

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Human Rights

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.)

21st June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

1st October 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]

10th September 2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

28/10/14

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.

10.12.13 'The Scottish National Action Plan (SNAP)'

Keynote address by Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, on the Scottish National Action Plan for Human Rights (SNAP). SNAP is a transformative programme of action including agreed outcomes, priorities and a process

for working together from 2013 – 2017, to progressively realise the potential of human rights in all areas of life.

This was followed by a discussion with CPG members and a diverse cross-section of Scottish civic society.

Present: 4 MSPs, 20 non-MSPs

6.5.14 ‘The Scottish Referendum and Human Rights’

An opportunity for Cross Party Group members to discuss a range of human rights issues with representatives from various Scottish political parties, with each MSP outlining their party’s vision for a Scotland which respects, protects and fulfils human rights.

Present: 4 MSPs, 8 non-MSPs

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Marco Biagi	Scottish National Party MSP
Roderick Campbell	Scottish National Party MSP
John Finnie	Independent MSP
Jamie Hepburn	Scottish National Party MSP
Adam Ingram	Scottish National Party MSP
Alison Johnstone	Scottish Green Party MSP
John Lamont	Scottish Conservative Party MSP
Alison McInnes	Scottish Liberal Democrat MSP
Patricia Ferguson	Scottish Labour Party 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

Fraser Latta
Kait Laughlin
Kenny MacLennan
Niall McCluskey
Kurt Mills
Seonaid Stevenson

	Tom Wightmand
Organisations	<p>Amnesty International</p> <p>Article 12 in Scotland</p> <p>Autism Rights</p> <p>BEMIS</p> <p>Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland</p> <p>Capability Scotland</p> <p>Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights</p> <p>College of Occupational Therapists – Scotland</p> <p>Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland</p> <p>Freedom from Torture (Edinburgh supporters)</p> <p>Glasgow Human Rights Network</p> <p>Glasgow University</p> <p>Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p>Glasgow Gurdwara</p> <p>HIV Scotland</p> <p>HM Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland (HMICS)</p> <p>Howard League for Penal Reform Scotland</p> <p>Human Rights Consortium</p> <p>Inclusion Scotland</p> <p>Information Commissioner’s Office</p> <p>International Justice Mission</p> <p>LGBT Youth Scotland</p> <p>Migrants Rights Scotland</p> <p>No2ID</p> <p>Psychiatric Rights Scotland</p> <p>ROSHNI</p> <p>SCIAF</p> <p>Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People</p> <p>Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability</p> <p>Scottish Drugs Forum</p> <p>Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA)</p> <p>Scottish Women's Aid</p> <p>Scottish Youth Parliament</p>

	Scottish Human Rights Commission Scottish Migrants Rights STUC The International Coalition Against Prohibition UNICEF United Nations Association Scotland University of Strathclyde West Lothian Council
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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	John Finnie MSP
Deputy Convener	Alison McInnes MSP Patricia Ferguson MSP
Vice-Convenor	Carole Ewart, Human Rights Consortium
Secretary	Siobhan Reardon, Amnesty International UK
Treasurer	Pat Elsmie, Scottish Migrants Rights

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) x

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Voluntary subscription of £10 which is not a condition of membership or attendance and is used for the purpose of refreshments

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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