

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on International Development
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date 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.)
28 June 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
23 June 2014
<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>18 June 2013</b> AGM and Global Volunteering <b>Topic:</b> AGM of the Cross Party Group, including election of the office bearers and consideration for future meetings from September 2013 – June 2014. The meeting was held, in conjunction, with the Volunteering and Voluntary Sector Cross Party Group and included a presentation from VSO who spoke about their work on key development areas, in particular an emphasis on MDGs and what more can be done. <b>Speakers:</b> Kate Cotton, Global Advisor, VSO <b>Attendees:</b> 5 MSPs and 45 non-MSP attendees
<b>24 September 2013</b> Post 2015 Development Framework <b>Topic:</b> Gillian Wilson provided a short background on the work of NIDOS, network of international development organisations, based in Scotland, and the work they are involved in aiming to reduce global poverty and tackling inequality. The meeting also

focused on the publication of a report that NIDOS were completing emphasising the importance of shaping a coherent policy on international development in Scotland.

**Speakers:** Gillan Wilson, Chief Executive, NIDOS

**Attendees:** 4 MSPs and 27 non-MSP attendees

### **31 October 2013**

Meeting with International Development Committee (IDC)

**Topic:** Five members of the International Development Committee (IDC) of the UK Parliament visited the Scottish Parliament on 31 October 2013 and met with several registered members of the Cross-Party Group on International Development, including members of the Cross Party Groups on Malawi, Pakistan, Middle East and South Asia, Palestine, Fair Trade. The meeting was focused on the IDC's inquiry into the possible implications for development if Scotland becomes an independent country from the United Kingdom. For further information on the inquiry and report, please visit - <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/international-development-committee/news/substantive-scotland-report-publication/>

**Attendees:** 6 MSPs, 5 MPs and 21 non MSP attendees (including 3 staff members from the UK Parliament)

### **19 November 2013**

HIV and AIDS

**Topic:** The meeting, ahead of World's Aids Day, focused on the issues of HIV and AIDS, specifically the challenges in ensuring people have access to required drugs and do not face barriers. A short film was also shown to the audience, focusing on the challenges faced by people with HIV and how more investment is required. The Millennium Development Goals, particularly access to affordable drugs in developing countries, was also discussed.

**Speakers:** Cathy Crawford, ImpActAIDS UK and Diarmaid McDonald, Advocacy Manager at Stop Aids

**Attendees:** 2 MSPs and 36 non- MSP attendees

### **21 January 2014**

Food Security and Food Sovereignty

**Topic:** The meeting focused on the issues relating to food security in Least Developed Countries (LDC) and also in Africa. This included a presentation and discussion on the issue of land grabbing, impact of the financial sector, ownership of

seeds and issues relating to the African agricultural sector, including access to resources, climate change, trade policies and infrastructure. The issue of food sovereignty was also discussed, including how this could effectively be a solution to tackle the challenges related to food security.

**Speakers:** Liz Murray, Head of Campaigns and Policy, World Development Movement and Agnes Holmes, international development activist.

**Attendees:** 2 MSPs and 22 non-MSP attendees

### **18 March 2014**

International Development in Universities

**Topic:** The meeting focused on the contribution of Universities in the field of international development, including academic programmes, field work and international development partnerships. The second presentation, given by Challenges Worldwide, focused on their work to recruit and train volunteers with professional skills and experience to work with local partners in developing countries. The issue of 'voluntourism' was also discussed and how it can lead to challenges in communities, rather than benefits.

**Attendees:** 4 MSPs and 17 non-MSP attendees

### **17 June 2014**

Annual General Meeting and Corruption in International Development

**Topic:** AGM of the Cross Party Group, including election of the office bearers and consideration for future meetings from September 2014 – June 2015. The meeting also included a presentation and discussion led by Hamish Goldie-Scot, independent consulting engineer, who described his experience of and insights into corruption in international development.

**Attendees:** 3 MSPs and 28 non – MSP attendees

### **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.

Sarah Boyack  
Patrick Harvie  
Siobhan McMahon  
David Stewart  
Bruce Crawford  
Jamie McGrigor  
Hanzala Malik  
Neil Findlay  
Linda Fabiani

Patricia Ferguson  
Margaret MacDougall  
Rhoda Grant  
John Mason  
Clare Adamson

### **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

Roger Leakey  
J.K. Robert England  
Pat Hiddleston  
Gerda Siann  
Abiodun Anthony Olowoyeye  
Neil Robertson  
Dr Callum Henderson  
Tracy Johnston  
Pat Bryden  
Jim R Copland  
David Stevenson  
Rt. Rev Brian Smith  
Mark Osnowitz  
Manuela Coletti  
Carol Morton  
Agnes Ngulube – Holmes  
Hamish Goldie-Scot  
Fiona Talcott  
Elizabeth Cooper  
Colin Pritchard

Organisations

UNA  
Aid Effectiveness  
ScotDec  
Islamic Relief  
MAF  
CBM  
Jubilee Scotland  
The Salvation Army  
University of Edinburgh  
WDM  
Heriot-Watt University  
NIDOS  
Scotland Malawi Partnership  
The Leprosy Mission Scotland  
Mercy Corps  
The Vine Trust

	UNESCO Scotland Institute for Energy Systems One World Development The Supoy chomphoo phuen foundation World Development Movement Sight Aid International VSO UK Challenges Worldwide Scotlanka Network SCIAF The Commandery of St. Clair, No. S1, Scotland - The Knights Templar in Scotland (Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani) Plan Vivo Foundation Justice and Peace Scotland ImpAcTAIDS Palcrafts / Hadeel Association of Teachers and Lecturers (Scotland) Dunira Strategy Oxfam Scotland Church of Scotland World Mission Council Institute for International Health and Development (Queen Margaret University) Centre for the Study of Religion (CSRP), University of St. Andrews STUC Centre for Sustainable International Development (University of Aberdeen) Concern Worldwide Scottish Youth Parliament ACTSA Scotland Scottish Education and Action for Development University of Strathclyde
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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	Sarah Boyack MSP
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Siobhan McMahon MSP

**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.

N/A

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

N/A (balance remaining from pre-2011 is used for catering purposes at each meeting).

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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