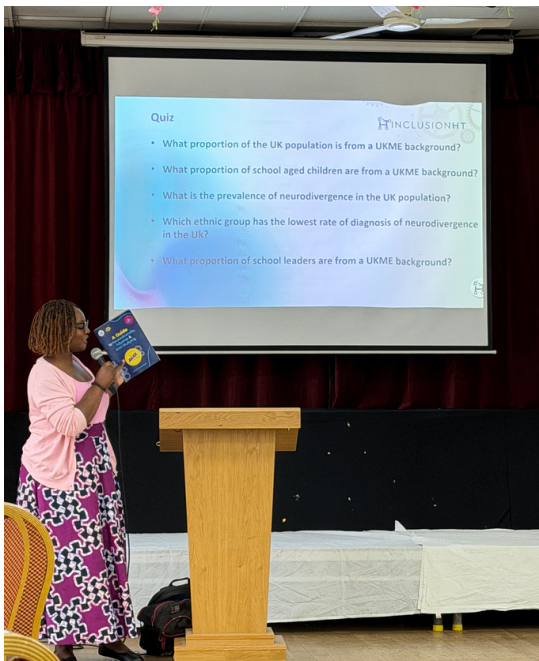


Hearing Every Voice - June 2026

On Sunday 7th June, members of Southampton Parent Carer Forum attended the local Hindu Temple for the second time, arriving at 10am to provide a welcoming space for families and community members to come and chat with us before joining the religious service and shared lunch. The day continued with a range of afternoon speakers, including Frances Akinde speaking about Race, SEND and Our Communities, before finishing at 5pm. This also marked the first time the Ghana Association joined us throughout the day, helping strengthen connections across communities.



It was a valuable opportunity to speak with a wide range of families about their lived experiences, ensuring that our work is about more than just data and statistics, but truly hearing and understanding the voices of seldom heard communities. It felt noticeable this time that families and community members were more open and comfortable talking with us. During our first visit, conversations often felt much quieter and more hesitant, whereas this time people seemed more willing to openly share their experiences and views. Hopefully, the more time we spend building relationships within these communities, the more we can continue to genuinely hear and learn from their voices.

