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Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and
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African, Caribbean and Black Inclusive Vaccinations Group Agenda 07/12/2021

AGENDA

09:45 - Intro music / sign in

10:00 - Welcome from Chair Charmaine Blaize

10:05 – Actions update from last meeting Danny Boyle

10:10 - Alex Maitland (The Peoples Vaccine Campaign)

"The People's Vaccine Alliance is a global movement of organisations, world leaders and activists united under a common aim of campaigning for a 'people's vaccine' for COVID-19 that is based on shared knowledge and is freely available to everyone everywhere. The Peoples Vaccine is supported by over 2 million activists worldwide and 175 former world leaders and Nobel prize winning scientists".

10:20 - Open floor response to Peoples Vaccine Campaign

10:30 - Dr. Josephine Adekola (Researching Vaccine Experience and Hesitancy in African, Caribbean and Black Communities)

10:40 - Open floor response to the Dr. Josephine Adekola Research Proposal

10:50 – Katherine May (Senior Policy Manager, Covid Status Certification)

11:00 - Public Health Scotland – Heather Williams (Programme Manager - roll out of the booster programme)

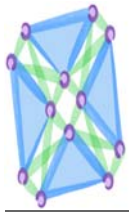
11:10 – Open floor responses (Q+A)

11:25 - Summary from Chairs / secretariat

11:30 - Meeting ends

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Dr. Charmaine Blaize	Co-Chair Unison Black Workers Ctte
Margaret Lance	Co-Chair Women in Action
Alex Maitland	Oxfam
Bertha Yakubu	African Womens Group
Claire Stevens	Voluntary Health Scotland



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Kim Somerside	Voluntary Health Scotland
Dr. Harriett Campbell	African, Caribbean Elderly Association
Dr. Josephine Adekola	Glasgow University
Anne Meikle	Public Health Scotland
Heather Williams	Public Health Scotland
Tanveer Parnez	BEMIS Scotland
Mary Osei-Oppong	African Caribbean Womens Association
Helen Hassell	Public Health Scotland
Victoria Lopez	Scottish Government
Unyimeobong Matthews	Inspiring Families Scotland
Georgia Waters	Scottish Government
Cynthia Gentle	African Caribbean Society of Scotland
Delphine	TBC
Liliose	TBC
Solomon	LGBT Unity Scotland
Katherine May	Scottish Government
Melanie Weldon	Scottish Government

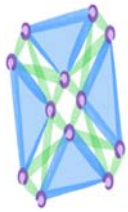
Meeting Note and Actions

- Alex Maitland of OXFAM Scotland provided an overview and update on the global peoples vaccination campaign. The campaign, supported by global leaders like ex PM Gordon Brown and equalities and human rights civic society organisation, aims to increase informed vaccination consent and access across the world. <https://peoplesvaccine.org/supporters/>

ACTION - BEMIS Scotland / EMNERN have now joined the global campaign. African, Caribbean and Black group co-chairs Charmaine Blaize and Margaret Lance have been invited to represent the network at group meetings. **Ongoing**

- Dr. Josephine Adekola gave a presentation on her research commissioned by the ACB subgroup into vaccine hesitancy and experience of ACB communities. The survey and research remains live and ongoing. Members and broader communities can participate here - <https://bemis.org.uk/survey-covid-vaccine-experience-within-african-caribbean-black-communities-in-scotland/>

ACTION – Members to continue to share and raise awareness of the survey and forthcoming focus groups – **Ongoing**



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- Public Health Scotland provided an update on the booster campaign. It is anticipated that the OMICRON strain will become dominant in Scotland and people should take the vaccine when offered.

Action – BEMIS Inclusive Vaccinations Fund remains active and available for minority ethnic communities to access.

- Members outlined that we should reach out to other African communities across Scotland to participate in order that our discussions are not central belt focussed only.

Action - Group chairs and secretariat to consider opportunities to speak and invite more African communities from across Scotland. – **TBC Ongoing**