

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Adult Learning

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (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

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

25 June 2014

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

N/ A

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

04 July 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

19 June 2013

Attendance: 7 MSPs, 42 Non MSPs

Topics: Purpose and remit of the Group including: -

- Consistency across Scotland in the level and quality of provision.

- Research into the wider benefits of adult learning.
- Impact of educational policy on adult learning.
- Effects of learning on learners' wellbeing.
- Celebrating success stories - identifying good practice (esp. during Adult Learners' Week).
- Participation rates and investment.
- Raising awareness of adult learning opportunities.
- How best to join up provision in ways which benefit learners.

26 November 2013 (informal meeting)

Attendance: 1 MSPs, 54 Non MSPs

topics: This meeting was split into two parts. (i) In Committee Room 1 where the group discussed Adult Learning policy in Scotland.

Speaker: Alan Armstrong and Graham Logan (Education Scotland) outlined Education Scotland's plans to create a Statement of Ambition on Adult Learning Part (ii) saw the Group move to Edinburgh University (we had to do this as the room was required at short notice by parliamentary authorities during the launch of the White Paper on Scottish Independence) where the Group discussed what they would like to see in the Scottish Government's Statement of Ambition.

[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]

25 March 2014

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 49 Non MSPs

Topics: This Group discussed the increasingly important issue of men in adult learning

Presentations: Dr Rob Mark, the Monday Night Group – young adult men (West Lothian); Men and family learning (Dumfries and Galloway) and the Meolej Experience (Dundee)

Topics: A general theme running through the meeting was that men often faced specific barriers in accessing and fulfilling their involvement in adult and family learning. The presentations highlighted innovative and relevant ways over overcoming those barriers.

13 May 2014

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 140 Non MSPs

Topics: This meeting welcomed academics and providers of Adult Learning from the UK and from over 20 European countries, attending the international conference of

Adult Learning, Learning Times which was being held in Edinburgh between 12-14 May 2014. The Group discussed how adult learning providers influenced and engaged with policy makers in other European countries.

Speaker: Prof John Field, Chair, Scotland's Learning Partnership discussed key themes coming from the European Conference

Topics: The Group then moved to the Garden Lobby for a reception and awards ceremony – recognising the achievements of exemplar Adult Learning projects across the UK.

25 June 2014

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 7 Non MSPs

Topics: AGM - discussion centred around office bearers, financials and potential forward themes for the group to usefully discuss over the coming 12 months.

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 (Grn)
 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.

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| Individuals | Fiona Aldridge Wendy Anderson Mohammed Anwar Wendy Atkins Esther Barrett Lesley Bridgewood Peter Cairns Ben Charles | Margaret Allan Michelle Anderson Liz Armstrong Nick Bailey Joyce Black Barbara Bryson Hans Callison Pauline Collins |
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| Margaret Colquhoun | Gerard Connaghan |
| Kate Connaghan | June Cooke |
| George Crawley | Rose Cunningham |
| Betty Currie | John Currie |
| James Currie | Ruth Davidson |
| Sylvia Davies | Edicio De La Torre |
| Cristina del Álamo | Valentina Deykova |
| Abigail Diamond | Françoise Divisia |
| Sue Duffen | Agnes Duffy |
| David Antony Duller | Deirdre Elrick |
| Chris Fairgrieve | Saboohi Famili |
| Christine Ferguson | Alex Fergusson |
| Josephine Finn | Alex Fleming |
| Sharon Ford | Anne Gallagher |
| Maggie Galliers | John Gates |
| Bernard Godding | Noel Grant |
| Gerry Hamilton | Cath Harcula |
| Essex Havard | David Henderson |
| Judith Heywood | Winifred Hignell |
| Paul Hoffman | David Hughes |
| Rosemary Irvine | Iain Johnston |
| Sharon Keenan | Anita Kehre |
| Kevern Kerswell | Abigail Kinsella |
| Ian Leith | Kaia Ljash |
| Fay Logan | Lise Lund |
| Janice MacFarlane | Joanne Manneh |
| Carris Marshall | Nene Mburu |
| Mairi McAuley | Gerry McDonnell |
| Anne McGillivray | Sue McHarg |
| Karen McKay | Mae McNamara |
| Chris Minter | Cynthia Mowatt |
| Martina Ni Cheallaigh | Iva Nikolova |
| Agnethe Nordentoft | Susana Oliveira |
| Rositsa Panova | May Paton |
| Anitta Pehkonen | Sara Petersson |
| Gail Phee | Helen Plant |
| Katarina Popovic | Helen Prew |
| Mark Ravenhall | Kevin Robinson |
| Patricia Short | Danny Smith |
| Kay Smith | Andrej Sotosek |
| Phillip Speed | Bob Starratt |
| Andrew Stewart | Robert Sutter |
| John Sweeney | Mary Thompson |
| Alan Tuckett | Mary Ure |
| Marianita Villariba | Lorna Waddell |
| Rena Wallace | Jean Watson |
| Fiona Watters | Loveday Williams |
| Sheena Wilson | |

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| Organisations | <p> 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 Crisis Cryoe Shopmobility Dumfries & Galloway Council Dundee City Council East Lothian Council East Renfrewshire Council Edinburgh University EDLCT Falkirk Council Fife Council Fife Mining Heritage GCVS Glasgow Kelvin College Inverclyde Council Kilmarnock College LEAD Scotland Media Education Ltd Men Only Computers Museums Galleries Scotland North Ayrshire Council North Lanarkshire Council Oats & Discovery Group 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 SQA Stirling Council Strathclyde University STUC SWAPWEST </p> |
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| | The Glasgow School of Art The Moray Council The Open University of Scotland The University of St Andrews Universities Scotland University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of the Third Age (U3A) Scotland University of West of Scotland UWS WEA Scotland West Lothian College West Lothian Council YouthLink Scotland |
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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.

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| Convener | Jean Urquhart MSP |
| Deputy Convener | Clare Adamson (SNP)- to be agreed by Correspondence Neil Findlay (Lab)- to be agreed by Correspondence Sarah Boyack (Lab)- to be agreed by Correspondence Margaret McDougall (Lab) Margaret Allan (Adult Learner) Chris Fairgrievies (Adult Learner) |
| Secretary | Scotland's Learning Partnership |
| Treasurer | 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 3

Co-ordination, secretariat, preparation,
attendance at meetings £2326.00

Catering

3 x Meetings £1956.72

Celebration Event £1140.72

Office Costs

Stationery £50.00

Travel Costs

Learners Travel £795.00

Total Costs £6268.44

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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