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LEARNING WALKS THROUGH LBTH AND LBN

The OU team with the support of BRAG members distributed leaflets to different organisations and housing providers in Tower Hamlets and Newham. They had the opportunity to walk through different parts of the boroughs to get a feel for the types of houses that exist in each of these boroughs and get a sense of where the probin are residing.

They visited mosques, day care centres, sheltered accommodations, GP surgeries, shops, libraries and the offices of social housing providers. It was a helpful experience as the team were able to speak to people in person and explain the aims and objectives of the research. It was well received and following the visits probin and family members are getting in touch to be interviewed.



PROBIN INTERVIEWS UNDERWAY

Tabaruq, one of the community co-researchers kindly wrote a news piece for the major Bangla newspapers to launch the recruitment of probin from the four boroughs.

Mahera, Leena and Bashir have been busy taking calls from interested probin and their families to find out more about the research. They have completed 14 pre-screening questionnaires and the team have allocated the interested probins to co-researchers.

The co-researchers are now in the process of carrying out the interviews with the probin using the interview topic guides and the questionnaires. They are taking place in the homes and offices of the probin and at BHA.



IN SEARCH OF TRANSCRIBERS

As interviews are starting to be carried out with probin, the project team are also keen to have them translated and transcribed. To do this the project team are interested in recruiting a group of people from the community to help with this. They need to understand Bangla/Sylheti and then transcribe that straight into English. Therefore a good command of the English language is important for this role. Each interview is between 1hr-1.5hrs and can take upto 6-10hrs to translate and transcribe. It is a paid consultancy and



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