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COPRODUCING HOUSING RESEARCH WITH THE BANGLADESHI OLDER COMMUNITY IN EAST LONDON

THE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP



The Housing LIN Summit 2024 - A Festival of Ideas

APPROACHING THE AMAR BARI AMAR JIBON PROJECT

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT?

HOW OF THIS RESEARCH?

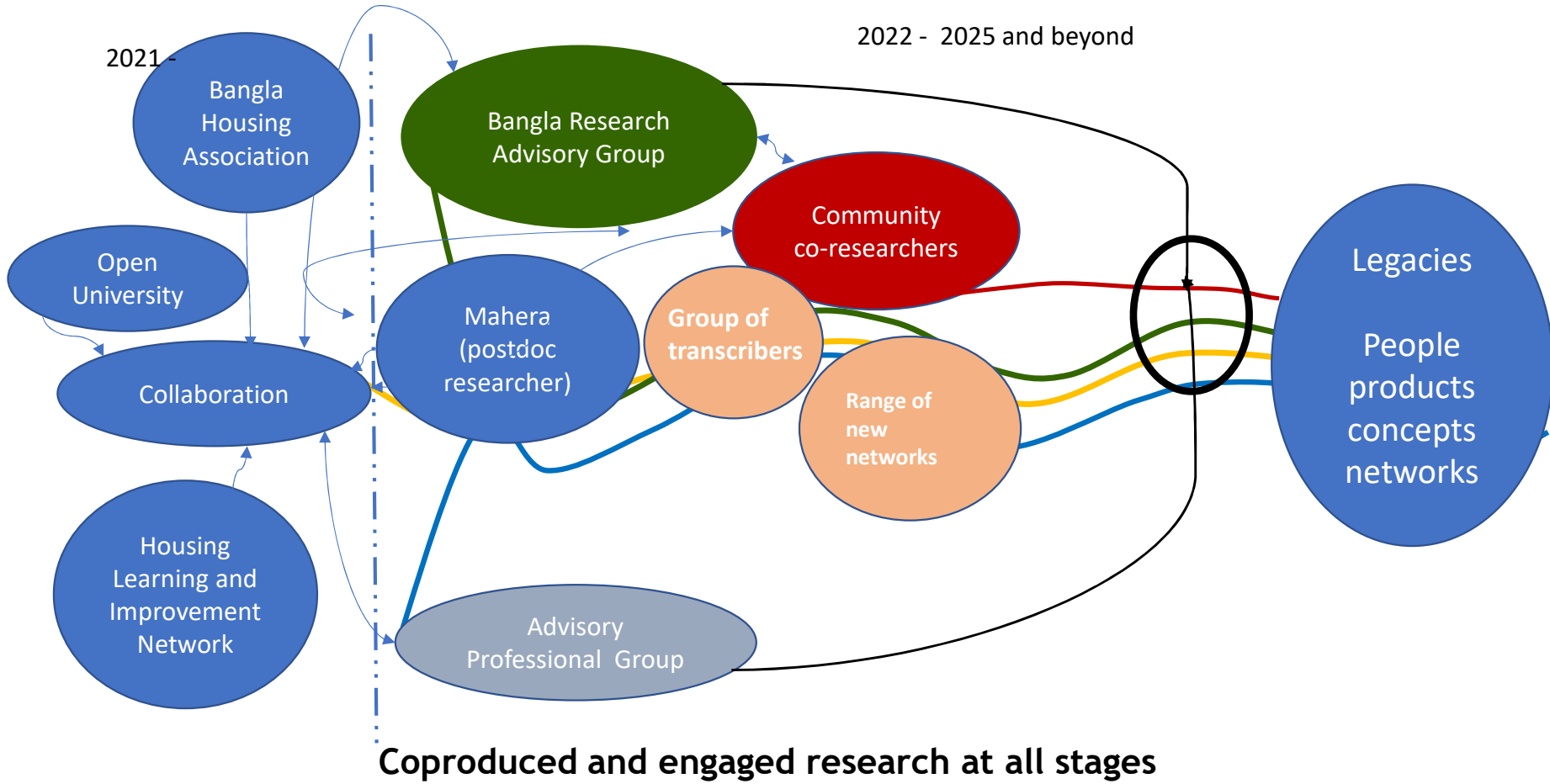
Hearing from the older Bangladeshi community (aged 50 +) in East London about:

