

Member Spotlight

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Mannigham HA





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We asked Sayful Alam, Customer Engagement and Involvement Officer at Manningham HA, to share some of the work they are currently doing.

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Give us a little known fact about your organisation

Manningham Housing Association (MHA) has a proud track record of delivering homes and services to communities in Bradford and Keighley. MHA came into existence in 1986 following a piece of research undertaken into the housing needs of Black and Asian Communities in Bradford by the Bangladeshi Youth Organisation based in Bradford. It has grown from an organisation with two properties to one that now has over 1400 homes and houses over 6000 residents. Around 80% of our residents are of a BAME origin, but we cater for people from all heritage.

Tell us about a time that engagement has made a difference to your services or communities?

One project that stands out is Community Linking, a joint initiative with Leeds Jewish Housing Association aimed at strengthening community cohesion. At Anchor Court, a scheme home to 24 residents from diverse backgrounds—we're working to create meaningful connections between communities. This programme, set to launch in Summer 2025, is designed to break down barriers and build mutual understanding across cultures.

What are you currently working on when it comes to engagement?

At Anchor Court Tenants Association (ACTA), we are committed to building a vibrant and inclusive community through a variety of engagement activities. These include weekly tea and coffee mornings, a gardening project, Yoga and Well-being class and short development courses—the most recent being a popular calligraphy art class. We're also actively progressing our Community Linking initiative in partnership with Leeds Jewish Housing Association.



Why did you decide to join Tpas?

We joined Tpas to strengthen our approach to tenant involvement and engagement. It offers valuable opportunities for training, development, and learning from best practice across the sector.

What is your top engagement tip?

Always listen. Never give up on tenant involvement—consistently make time to hear residents' concerns and work together to find meaningful solutions.

What's the one thing you are really proud of when it comes to engagement?

We're incredibly proud when residents are recognised and celebrated for their contributions to community projects. Their achievements highlight the power of participation and the positive impact of engagement.



Community Linking Project



Manningham Housing Association & Leeds Jewish Housing Association

This initiative aims to foster community cohesion by bringing together residents from two diverse communities within a 20-mile radius. In collaboration with the newly formed Tenants Association in Manningham, this project plans to bridge cultural understanding and build connections between residents of the Manningham Housing Association and Leeds Jewish Housing Association.



Objectives

1. Strengthen community ties and mutual understanding between residents.
2. Provide opportunities for residents to experience and appreciate each other's cultures and ways of life.
3. Encourage collaboration and shared experiences through visits and activities.

Project Overview

Resident Exchange Visits:

Leeds Visit:

1. Manningham Housing Association residents will travel to Leeds to meet residents of the Leeds Jewish Housing Association. Leeds Jewish Housing Association will organise a 'Festival of Light' interfaith event.
2. The visit will include a programme featuring activities at Roundhay Park and Tropical World.
3. Food for the event will be provided by Leeds Jewish Housing Association, while transport will be arranged by Manningham Housing Association.

Bradford Visit:

1. Residents from Leeds Jewish Housing Association will visit Bradford, hosted by Manningham Housing Association residents group.
2. The programme will feature activities linked to the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture initiative, including visits to Artworks and other cultural projects, as well as the Science Museum.
3. Food for this visit will be provided by Manningham Housing Association residents.



Timeline

The project is scheduled for implementation in June/July 2025.

Funding Requirements

To ensure the success of this project, funding is required for:

1. Transport for residents to and from the exchange visits.
2. Catering during the visits, provided by the hosting association.
3. Visits to Artworks and other cultural projects, as well as the Science Museum.
4. Tropical World entrance fees for the Leeds visit.

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