

The Mayor

Cllr Maryam Eslamdoust Mayor 2019-2021



Maryam Eslamdoust has been a Labour councillor for Kilburn ward since 2010. She was born in Tehran into a Persian/Azeri family, before moving to London as a child, with her family making their first home in Kilburn. She has enjoyed Camden's life ever since she first attended nursery in Fitzrovia.

She is the first Iranian-born woman ever elected to public office in the UK and will be the first Camden mayor to give birth to her baby in office.

Pained by her own experiences in discrimination, Maryam has devoted her time on the council towards elevating the lives of Camden people from marginalised sections of society; she has campaigned tirelessly on race, gender and disability issues and led on policies to protect Camden residents from exploitative gambling and noise pollution.

Maryam has also used her tenure as a councillor to oversee the reform of licensing policies in the Borough, advocating stronger regulation on gambling premises and

improving dancer's rights in the Borough's numerous stripclubs in her previous capacity as Chair of the Licensing Committee in Camden.

Before her election to the council, Maryam studied in two of the Borough's universities; the School of Oriental and African Studies and at University College London, starting her early career in the legal and charity sector. She now works in a role which promotes and advances equalities and communities, in addition to her duties as a councillor and soon to be mother.

Maryam and her husband met whilst both studying at the School of Oriental and African Studies in Bloomsbury, they live together in Camden with their beloved dog, Touran.

Her consort for the year is her son Xerxes Arthur Gardiner and her escorts will be Thomas Gardiner, Zohreh Kamali, Suha Din Abdul, Councillor Nayra Bello-O'Shanahan, Councillor Nazma Rahman, Councillor Nadia Shah, Councillor Sue Vincent, Councillor Roger Robinson and Tara Aleck.