

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine

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.)

13th September 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

20th November 2013

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.

9th Jan 2013 – 3 MSP and 36 non-MSP attendance.

Discussed – festival of Politics, Links with Palestinian organisations, invitations to other UK politicians, changes to cross party group rules, trade relations with Israel and BDS campaigns.

13th March 2013 – 3 MSP and 20 non-MSP members present

Discussed - STEPS helping Palestinian students, Film showing for Nakbah day, Possible SKPE links to Gaza, FBU support for Palestinian firefighters, festival of Politics

15th May 2013 – 7 MSP and 74 non-MSP members present

At the meeting a film was shown and a discussion about the film was held via SKYPE with teachers and local activists in Palestine

18th September 2013 - 4 MSP and 29 non-MSP members present

Presentation and discussion – Personality and Foreign Policy, impact of the present situation in Egypt on Gaza.

2nd October 2013 – 5 MSP and 15 non-MSP members present.

The subject of the meeting was a discussion with Yitzhak Frankenthal – Israeli Peace Campaigner and founder of the Parents Circle

6th November 2013 – 6 MSP and 43 non-MSP members present

AGM held

Discussed – subject for future meetings, relationships between UK foreign office and Scottish Government ministers, actions the CPG can take, input to the procurement bill, trade and Israel.

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.

Neil Findlay
Elaine Smith
Sandra White
Drew Smith
Jim Hume
John Finnie
Claudia Beamish
Hugh Henry
Jean Urqhart
Chic Brodie
Christine Grahame

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

Alison Phillips
Allan Gordon
Andy Lythgoe
Angus Robbie

Anil Gupta
Anita Shanley
anna sardesai
anne alden
Anneli Lepp
April Cumming
Bruce Whitehead
C. Rosemary Potter
Carole Morton
Charlie McGraw
Chris Wigglesworth
Christine Dumoncea
Clarence Musgrave
Colin Cooper
Dave Beamish
Denis Rutovitz
Dr Gari Donn
Dr Kamal Alubaid
[Eurig Scandrett](#)
Frank Thomas
Gordon Davie
Hala George
janet powney
Jim Malone
Joseph Lambert
Kate Aspinwall
Kathleen Gibb
khalid javid
Laurent R Vernet
[Liz Elkind](#)
Liz Sim
Lucie Williams
Maggie Tookey
Margaqret Munro
Margaret Mungavin
Margo Hudson
Maureen Jack
Monica Spooner
Pádraig Durnin
Philip Chetwynd
Rebekah Gronowski
Roger Spooner
Runa Mackay
Ruth Forbes

Sally Dick
Susan Moffat
Tony Grahame
Tariq Aslam
theresa mcdermott
Tom McVitie

	wilma malik
Organisations	Fife Arab Society (FAS). MAP Edinburgh Direct Aid United Nations Association, Edinburgh Branch Friend of Nablus and Surrounding Area (FONSA) Palcrafts / Hadeel Women in Black Scottish Palestinian forum Al Khair Foundation, Glasgow Scottish Jews for a Just Peace Friends of Al Aqsa The Antonine Friendship Link Free Gaza-Scotland Dundee Nablus Twinning Association Church of Scotland Scottish Friends of Palestine Christian Peacemaker Teams

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.

Co Conveners	Sandra White MSP, Jim Hume MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Jean Urquhart MSP
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Tony Grahame
Treasurer	Nick Dekker

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.

None

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

£1 annual membership towards activities as agreed by group

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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