

## The Honorary Graduand: Rosa Hui MBE, DL

**Rosa Hui MBE, DL is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.**

Rosa has worked for and in the Chinese community in Bristol for 35 years to break down language and cultural barriers to improve their health and wellbeing and close the gap with statutory and voluntary service providers.

She is the CEO of an organisation that supports the grassroots Chinese community in the South West – Chinese Community Wellbeing Society (CCWS) – which provides a range of services and activities to achieve long-lasting and impactful outcomes for the community.

She worked with Professors Pauline Lane and Rachel Lane on the paper: Intersectionality and Mental Health of Chinese Women Living in the UK (2010). She also worked with Avon County Council, Bristol City and Bath and North East Somerset Councils to research the Health and Social Care needs of the Chinese community in their respective areas.

Rosa worked with Professor Rik Cheston of the University of the West of England and other partners to conduct research into the Dementia Experiences of BME people in Bristol, which has been supported by Lord Philip Hunt of Kings Heath and the late Baroness Sally Greengross, who was the co-Chair of the APPG on Dementia. The research was initiated as a result of her involvement on the All Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia since 2014.

She is currently the Chair of the Bristol BME Dementia Working Group which works to implement the recommendations of the “Dementia Experiences of People from Caribbean, Chinese and South Asian Communities in Bristol” report as a result of the above research, with the support of Bristol Public Health, the Health Improvement Team and others.

She worked on a co-design group in 2016/17 for the Big Lottery Fund to design a 150 million pound fund to support cities and projects around the UK aimed at addressing issues to do with older people. Through her involvement in the work, Bristol successfully applied for six million pounds from the fund to support projects in the city.

She has been working in the House of Lords since 2015 to highlight the issue of mental health in the Chinese community – with a particular focus on students – and gained the support of Lord Philip Hunt of Kings Heath to pursue this further. CCWS is in the process of setting up a project to help acclimatise new students to life in the UK through information workshops and other activities, covering topics such as fraud awareness and hate incidents/crime.

Rosa has been working with Dr Jennifer Lim at the University of Wolverhampton and other Chinese community organisations around the UK on a Brain Health Research project. Professor Cheston was also invited to join the work, due to his experience.

In recognition of Rosa’s dedication and work in the voluntary sector, she received the Lord Mayor’s Medal for the City and County of Bristol in 2003, was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Bristol in 2006 and received her MBE in 2009.