

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Middle East and South Asia

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.)

November 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

6 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.

19 November 2013 – Discussion of issue of Female Genital Mutilation in the Middle East and diaspora communities based in Scotland

MSP 2

Non-MSP – 5

3 April 2014 - AGM /Presentation on visit to Pakistan and discussion of establishment of polling station in Glasgow for elections in the Middle East.

MSP - 3

Non MSP - 5

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.

Hanzala Malik
Jamie McGrigor
Jim Eadie
William Rennie
Anne McTaggart
Christina McKelvie
Margaret McCulloch
Mary Fee
Michael McMahan
Sarah Boyack

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	Umbreen Khalid Dr Crispin Bates Dr Patricia Jeffrey Mohammed Aslam Masud khan Shami Khan Khalid Mir Dr Andrew Newman Jack Feimann Naeem Khalid Faten Hameed Javed Tariq Tahir Bashir Bilal Ahmed Goran Abdulla Cllr Mohammed Razaq Eddie Holmes Bob Haddow Fiona Voronova
Organisations	FRAE Fife Today's Scotland Edinburgh Kurdish Society Beyond the Veil Edinburgh

	Lothian and Borders Police Scottish Arab Federation (SAFe) West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Muslim Strategic Sisterhood Scotland (MS3) Edinburgh and East of Scotland Pakistan Association Alwaleed Centre for Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World (University of Edinburgh) Kurdish Society Scotland Scottish Friends of Kurdistan Scottish Iraqi Society Friends of Living Stones Charity
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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	Hanzala Malik MSP
Deputy Convener	Jamie McGrigor MSP, Jim Eadie MSP, William Rennie MSP
Secretary	Umbreen Khalid
Treasurer	Cllr Mohammed Razaq

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 secretariat support undertaken on a voluntary basis

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 (at the moment of submission)

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Hanzala Malik MSP
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