



AMAR BARI AMAR JIBON NEWSLETTER

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MEETING WITH BME LANDLORDS

The ABAJ project team had the opportunity to present emerging findings to Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor of London for Housing and Residential Development, at the BME London Landlords (BMELL) quarterly meeting. The presentation led to meaningful discussions between the Deputy Mayor, BMELL members, and the project team about how London can better plan for its ageing population by promoting a wider range of culturally appropriate housing options. A key focus was the importance of incorporating insights from community-led projects, such as the experiences of the Bangladeshi 'probin' (elderly) community, into housing policies and EDI (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion) action plans for landlords.

This engagement underscored the growing need for inclusive housing solutions that reflect the cultural and social needs of diverse communities. By learning from innovative models like Amar Bari, Amar Jibon, policymakers and housing providers can create environments that support independent and dignified living for older residents..

The project team looks forward to further collaboration with BMELL, the Greater London Authority, and housing providers to ensure culturally responsive housing remains a priority in London's housing strategy.



BRAG MEETING

Members of BRAG met in January for a productive meeting to reflect on progress and discuss the next steps for the Amar Bari, Amar Jibon (ABAJ) project. The meeting began with reflections from Faruk, Bashir, Aminur, and Leena on the co-analysis process, followed by Moriom's insights from the conference presentation at The Open University. Members then engaged in discussions on data presentations exploring key themes and emerging findings.

After a lunch break, the group focused on planning dissemination events to share the project's findings with a wider community audience. The meeting provided valuable opportunities for members to contribute their perspectives and strengthen collaborative efforts.

PRESENTING INITIAL FINDINGS AT UKARFF ECR CONFERENCE

Manik and Mahera presented at the UK Ageing Research Funders' Forum Early Career Researchers Event (UKARFF ECR) event in February highlighting housing as a key social determinant of health, shaping inequalities in both housing and healthcare. The explored initial findings highlighting the housing experiences and aspirations of Bangladeshi probins (elders) aged 50+ in East London.

Their presentation addressed the critical knowledge gaps by examining how housing impacts the physical and mental well-being of older Bangladeshi adults. The presentation offered valuable insights for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers, helping to shape more inclusive and health-focused housing policies for ageing communities.

NEXT... BRAG meeting on 17th May '25