**Transnational practices in local settings – Interview Guide London and Birmingham**

Personal information

* What are your names? How old are you?
* Where in Bangladesh are you from? Why did you leave Bangladesh?
* When did you/your parents move to the UK?
* Why did you/they choose Tower Hamlets/Aston?
* What kind of visa did you/your parents arrive on?
* What kind of visa are you on now?

Experiences of citizenship in London/Birmingham

* Have you had any problems accessing education? If so, what problems?
* Do you work? If so where? Does your husband/wife work? If so where? Have you had any problems accessing employment? How have you been treated by your employer? Are you happy in your job or would you like to change your job? Do you think you are treated the same as other employees?
* What are the housing conditions like here? Do you rent privately? Do you live in Government housing? Is it affordable? Have you faced any difficulties in accessing good quality housing? What is your landlord/building manager like?
* Have you received good healthcare here? Do you have any problems accessing healthcare? How has your healthcare changed as your visa status has changed? How have you been treated? Has this been affected by your visa status? Or your ability to speak English?
* Are you interested in British politics at all? If you can’t vote now would you be interested in voting in the future? Do you feel you can have a say in local politics? If so, how? Would you like to get more involved? Is there anything that prevents you?
* Do you have any interaction with any Government agencies? E.g. UK Visas and Immigration/ Home Office/ Social Services/Police etc? If so what has this been like? Have they been helpful or difficult?
* Are there any other organisations that have helped you here in Tower Hamlets/Aston? If so, what for? What would you like organisations to help with?
* What do you find most difficult about living in Tower Hamlets/Aston?
* Do you feel you experience discrimination in any area of life? Do you feel you are treated exactly the same as other British citizens?
* Do you feel like you have effective citizenship rights? Is there anything that gets in the way of this?
* Do you think your gender, or your age, or your social background affects your experiences of citizenship in the UK at all?

Transnational citizenship?

* Where do you come from in Bangladesh?
* Do you go back to Bangladesh regularly? How often? What do you enjoy about those trips? Are they important to your parents/children/other members of your family?
* Do you participate in Bangladeshi politics? Are you a member of a political party in Bangladesh? Do you vote in elections there?
* Are there any organisations here in the UK which represent organisations back home in Bangladesh? Are there any tensions between those organisations? What do you they argue about?
* Are there any cultural organisations here in the UK that help you to connect to Bengali culture, music, poetry or the Bengali language? How important are those organisations to you? How do they improve your life here in the UK?
* Do you ever worry about your children losing their connection to Bengali culture, or losing the Bangla language?
* Would you prefer to marry/would you prefer your children to marry someone from Bangladesh or the UK? Why?
* How important are retaining these links with Bangladesh to you? Why are they important?
* Do you think retaining these links with Bangladesh improves your life in the UK? Does it improve relations within the Bangladeshi community in any way?
* Are there any ways in which these connections with Bangladesh make your life more difficult here? Have you experienced any suspicion on the part of Government agencies or law enforcement? Do you think it would be easier for you here if you concealed your relationships with Bangladesh?
* Do you think your gender or your age or your background influences your relationship with Bangladesh in any way?

Little Bangladesh

* Do you like living in Bangla Town (Tower Hamlets) or Aston? What do you like about it?
* What do you think are the advantages of designating the area Bangla Town?
* Does it make you feel like you have more of a place here?
* Does it help improve community relations?
* Has it created any community tensions?
* What do you think could improve the local area?
* Would you like to see it grow?
* How would this alter your experience of living here?
* Can you see things changing here over time? What do you think is changing most in this area? Do you think things are changing for better or for worse in this area?

Thank you very much for your time!