



APDA Housing Crisis Discussion

Impact on Asian &
Ethnic Minority
Disabled People

Ethnicity & Housing

APDA was set up by Disabled Asian People after identifying their Social & Care needs had not been met.

After a few years within social care, APDA's service users highlighted the dire situation they faced.

- In sufficient understanding of Asian communities
- Preconceptions of needs of all Disabled People
- Cultural & Linguistic needs not reflected in planning



We advocated for service users who were housed on high rise flats



We raised the issue of emergency evacuation not suitable for them



Campaigned for Community housing Clusters (Cultural support)

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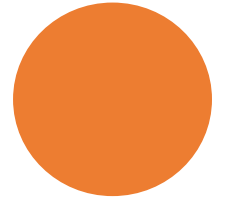


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- This is when we set up their own Housing Association: Apna Ghar (Our Home) in 1990
- The housing needs were clearly not identified or understood by LA.
- Inappropriate housing options and housing stock for Asian Disabled People

- We continue to campaign and advocating for the rights of Disabled Asian people ever since the inception of the Housing Association
- The Barriers to accessing inclusive housing was clear and existent for Asian Disabled people
- The constant need to explain why there is a specific need to have more suitable housing unfortunately remains





Current situation

- People are still inappropriately housed
 - Isolated and vulnerable
 - Impact to Mental health not understood
 - Fighting to live in decent surroundings
 - Disadvantaged and Disillusioned
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