



About the Research: Racial Inequality in Housing and Homelessness

We want to understand why Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities experience higher rates of homelessness and housing stress.

Do these communities get the right housing support and receive appropriate services from charities and governments?

How does systemic discrimination shape their housing outcomes and experiences?

This is a new area of research for Crisis. We want our work to play an important role in changing how governments, charities and organisations treat and respond to the needs of diverse ethnic communities in the UK.

The project will run from February 2022 until October 2022.

To help shape this research we are inviting people from Black, Asian and minoritised communities who have:

- lived experience of homelessness or challenging housing situations **or**
- who have experience of supporting friends, family, or clients in these situations

to join a group that will guide the project to ensure it is grounded in real experiences of these issues. As part of this we will offer training and support.

If you are interested in the work but want to know more, we have put together some information below. There are contact details at the end if you want to get in touch.

What will I do as a member of the lived experience panel?

- The group will meet 5 times this year to make sure the research asks the right questions, focuses on the right issues and is done in a respectful way.
- If you're interested, there is a chance to directly carry out research.

This means helping us to

- carry out interviews, surveys and focus groups
- work with research team members to analyse information and develop recommendations.
- communicate the research findings to the public

- We'll provide any relevant training, support and guidance. We will also work with you, so you won't have to do anything alone if you don't want to.

How much of my time will the lived experience panel involve?

The lived experience panel will meet 5 times between April 2022 and October 2022 to give us their advice on the project. The meetings will be 1-2 hours.

If I want to be involved in doing some research, how much time will that involve?

If you want to get involved directly in doing some research, the work will happen between April 2022 and August 2022. We are yet to confirm how many days you need to spare, but we expect this to be between 5-15 full time days, so you can contribute and get something out of it.

We would also like you to attend research training that we will offer. The training will spread over a period of 1-2 weeks between April and May, and will be made up of 2-hour sessions.

These time commitments are estimates, and we will confirm these with you as soon as possible. We know that not everyone will have time for all the meetings or training. We will do our best to be flexible and organise things in a way that suits you.

I'm interested, but not sure if I can find the time

If you are interested in the being involved in either the lived experience panel or in doing research, or both, but you are not sure if you have enough time, please still get in touch with us. We might still be able to work out a way for you to be involved on your terms.

Format: Our plan is for all meetings and training to be held both online but we will also have in-person meetings in London in line with UK government guidance.

What is in it for me?

- We will pay £15 / hour for attending training, meetings and for carrying out research. Where people prefer another form of payment or are concerned about how this will affect their benefits, we can help work out other options (e.g. gift vouchers).
- A chance to understand how research works and to build or practice your research skills.
- You will play an important role in building a knowledge and evidence base on racial inequality in housing and homelessness.
- We will offer basic research training and provide support the whole time. You will not have to do anything on your own if you are not keen to.
- We will pay for travel expenses and food costs on the day/s you carry out research or if you attend in-person meetings.
- We will provide you references for future employment.

- There is the option to do research in different locations in England, Scotland and Wales (all expenses will be paid by Crisis and travel is not compulsory).

Is this right for me?

- You do not need to have research experience, but you should be aware of, and care about the issues the research focuses on – homelessness and racial inequality.
- You understand from your personal experiences or through the experiences of people you have supported how poor housing and homelessness affects lives
- You are aware of racism from your personal experiences, or because of the experiences of family members or of people who share your cultural/ethnic background.
- You are able to share your ideas, give open and honest feedback, take part in constructive discussions and listen to other people in a respectful way.
- You can attend meetings online or in-person
- You are interested in research and want to develop research skills.
- You can communicate by email

Additional information

- We would like you to respect Crisis policies on health and safety, data protection and code of conduct at all times.
- If you carry out research it is important that you maintain the privacy and confidentiality of any research participants.

We can explain more about this when we meet.

About Crisis

Crisis is the national charity for people experiencing homelessness. We are determined to end homelessness. We do it person by person and by influencing policies to ensure everyone has a place to call home.

Homelessness is devastating, leaving people vulnerable and isolated.

Crisis offers ground breaking housing, health, education and employment services. We work with thousands of homeless people across the UK every year. We are determined campaigners. We draw on our research, partnerships and years of experience of working directly with people experiencing homelessness to deliver change and a vision to end homelessness for good.

How to get in touch if you are interested?

If you are interested in being involved, send us a short email and tell us: why you want to take part, what you want to get out of it, and any experiences and qualities that you can bring to the group. If it would be difficult to put this in an email we are also happy to speak about it over the phone.

You can email us at research@crisis.org.uk.

Please include your name, contact details and availability (Mon-Fri) to take part in a **short** and **informal** chat with Crisis staff who are working on the project.

If you have any questions you get in touch in any of the following ways

- Email us at research@crisis.org.uk
- Text or call us on 07799416131.
- Fill in the online contact form at <https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/homelessness-knowledge-hub/types-of-homelessness/research-on-race-homelessness-and-housing-precarity/> . We'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Please do get in touch by 23rd March 2022 to express your interest. If you miss this date, but are interested in supporting the project please still do get in touch with us.