

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Adult Learning
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
19 June 2013
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
12 May 2015
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
25 June 2014
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
9 June 2015
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.  Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<b>24 September 2014</b>  <b>Attendance:</b> 3 MSPs, 37 Non MSPs  <b>Topic:</b> Funding of Adult Learning  Presentations were given to the group from the following on what funding they provide in

the Adult Learning sector: • Scottish Funding Council Laurence Howells, Chief Executive  
• Big Lottery Fund, John Fellows, Head of Communications • Creative Scotland, Joan Parr, Portfolio Manager Education • Education Scotland, Phil Denning, Assistant Director Lifelong Learning • Heritage Lottery Fund, Diane Gray, Development Manager

## **28 January 2015**

**Attendance:** 3 MSPs, 38 Non MSPs

**Topics:** The impact of adult learning projects and followed by a discussion of issues faced by the lack of funding of adult learning

Presentations were given to the group from the following adult learning projects  
Kindling the Flame: Fiona Dowie and Will Golding (Edinburgh), Glasgow Life Partnership: Frances Bradley and Sallie Condy (Glasgow), Evidence the Impact of Adult Learning: Jackie Howie (National), Micro-Tyco Project: Stewart Beck and Ian Shaw (North Ayrshire), Discovery Award Project: Anita Thompson and Claire McLaren (North Lanarkshire), THRIVE Project: Ed Gibbon and Liz Whyte (Stirling) and Mobile Learning: John McGhee and Mike Scott (West Lothian)

## **12 May 2015**

**Attendance:** 4 MSPs, 96 Non MSPs

**Topics:** AGM – Ordinary business carried out including the re-election of office bearers, financials and appointment of secretariat.

Meeting – Approval of forward plan and calendar of events.

Guest Speakers on “Has Adult Learning had it’s Day?” : Elizabeth Kwaw, Ecorys UK Ltd and Ian Leith both.

Impact Award Ceremony

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Jean Urquhart (Ind)  
Clare Adamson (SNP)  
Neil Findlay (Lab)  
Sarah Boyack (Lab)  
Alex Fergusson (Con)  
Alison Johnstone (Green)  
Anne McTaggart (Lab)  
George Adam (SNP)  
Hugh Henry (Lab)  
Margaret McCulloch (Lab)

Murdo Fraser (Con)

Margaret McDougall (lab)

### **NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Margaret Allan  
Kenny Anderson  
Mohammed Anwar  
Linda Armstrong  
Senga Armstrong  
Caroline Bamford  
Stewart Beck  
Laura Black  
Fiona Boucher  
May Bowie  
Frances Bradley  
Pat Brechin  
Penny Brodie  
Joanne Buchan  
Peter Cairns  
Lee Callaghan  
Sallie Condy  
Vanessa Cousins  
John Currie  
Marie Dailly  
Marian Docherty  
Jane Duffy  
Lesley Dunbar  
Chris Fairgrieve  
John Ferrier  
John Field  
Sarah Forteach  
Robert Galloway  
Nicola Garman  
Ed Gibbon  
Gordon Giles  
Craig Green  
Birgit Harris  
Jackie Howie  
Mary Hughes  
May Jenkins  
Linda Judge  
Sharon Keenan  
Anne Kennedy  
Elizabeth Kwaw

	<p>           Ian Leith            Rhonda Leith            Graham MacLellan            Rob Mark            Mairi McAuley            Alistair McDonald            Oonagh McGarry            Jim McHarg            Karen McKay            Claire McLaren            Christine McMichael            Jean Nelson            John Parkhill            Shona Paul            Vicky Petrie            Gail Phee            Dave Reid            Kenny Sharkey            Ian Shaw            Bonnie Slade            Bob Starratt            Jayne Stuart            Pauline Sutton            Graham Venters            Tracy Waddell            Miss Sophie Walker            Emma Whitelock            Clark Whyte            Mark Wild         </p>
Organisations	<p>           3TFM            Action on Hearing Loss Scotland            Age Scotland            BBC            Borders College            Bright Sparks            Buckhaven Beehive            City of Edinburgh Council            Clackmannanshire Council            College Development Network            College of Arts and Social Sciences            Colleges Scotland            Crisis            Cryoe Shopmobility            Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council            Dundee City Council            East Lothian Council            East Renfrewshire Council            Edinburgh University         </p>

EDLCT  
Falkirk Council  
Fife Council  
Fife Mining Heritage  
Forbes House  
GCVS  
Glasgow Kelvin College  
Glasgow Life / Communities  
Inverclyde Council  
Kilmarnock College  
LEAD Scotland  
Learning Link Scotland  
Liberton High School  
Media Education Ltd  
Men Only Computers  
Moray Council  
Museums Galleries Scotland  
National Learners Forum  
Newbattle Abbey College  
North Ayrshire Council  
North Lanarkshire Council  
Oats & Discovery Group  
Office of Lifelong Learning  
Open University in Scotland  
Pagoda PR  
Renfrewshire Council  
School of Communities & Learner Development  
Scotland's Learning Partnership  
Scottish Borders Council  
Scottish Colleges  
Scottish Funding Council  
Scottish Qualifications Authority  
SCQF  
Skills Development Scotland  
South Ayrshire Council  
South Lanarkshire Council  
Stirling Council  
Strathclyde University  
STUC  
SWAP East  
SWAPWEST  
The Glasgow School of Art  
The Open University of Scotland  
The University of St Andrews  
Universities Scotland  
University of Glasgow  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of the Third Age (U3A) Scotland  
University of West of Scotland

WEA Scotland  
West Lothian College  
West Lothian Council  
YouthLink Scotland

**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Jean Urquhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Margaret McCulloch (Labour) Allan (Adult Learner) Chris Fairgrieve (Adult Learner)
Secretary	Fiona Boucher (Scotland’s Learning Partnership)
Treasurer	Lee Callaghan (Scotland’s Learning Partnership)

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The Group benefited from the secretariat services and catering provision provided by Scotland’s Learning Partnership. Details of the those financials are as follows:

**Staffing x 2**

Co-ordination, secretariat, preparation  
attendance at meetings £516.00

**Catering**

3 x Meetings £154.80

**Office Costs**

Stationery £40.00

**Travel Costs**

Learners' Travel £190.00

**Total Costs £900.80**

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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