

Future of BME housing associations

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Researching Housing Associations

In October 2013, following a BBC investigation, that estate agents were discriminating against black people by pretending flats had already been let or sold or promising to call hopeful tenants back but never doing so. Foundation was driven partly by civic strife in the 1980s, when inner-city riots rocked London, Birmingham and Bristol, and partly by an ageing BME population needing specialist housing and care provision. We don't want every housing association to look the same.

Housing Association Histories

Yet, more recently, many have questioned whether the black housing movement really has a future.

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They are often small, typically managing fewer than 250 homes, and don't have as many assets as their mainstream counterparts to fall back on.

Housing Association Histories

The beleaguered BME housing sector is — deeply embedded in some of the most deprived areas of the UK and responsive to the needs of these communities in a way that larger organisations might not be.

News: BME housing associations platform for future black leaders

Around 40 BME associations were set up in just a few years in the late 80s and 90s as development funding was made available to promote their growth. For those who worked in the flourishing sector in those boom years, it was an exciting time.

Do we still need BME specific housing associations in Britain?

They have grown into effective and competent social enterprises that are actually speaking to the government's 'big society' agenda in all of their local community work and in working with some of the most deprived communities.

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