

Mrs Louise Adassa Da-Cocodia

MBE, BEM, JP, DL, MA (Hon)

- 1934** Born Louise Adassa Wright in Church Pen, St Catherine, Jamaica on 9 November
- 1955** Moved to England and trained as a State Registered Nurse at St Olaves Hospital, London
- 1963** Began her 26 year long career with the NHS (Berkshire County Council) as a midwife and health visitor
- 1964** Married Edward (Ted) Da-Cocodia from Nigeria
- 1966** Assistant Superintendent of District Nurses, Manchester
- 1968** Birth of Richard Da-Cocodia
- 1973** Birth of Sarah Da-Cocodia
- 1984** Chairperson of the West Indian Organisation Co-ordinating Committee (WIOCC), going on to serve for three terms
- 1986** Co-founder of Cariocca Enterprise Ltd, offering premises and support for new and small businesses in Manchester
- 1989** Ended her distinguished career as a Senior Nursing Officer in Tameside. Subsequently a self-employed Project Consultant and also an Associate Consultant at the North West Regional Health Authority in their Training Division
- 1989** Awarded an honorary degree of Master of Arts by the Victoria University of Manchester for services to nursing and the community
- 1990** Nominated to the Manchester Magistrates' Bench where she served for 14 years
- 1992** Received her BEM (British Empire Medal)
- 1995** Received the Manchester Race Award for improving race relations in the city and became a member of General Synod of the Church of England
- 1999** Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester
- 1999-2004** Member of the Court of the University of Manchester, a member of the University's Nominations Committee and the Committee on Relations with the Students' Union
- 2001** Established Cariocca Education Trust
- 2003** Patron of the Nigerian Women's Group, Manchester
- 2005** Received an MBE (Membership of the British Empire) for her tireless services to the local community
- 2007** Appointed a Lay Canon by Manchester Cathedral

Other notable duties and accomplishments

- Non-Executive member of Manchester Health Authority
- Assessor for the Manchester County Courts
- Board Member for Manchester Metropolitan University
- Member of the Governing board for City College Manchester
- Governor of Trinity High School
- Governor at St Chrysostoms Church of England Primary School
- Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (Lay Inspector)
- Commissioner for Racial Justice
- Member of the Executive Board at Christian Aid
- Founding member of Arawak Walton Housing Association
- Founding member of Moss Side and Hulme Women's Action Forum
- Founding member of African-Caribbean Care Group for the Elderly
- Founding member of the Agency for Economic Development in Manchester
- Deputy Chair for the Manchester Council for Voluntary Service

