

## **The Honorary Graduand: Enid Gwendoline Smith**

The Orator: Gill Ince

### **Enid Gwendoline Smith is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Master of Science**

Enid Smith was born in Georgetown, Guyana (formerly British Guiana) on 12 October 1936.

Having successfully navigated her way through the local education system, the Cambridge and the London University External Systems, she travelled to London in order to broaden her horizons.

In 1961 she became a Civil Servant and worked in various departments in what was then the Post Office. During the very unsettling period between the establishment of the Post Office as a Public Corporation and later as the postal and telecommunication businesses were split, she occupied several posts that included Telecommunications Traffic Officer and Occupational Welfare Officer. In 1981, she moved to Bristol in order to take up senior Welfare post within the new Royal Mail.

In 1987 and because of Regional re-organisation, she moved into Human Resources and became a Regional Training Manager. She retired in 1992 in order to care for her elderly mother, but continued in a limited capacity to work as a free-lance Training and Management Development Consultant and as a volunteer at the now defunct Westmoreland Development Trust.

During the care of her mother she became interested in the welfare of Carers and the issues which affect their lives. She was later invited to and did become a Trustee of the newly formed Princess Royal Trust for Carers Centre (now the Carers Centre). She retired in 2013 for health reasons.

Enid is a committed Christian who believes that she has a duty to serve her community. As such, volunteering is a very important part of her life. She has served on a number of Partnership Boards, including Joint Commissioning and the Elderly Persons. She is a trained Marriage Guidance Counsellor (Relate) and a former School Governor. She remains active as a member of the University of the West of England's Service Users and Careers Hub Group.

Her hobbies include gardening and interior design.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Enid Smith's contribution to health and social care education.