

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People

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.)

20 June 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

22 May 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.

24th September 2013 - 6 MSP attendees, 56 non-MSP attendees
Chair- Marco Biagi MSP

This meeting looked at the named person provisions in the Children and Young People Bill. Presentations were given on how the provisions work in practice in Highland and why the provisions are a positive development. Other presentations and discussion raised concern about confidentiality around information sharing.

30th October 2013 - 2 MSP attendees, 45 non-MSP attendees
Chair – Marco Biagi MSP

The topic of this meeting was sex and relationship education to coincide with a Scottish Government consultation around refreshed guidance in this area. There were presentations from the Government, Scottish Youth Parliament, LGBT Youth Scotland, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Zero Tolerance. Following discussion the group agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education on some of the concerns raised.

26th November 2013 - 2 MSP attendees, 31 non-MSP attendees

Chair – Alison Johnstone MSP

This meeting's topic was minority ethnic children and young people which was an issue the group had not considered recently. There were presentations from BEMIS, CEMVO, Roshni and Shakti Women's Aid. Following the meeting the group sent a letter to the Scottish Government and to COSLA about particular issues facing minority ethnic young people in Scotland.

29th January 2014 - 3 MSP attendees, 48 non-MSP attendees

Chair – Kezia Dugdale MSP

This meeting returned to the topic of welfare reform which the group also addressed last session. The Convener of the Welfare Reform Committee gave an update on their work and there were also presentations on welfare changes from the Child Poverty Action Group and Contact a Family. The group discussed forthcoming changes as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit and benefits for families with disabled children.

25th March 2014 - 3 MSP attendees, 34 non-MSP attendees

Chair - Marco Biagi MSP

Following the passage of the Children and Young People Bill/Act the group looked at the issue of early education and childcare and issues beyond the headline '600 hours'. There were presentations from the Scottish Childminding Association, One Parent Families Scotland, the University of Edinburgh and the Scottish Out of School Network.

30th April 2014 - 2 MSP attendees, 49 non-MSP attendees

Chair Alison Johnstone MSP

A number of members of the CPG Sport attended this meeting on the legacy of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games for children and young people. There were presentations from Scottish Athletics, Stirling University, the Scottish Government, Education Scotland and a Youth Legacy Ambassador. The group decided to write to the Cabinet Secretary raising issues which had been discussed in the meeting including early years and disability.

13th May 2014 - 2 MSP attendees, 32 non-MSP attendees

Chair – Alison Johnstone MSP

This meeting was a special one requested by the Children are Unbeatable Alliance to discuss the physical punishment of children. There were presentations from Swedish expert Dr Steffan Janson, Anne Houston, Children 1st and Bruce Adamson on the Scottish Human Rights Commission on examples from other countries of banning 'smacking', legal issues, challenges and opportunities for Scotland.

A further meeting is planned in (Date TBC) where the group will discuss the Independence Referendum and Children and Young People.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Jackie Baillie MSP
Marco Biagi MSP
Roderick Campbell MSP
Malcolm Chisholm MSP
Kezia Dugdale MSP
Murdo Fraser MSP
Kenneth Gibson MSP
Jamie Hepburn MSP
Alison Johnstone MSP
Ken Macintosh MSP
Joan McAlpine MSP
Alison McInnes MSP
Fiona McLeod MSP
Anne McTaggart MSP
Drew Smith MSP

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

Rozanne Chorlton
Bill Cook
Kirsty Craig
Gerry Croall
Jackie Doig
Susan Elsley
Mairi Ferris
Margot Gillon

	<p>Tracy Griffen Fiona Henderson Clare Lally Kenny Lindsay Katy MacFarlane Kirsteen MacKay Donna Mackie Louise Marryat Vicky McGraw Robert McHarg John McKinney Martine Miller Pat Salter Jayne Scotland Neil Seaton Carolyn Wilson Mark Wong Kit Wyeth</p>
Organisations	<p>A & M Training Aberlour Action Duchenne Action for Children Scotland Action for Children's Arts Action for Sick Children Scotland) Afacic Scotland Alcohol Focus Scotland The ALLIANCE Article 12 in Scotland Association of Family Therapist in Scotland The Barn Youth Centre Barnardo's Scotland Beat</p>

