**EMNRN MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM CHAT FUNCTION THURSDAY THE 29TH OF OCTOBER 2020**

09:54:01 From Tanveer Parnez : tanveer: Good morning all, good to see you , good choice of music.

10:00:35 From Rakiya Suleiman : I think Danny just make OUR day more brighter with this

10:05:29 From Gina Netto : Thanks, very pleased to be here!

10:05:49 From Rakiya Suleiman : Just suggesting if other colleague could send music of their choice to Danny to play before meetings to celebrate our diversity . Any music can be found through YouTube .

10:11:49 From Margaret Lance : Thanks Rami

10:21:47 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Thanks Vicky!

10:25:53 From Elizabeth Oldcorn : Danny, please could you circulate this? Thanks

10:26:26 From Daniel Boyle : yes of course Elizabeth. We're in process of collating all the info into a useful report

10:26:47 From Elizabeth Oldcorn : Fab thanks

10:30:42 From Margaret Lance : Thanks Charmaine

10:32:15 From Khaleda Noon She/Her : sorry im late

10:34:17 From Margaret Lance : Thanks Tanveer

10:35:46 From SCoJeC SCoJeC : apologies everyone. got 2 other meetings at same time

10:39:48 From Daniel Boyle : Good morning Ephraim. welcome and also Khaleda.

10:40:04 From Daniel Boyle : Kamal and Yaa, huge welcome to you both also

10:41:18 From Kamal Ibrahim : Thanks, Dany. It's a pleasure to see everyone.

10:46:18 From Unyimeobong : I know a parent that received a contact trace call

10:47:27 From Vicky Wan - Children in Scotland : Sorry folks, need to dash off to another meeting. Take care everyone.

10:49:49 From Rakiya Suleiman : Hi colleagues I am really sorry I will be leaving to another meeting at 11am .

10:50:51 From Micheline Brannan Glasgow : I am really sorry as I also have to leave for another meeting. This is very interesting and useful and I thank everyone for attending and working so hard. Micheline Brannan Chair BEMIS

10:56:44 From Shubhanna Hussain-Ahmed : Rakiya makes a very valid point around ensuring that young people are able to understand and explain the test and protect measures to adults in their families..

10:57:56 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Thanks Rakiya, great idea about visual communication over written words.

10:59:31 From Charmaine Blaize : Thanks Rakiya definitely poignant points. Keep things simple, use universal type messaging and get the young people involved etc..

11:01:06 From Rakiya Suleiman : Elizabeth Can you attend the meeting and see what we have done so far

11:01:59 From Elaine Cameron : Many people who are subject to NRPF are fearful/cautious of making contact with officials due to their status. How to we engage?

11:02:10 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Yes I agree

11:02:44 From Shubhanna Hussain-Ahmed : Good point Elaine..

11:03:12 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Yes Margaret, it’s hard enough o keep up with the fast changing circumstances even as an English native speaker.

11:03:41 From Charmaine Blaize : Thanks Margaret. Definitely a great platform to reach.. hardly reached groups..

11:04:15 From Daniel Boyle to Elaine Cameron: can I bring you in on critical NRPF issue

11:08:15 From Noelia Martinez Castellanos : We have clients who does not have access to a mobile phone, never mind smart phones. Many don't have access to email either.

11:09:31 From Daniel Boyle : both agenda items are linked today. Noelia, can you come in on the next agenda item also on this point and expand.

11:09:52 From Noelia Martinez Castellanos : Yes, no problem.

11:10:35 From Margaret Lance : Absolutely

11:11:10 From Margaret Lance : I have a similar case

11:12:49 From Margaret Lance : Thank you Unyimebong

11:13:43 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : A lot of people from the East and Southeast Asian community circulate fake medical news and if there are no proper information in their language, they would be unlikely to follow safe protocols or understand what needs to be done

11:13:47 From Charmaine Blaize : Unyimeobong your explaination of that experience captures the full essence of so many people affected by immigration controls

11:15:29 From Margaret Lance : I agree with you Rami

11:17:42 From Pat Greenhough : we have a Minority Ethnic Older People Project with bilingual staff and they are working with people that range from those who are digitally excluded, little or no literacy skills, isolated people and language barriers who get none of the messages and those that do they find them confusing, especially as the messages are always changing. What has been beneficial is the one to one conversations the team have with individuals understanding and reassurances. What could be made more clear is that staff working with vulnerable people can refer people for tests

11:19:35 From Elizabeth Oldcorn : thanks Pat

11:19:38 From Daniel Boyle : That's incredibly helpful to know that. Can we elaborate on this in 2nd half of session as relevant to next item too

11:20:03 From Margaret Lance : very true

11:20:18 From Kamal Ibrahim : There is a particular section of the BME group that are currently not been considered in the ongoing debate - that's international students in our Universities across Scotland. I am wondering what's been done about this group.

11:20:29 From Unyimeobong : Really relate with this Elaine

11:21:08 From Daniel Boyle : excellent pint Kamal. We will address this next item

11:22:10 From Unyimeobong : Kamal, This is absolutely true I engage with them too -Inspiring Families Development Network and there is a growing fear anxiety and depression among them

11:22:34 From Elizabeth Oldcorn : Noted, thanks Kamal

11:23:46 From eloise : Work is underway between COSLA, Scottish Government and the Collective for Ending Homelessness - this will be a significant focus

11:24:27 From Ephraim ( SCoJeC) : apologies again. got to zoom to yet another meeting. best to all. be well!

