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## ***PROFILE***

**Author, Facilitator, Strategist, Activist,  
Speaker**

Esua is a lifelong feminist activist committed to social justice and equality. She believes in a strong, powerful, vibrant civil society, including Third Sector organisations, as a fundamental part of a democratic society.

She has built her reputation on promoting new ideas, innovative thinking and forging radical and exciting pathways to organisational change. She founded Anona Development Consultancy in 1995, offering dynamic high-energy strategic planning, management and governance development, facilitation, training, and team-building. Her light-touch facilitation style combines humour with specially-designed participatory, challenging techniques and frameworks, to create unique workshop experiences and processes that can help transform organisations.

Esua has recently completed her Memoir exploring Mixed Race identity which will be published in 2020 by Jacaranda Press. She is a powerful and thought-provoking speaker on a wide range of topics including mixed-race experience, feminism and transformational ideas and leadership.

She has worked with more than 100 different groups, networks and organisations on five different continents. She is a specialist in diversity, gender, race, and international development, drawing on personal experience over more than 30 years as a feminist activist in the women's movement and women's human rights worldwide, and in connecting communities in the UK and Africa in her role as Queen of Development of her family village in Ghana. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Leicester in 2015 for her contribution to women's rights, equality and the voluntary sector. In March 2018, Leicester University unveiled a specially-commissioned portrait of Esua as President of Leicester University Students' Union (1975-6) - the first Woman and only woman of colour to be elected - to commemorate the centenary of women's suffrage.

Esua's clients include Action Aid, the British Council, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Comic Relief, Commonwealth Secretariat, FORWARD, European Women's Lobby, DfID, Equality and Human Rights Commission, International Diabetes Federation, NCVO, NSPCC, Oxfam, Plan International, WaterAid. Esua was formerly a member of the UK Government Delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995; Commissioner for the Women's National Commission (Public Appointment 2003-5), Chair of the Fawcett Society, Chair and Co-founder of the Gender and Development Network.

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