Befriending Networks
Big Lottery Fund
BMA Scotland
British Association for Adoption and Fostering
British Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland
Caledonia Consulting
Central Scotland Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre
CAHRU - University of St Andrews
CALL Scotland
Camphill
Capability Scotland
Carers Trust
CCPS
Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland
Changing Faces Scotland
CHAS
Child Brain Injury Trust
Child Poverty Action Group
Children 1st
Children's Hearings Scotland
Children in Need
Children's Parliament
Children in Scotland
Church of Scotland Committee on Education
Circle
CI@n Childlaw
CLIC Sargent
College of Occupational Therapists
Columba 1400
Common Thread
Contact a Family Scotland
COSCA
Covey Bfrriending
Crossroads Youth and Community Association

	Diabetes UK
	Division of Forensic Psychology - Scotland
	DofE
	Downs Syndrome Scotland
	Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
	Enable
	Engender
	Enquire
	Families First St Andrews
	Families Need Fathers
	Families Outside
	Family Fund
	Fife Gingerbread
	Firsthand
	The Fostering Network
	Foursquare
	GYP Borders
	Highland Children Forum
	Home Link Family Support
	I Can
	Includem
	In train
	Keys to Inclusion
	Kibble
	Kids VIP
	Legal Services Agency
	LGBT Youth
	Licketyspit
	Living Streets
	Lothian Autistic Society
	Mindroom
	National Autistic Society
	National Deaf Children's Society
	NewsDirect
	NHS Health Scotland

	<p>The Notre Dame Centre NSPCC Scotland Ocean Youth Trust Scotland One Parent Families Scotland Open Secret PAMIS Parenting Across Scotland Partners in Advocacy Partners in Play Personalised Education Now The Place 2Be Play Scotland Prince's Trust Quarriers Rathbone Relationships Scotland Resolve ASL RNIB Roshni RoSPA Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health Royal College of Psychiatrists Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy Samaritans Save the Children Sense Scotland Scotcen Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils Scottish Child Law Centre Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust Scottish Childminding Association Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Scottish Children's Services Coalition</p>
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	<p>Scottish Council of Independent Schools</p> <p>Scottish Division of Education Psychology</p> <p>Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems</p> <p>Scottish Parent Teacher Council</p> <p>Scottish Pre-School Play Association</p> <p>Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance</p> <p>Scottish Sports Association</p> <p>Scottish Youth Parliament</p> <p>Shelter Scotland</p> <p>Sick Children's Hospital</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Smart Play Network</p> <p>Sound Lab</p> <p>Spark of Genius</p> <p>Strathcarron Hospice</p> <p>STUC</p> <p>TACT</p> <p>Tartan Silk</p> <p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>The Spark</p> <p>Together Scotland</p> <p>UK ADHD Partnership</p> <p>University of Edinburgh – CAHRU, CRFR, NSPCC Centre</p> <p>West Lothian Youth Action Project</p> <p>Who Cares? Scotland</p> <p>Working on Wheels</p> <p>YWCA Scotland</p> <p>Young Scot</p> <p>Your Voice</p> <p>Youth Bus</p> <p>Youth Scotland</p> <p>Youthlink Scotland</p> <p>Zero Tolerance</p>
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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.

Convener

Marco Biagi MSP and Kezia Dugdale MSP

Deputy Convener

Alison Johnstone MSP

Joint Secretariat

Children in Scotland and Youthlink Scotland

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.

2013-14 Children in Scotland time spent on CPG activities - includes employer NI and Pension contribution costs as well as gross salary. Approx £2,500.

Catering costs for group paid by Children in Scotland – approx. £270.

2013-14 Youthlink Scotland - Approx £5,000 (2 x staff time).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription was charged in 2013/14. Secretariat met the cost of refreshments at meetings.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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