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COMMUNITY CO-RESEARCHERS TRAINING UNDERWAY



The OU and BHA team delivered the first round of 2-day training for the 8 community co-researchers covering what is research; the purpose of research and the ABAJ project; research ethics and the roles and responsibilities they will be required to fulfil.

The co-researchers engaged with interest and enthusiasm and found the role plays using the Topic Wheel very helpful as it gave them the opportunity to see the broad themes they will explore with the probin but more importantly to practice translating the themes to create consistency in ease of understanding and phrasing for the probin. It was agreed that further training is required and the next two day trainings will take place on 4th and 6th July 2023.

THIRD BRAG MEETING



The 3rd BRAG meeting took place on 3rd June. The members worked tirelessly as they ploughed through the packed agenda items. The key theme for the day was 'Probin Recruitment'. They discussed the sampling framework to ensure the spectrum of probin experience will be captured in the interviews. This led to a mapping exercise for each borough to explore where best to advertise (using the poster) for probin recruitment. And finally, the members laboured through the topic guide for probin interviews, making sure that the content, phrasing of questions and prompts will provide ease of understanding and meaning to ensure the interviews are accessible for the probin. To capture this rich discussion, Sandra Howgate, illustrated "live" onto a large piece of paper, placed in full view of the BRAG members, listening to what was said, highlighting the key words and main thread running through the meeting.

RESEARCH PROJECT UPDATES

On 13th June, Sheila attended the Annual Lecture of the Centre for Studies of the Home, where she presented the ABAJ project to key individuals.

Bashir had a meeting with Gateway Housing, who are interested to know how best to engage with the Bangladeshi community.

Mahera has been invited to join Tower Hamlets Mayor's transformation board and Jeremy will be joining the Government's Older People's Housing Task Force.

NEXT... Further Training For Community Co-researchers