

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on France

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.)

26th June 2013

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

9th June 2015

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]

17th June 2015

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

29th June 2015

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.

11th November 2014 :

MSP in attendance: Christian Allard MSP, Cameron Buchanan MSP, Malcolm Chisholm MSP (part of the meeting)

Other attendees: Consul General Pierre-Alain Coffinier, Vicky Crichton, Stuart Donaldson, Vincent Guérin, Christine Jones, Niall MacDonald, Adèle Mortier, Marie-Caroline Nivaigne

Guests: Prof Emile Chabal, Edinburgh University, Richard Mowe & Léa Zelenkauskis, French Film Festival UK

- **Talk on French Politics by Prof Emile Chabal** (http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/history-classics-archaeology/about-us/staff-profiles?uun=echabal&search=1&cw_xml=profile_tab1_academic.php)
- **Presentation of the French Film Festival UK by Richard Mowe, director of the FFF UK** (<http://frenchfilmfestival.org.uk/FFF2014/wp/>)

21st April 2015 :

MSP in attendance:

Christian Allard MSP, Cameron Buchanan MSP, John Scott MSP

Other attendees:

Christine Jones, *Treasurer, CPG*, John Riley, *CPG Member*, Ian MacFarlane, *Franco-Scottish Society*, Anne-Colette Lequet, *petitioner*, Tom Wight, *Franco-Scottish Society*, Christian Albuissou, *Co-author of petition*, Véronique Bévierre, *Co-author of petition*, Brigitte Guénier, *co-author of petition*, Maxime David, *Journalist 'Toute l'Europe'*, Vicky Crichton, *Policy Advisor, The Scottish Government*, Marie-Caroline Nivaigne, *Parliamentary Staff*, Sheena Cleland, *Parliamentary Researcher*, Anca Martin, *Edinburgh Charlie Hebdo*, Dr John Riley, *CPG Member*, Adèle Mortier, *Secretary to CPG, Political Attaché to Consulate General*, Pierre-Alain Coffinier, *French Consulate General*, Vincent Guérin, *Director French Institute*, Alex McTear, *Veolia Group*, Niall MacDonald, *Parliamentary Assistant to Rob Gibson MSP*, Lee Robb, *Parliamentary Assistant to Christian Allard MSP*

-minute of silence to mark January's terrorist attacks in Paris followed by accounts from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

- open discussion following Cameron Buchanan's motion and amendments submitted to the Scottish Parliament regarding proposed changes to the French Consulate and French Institute in Scotland.

- briefing of Veolia's business plans in Scotland

9th June 2015 :

MSP in attendance: Christian Allard MSP, Cameron Buchanan MSP, Malcolm Chisholm MSP, Margaret McDougall MSP

Other attendees: Frank Arnold, Sheena Cleland, Consul General Pierre-Alain Coffinier, Vicky Crichton, Vincent Guérin, Christine Jones, Anne-Colette Lequet, Jocelyn MacDonald, Niall MacDonald, Adèle Mortier, Marie-Caroline Nivaigne, Tom

Wight

AGM.

- Elections of office bearers
- Talk by Pierre-Alain Coffinier : 5 years in Scotland as a Consul general

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Christian Allard, SNP

Alex Johnstone, Scottish Conservative party

Cameron Buchanan, Scottish Conservative party

John Finnie, Independent

Malcolm Chisholm, Scottish Labour party

Nigel Don, SNP

Richard Baker, Scottish Labour party

Rob Gibson, SNP

Margaret McDougall, Scottish Labour party

John Scott, Scottish Conservative party

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

Adele Mortier

Christian Albuisson

Franck Arnold

Véronique Bévierre

Sheena Cleland

Brigitte Guénier

	Vincent Guérin Christine Jones Anne-Colette Lequet Niall McDonald Marie-Caroline Nivaigne Dr. John Riley Lewis Ritchie Tom Wight
Organisations	The Institut français d’Ecosse French Consulate General in Edinburgh

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	Christian Allard
Deputy Convener	Alex Johnstone – Richard Baker
Secretary	Adèle Mortier
Treasurer	Christine Jones

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).

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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