

I am Sibani Roy, an ethicist and the Hindu Chaplain but I respect and work for people, regardless of their beliefs. I am the founder and chair of Networking for World's Awareness for Multicultural Integration (NWAMI) formerly known as North Wales Association for Multicultural Integration (NWAMI). NWAMI's mission is to integrate communities with diverse cultural background through education and cultural engagement. We held a day long high profile multicultural event at Bangor University in 2013 to bring Town and Gown together and that is being materialised eventually. However during the Covid virus crisis, we have to put our Mission on hold and have been busy looking after vulnerable people in the community for example providing them with food, taking them to hospitals or any other appointments etc Covid -19 and the prolonged lockdown associated with it, have made us felt morally obliged to reach out and help, isolated, lonely people in need of help and support. Many of us are working harder than ever before to see that no one in the community lives in cold, half- starved conditions, and having no one to talk to. University Staff and students are part of the community too. I am only a phone call away if you need any kind of help particularly if you stay in the campus during the UK Government designated five days of Christmas i,e 23<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December.

In the past I founded and became Principal of a Hotel School in a remote corner of India where I had enough practice of academic and pastoral concerns of students coming from various parts of the country and having close contact with their families which gave me intense pleasure.

This virus crisis and lockdown period will end and we may wake up to a future of new challenges. Merry Christmas and

God bless you all! namaste

