



# AMAR BARI AMAR JIBON NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023



## 8 COMMUNITY CO-RESEARCHERS RECRUITED

The interviews for the co-researchers took place on 2nd and 3rd May. Following the interviews, the research panellists deliberated to achieve a balance of ages, sex, educational background, languages, and borough specific requirements. After careful consideration they selected 8 candidates, instead of the initial plan to select 6, to join the project as community co-researchers. The research team are pleased to welcome on board the project Md. Aminul Islam Amin, Tasneem Amrin Aktar, Md. Tabaruqul Islam, Rukban Nessa Rouf, Syed Tehami, Reena Begum, Dewan Md Saiyem Chowdhury and Zakia Binte Billal. Bangla Housing Association will be hosting the first two day training for the co-researchers on 12th and 13th June. The training will be delivered by the Open University team.

## WORKING QUIETLY BEHIND THE SCENES



The Amar Bari Amar Jibon (ABAJ) team has been working quietly in the background putting together the information and resources needed in preparation for recruiting the probin. While Dr Manik and Prof. Sheila worked on the topic guides for the interviews, Mr Bashir, his granddaughter and Mrs Leena have been creating the information video. Dr Caroline and Dr Mahera have been putting together the training material for the community co-researchers, so they are prepped to interview the probin. All these resources will be shared at the next BRAG meeting for their feedback and input.

## RESEARCH OUTREACH

The OU team are excited to have been able to share details of the ABAJ project and raise awareness of lack of conversations on ageing at different meetings with community organisers and leaders as well as at a number of community events and academic seminars and workshops. It has been interesting to note that aging is an aspect of the cycle of life, which often is not a part of key conversations and consultations in housing, health and well-being.



**NEXT... Training Community Co-researchers and Recruiting Probin.**