- Lived experiences of home housing and neighbourhood and its implications for wellbeing (in-depth interviews);
- Factors influencing these experiences;
- Expectations and aspirations that enable living and ageing well
- Dynamics of multigenerational living involving family interviews

‘Coproduction is an approach to working together in equal partnership for equal benefit’

Co-production Collective,
2024

HOW ARE WE WORKING TOGETHER?



Our Co-researchers

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Bangla Research Advisory Group members (BRAG)

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The core partnership



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Our group of 8 transcribers
(men, women, linguistic and
cultural diversity)

BANGLA HOUSING ASSOCIATION - COMMUNITY PARTNER

- About BHA
- Working for the community
- Bangla Covid 19 Advice Project funded by The National Lottery
- Why get involved with ABAJ project?



BHA's CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMAJ PROJECT SO FAR

Involved in all decision-making including recruitment of team members ,

- Post Doctoral Researcher
- BRAG members from the community
- Probin for the interviews
- Coresearchers
- Transcribers
- Heightening the visibility of the project in the community
- BHA as the focal space for coming together
- Participating with Project team, BRAG and Coresearchers meetings in all stages of the project
- Participating in training for co-researchers and providing space for the training at BHA office
- Translating and creating communication materials - banners, posters, leaflets, letters and forms
- Attending external meetings and seminars promoting the project



HOW IS WORKING COLLABORATIVELY SHAPING OUR RESEARCH?



Improves the quality of research through , for example, making it culturally relevant and accessible

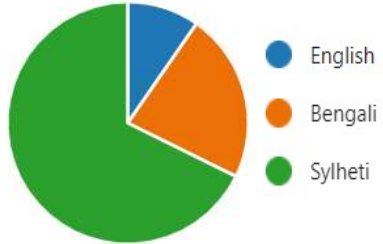
NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE GROUND SHAPING DECISIONS



FILLING THE GAPS - TACIT KNOWLEDGES

Need to recruit Bangla and Sylheti speaking co-researchers

Informed co-researcher recruitment and capture diversity within community



ADDING VALUE

Visibility in the community and ownership

Involvement in research developing research capacity for future work

Progressing the research

EXTENDING OUR NETWORKS

Finding transcribers

23 community members involved



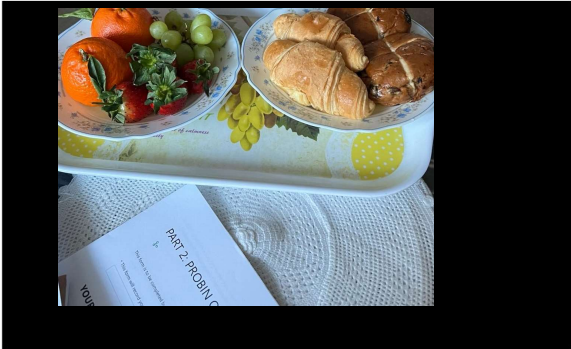
WHAT GOES INTO SUPPORTING OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND MEANINGFULLY?

- Openness to decisions being transformed through discussion and dialogue
- Getting communication right for accessibility, inclusivity and keeping everyone informed and up to date ; our communication practices with BRAG are constantly evolving [e.g., monthly newsletter; fortnightly WhatsApp voice updates]
- Flat spaces for open, candid and constructive dialogue
- Training and on-going support for co-researchers and transcribers
- Acknowledging and valuing what people bring to the table
- Supporting/looking out for each other

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY RESEARCH MEMBERS

Tabaruq Islam

Community Co-researcher



Zakia Billal

Community Co-researcher

Lutfu Khanam

(supporting the project with transcription)



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Bangla Research Advisory Group (BRAG)

THANK YOU!