11:26:28 From Unyimeobong : Thanks Elizabeth and Avril

11:26:37 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Thank you both

11:27:24 From eloise : Thanks Danny - glad to join

11:27:54 From Christine Membi : sorry I am very late I have hospital appointment i could not miss

11:30:38 From Patricia Iredia : I agree with Noela. many of our members don't have smart phones or tablets or laptop to access information or even join zoom meetings

11:30:58 From Daniel Boyle : Welcome Christine, trust all ok

11:31:28 From Elaine Cameron : I believe there may be digital funds available. Perhaps the Scottish Government could advise?

11:32:32 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : How about undocumented and asylum seekers?

11:35:28 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Can you please share with us the information for our networks and how they can apply Carolyn?

11:36:32 From Charmaine Blaize : good question most vulnerable are undocumented and asylum seekers --

11:37:47 From Unyimeobong : Most people with no recourse to public funds have no work due to their limitations, how do we reconcile this?

11:38:03 From Patricia Iredia : Thanks for the information but small Organisations would rather deal with BEMIS for instance who can help interprete the Government directives to cut out a lot of red tape

11:38:43 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : How about victims of modern day slavery?

11:38:51 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : they don't get a proper wage

11:38:58 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : and have no incentive to leave

11:42:43 From Unyimeobong : I think the government in making these decisions should consult people/organisations who work directly with these people and know the issues on ground. BEMIS is a good example that government can work with

11:44:59 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : This is pandering to the 'Hostile Environment Policy'

11:45:21 From Margaret Lance : I think there is a issue from the start of this

11:45:30 From Elaine Cameron : Danny good comments, RST completely support. It has been shown that we can put schemes in place very quickly and navigate around red tape. The question must be answered, why not for those groups who are claiming asylum and have already suffered extreme hardship and trauma in a lot of cases?.

11:47:24 From Margaret Lance : I have a case of someone who is a survivor. How does she qualify for this.

11:47:42 From Charmaine Blaize : Policy maker

11:48:43 From Patricia Iredia : Good question, Danny! How does someone live on £20 a week?

11:49:01 From Charmaine Blaize : Yes definitely questions need to be asked about that policy..

11:50:47 From Elaine Cameron : RST and partners do and continue to distribute cash payments directly. Very time consuiming but it can be done.

11:52:01 From Elizabeth Oldcorn : Sorry, I have to go now, thanks again everyone

11:52:14 From Daniel Boyle : thanks Liz. all best

11:52:22 From Charmaine Blaize : Thanks Liz

11:52:44 From Margaret Lance : I totally agree with you Elaine. It is going to be time consuming to end up with £20 PW

11:54:36 From Margaret Lance : Who is going to assist with the process? We have to consider this when making decisions. Some will just give up

11:55:17 From Gina Netto : Agree Noelia, it is very difficult to navigate the system even before the pandemic. Really need pro-active approach and resourcing for this.

11:56:21 From Elaine Cameron : I would like to again mention approx. 150 to 200 people in Glasgow who remain in hotels with no access to cash, since March 2020.

11:58:10 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : Exercising Hostile Environment policy with no recourse to funding to undocumented who have been subjected to trafficking and highly likely modern day slavery, asylum seekers and other non EU migrants

11:58:15 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : This is a racist policy

11:58:42 From Charmaine Blaize : lets help the good immigrants ..the ones who work..

12:01:23 From Kamal Ibrahim : Got another commitment to attend to. Great discussions and lovely to see everyone.

12:02:54 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Thanks Eloise

12:03:17 From Margaret Lance : Thanks Eloise

12:03:25 From Magda Czarnecka : Can we get a draft of the strategy, please?

12:04:23 From Noelia Martinez Castellanos : Another concern that we have that I forgot to mention is EEA and Swiss citizens (and their family members, including non-EU nationals) who have not apply to the EU Settlement yet or receive a response about their application, and have not exercise treaty rights before 31/12/2020 who might be treated as unlawful residents.

12:04:23 From Charmaine Blaize : Thanks Eloise and Carolyn for sharing what is being done so far.

12:05:10 From Noelia Martinez Castellanos : Sorry, I forgot to mention that they will be treated as unlawful resident during the grace period, that is from 1/1/2021 to 30/06/2021.

12:05:42 From eloise : I will recommend to my Scottish Government colleagues that we share the draft strategy and actions with BEMIS when that is prepared

12:06:27 From Gina Netto : Thanks for inviting me, Danny. Great to hear everyone's very valuable perspectives.

12:06:53 From Margaret Lance : Thank you Carolyn

12:08:06 From Elaine Cameron : Carolyn, We can distribute messaging through our networks - please provide links to your messaging?

12:08:15 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : I think directing links and information to our orgs for us to pass on to network would be incredibly useful

12:08:30 From Christine Membi : Thank you all for this

12:08:36 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Thanks everyone

12:08:56 From eloise : Thank you

12:15:44 From Margaret Lance : DV, MH drugs /alcohol and suicide on the rise

12:16:35 From Kimi Jolly - ESA.Scotland : This is empowering modern day slavery, exploitation and destitution

12:18:28 From Unyimeobong : Reflection and re strategizing.

12:20:07 From Margaret Lance : Thanks Danny for perfect coordination of this meeting and thanks to everyone. Let us continue working together. We are not giving up

12:20:31 From Tanveer Parnez : tanveer: we need a lot more exposure to highlight these issues.

12:20:34 From Sarah Kwan - ESAS : Great Magda!