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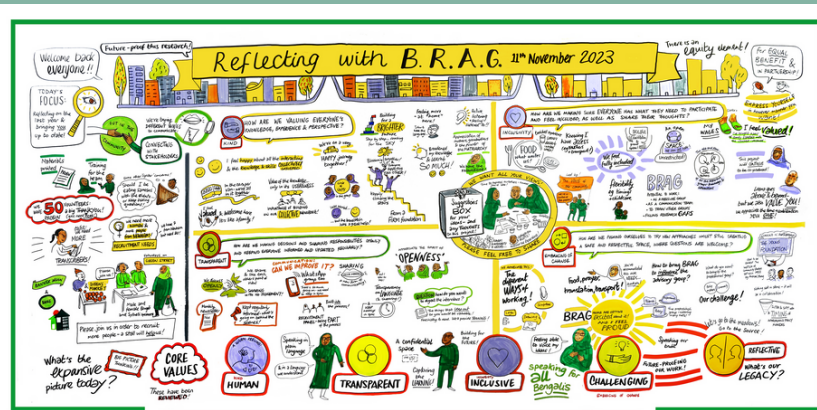
## NEWSLETTER

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#### 4TH BRAG MEETING

The 4th BRAG meeting was focused on the members reflecting on the co-production journey they have been on with the ABAJ team since their formation. The co-production team from UCL helped facilitate this and Sandra Howgate captured the discussion in her live illustration. After a brief introduction and update from Dr Manik Deepak Gopinath, milestones achieved together were shared, such as designing and creating research tools for the probin interviews, recruiting community co-researchers and discussing what has worked and moving forward what could be better. Some comments from the members:

The best bits were definitely, *'The openness of BRAG members in commenting on the value they feel in being members'* and *'Being able to express differences.'* And in future include *'Mapping out the rest of the journey for the project with clear timelines.'* The meeting as always ended with a hearty meal all enjoyed!



#### PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETING ONLINE

The ABAJ team hosted an initial Zoom meeting on 28th November bringing together for the first time around 20 professionals and policy makers with interests in housing, ageing, planning, design, and more, to consider current and future plans for the 'probin' community within the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Newham, Hackney and Redbridge and beyond. Chaired by the Housing LIN's Jeremy Porteus, the team were able to get better information about what findings from the project will potentially be of interest/use to various stakeholders, and about how the research can be most impactful. Over the next few months the team will draw together a Professional Advisory Group (PAG) to work with them, running alongside the established BRAG, to help inform relevant policy and strategy formation, new housing provision and service developments.



**NEXT... Continue Probin interviews and PAG formation!**