much appreciated.