

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Poland

**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.)

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**12 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.

#### **Event: CPG on Poland Meeting**

**Date:** 26th June 2013, 6pm

**Attendance:** 2 MSPs, 29 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed :The purpose of the group was discussed and explained in more detail. Group aims to facilitate political, cultural and economic links between Scotland and Poland and between Polish community in Scotland and the indigenous Scottish Community.

Guest speaker N/A

#### **Event: CPG on Poland Meeting**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 2pm

**Attendance:** 2 MSPs, 35 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed : Sub-group activities, organising an information event on the Referendum, Business Links with Poland and Education.

Guest speaker N/A

**Event:** A visit of Senator Andrzej Person / Meeting with MSP's and CPG Group Members

**Date:** 18th July 2013

No information on attendance, topics discussed or Minutes, I was unable to obtain this information from Anne McTaggart's office.

**Event: CPG on Poland Meeting**

**Date:** 11 December , 2013, 5:30

**Attendance:** 1 MSP's, 28 Non-MSP's

Topics discussed: Higher Education Qualifications, a number of initiatives that can promote Polish Scottish Business links, Future of the Polish Ex-Serviceman Club, Polish Cultural Initiatives includin Polish Scottish Heritage Project and Scottish Polish Cultural Association's initiatives and problems with obtaining information from the Electoral Commission.

**Event: CPG on Poland Meeting and Extraordinary AGM**

**Date: Event:** 26 March 2014

Attendance: 2 MSP's, 39 Non- MSP's

Guest speakers: Michael Dembinski – British Polish Chamber of Commerce, John McLaughlin – Polish Fife Education Trust

Topics discussed: Voting Rights for Polish Citizens living in Scotland, Polish Scottish Business links, Bilingualism Matters Campaign, Polish Scottish Heritage Project, Polish Events at the Fringe Festival, Polish Ex-Serviceman Club.

### **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.

Jean Urquhart MSP, Anne McTaggart MSP, John Lamont MSP, Elaine Smith MSP, Richard Simpson MSP, Claire Baker MSP, Drew Smith MSP, Mark Griffin 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	Lewis Ritchie
Organisations	<b>Organisation</b> Polish Cultural Festival Association, Polish Inverness Polish Association, Association for Migrant Integration, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Edinburgh, Scottish Polish Cultural Association, Scottish Family Business Association, Polish Professionals Forum, Emito.net, Polish Family Support Centre, Anderson Strathern Solicitors, Polish Language and Literature, University of Glasgow, Frederic Chopin Polish Centre for Culture and Education in Edinburgh, The European Movement in Scotland, No Boundaries School (Polish Saturday school), Polish Business Chamber in Scotland, Perth Polish Saturday School, FENIKS Counselling, Personal Development and Support Services, Polish Saturday School at Polish Ex-Serviceman Club, Part of Art Gallery, Up Up Ltd, Sikorski Club Glasgow, Scotsbarszcz Magazine, Edinburgh World Heritage, Process Work, Gillespie Macandrew LLP, Polish Hub, Police Scotland, Gazeta Polonijna, Polish Chamber of Commerce, Universal Arts.

## 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	Jean Urquhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Anne McTaggart MSP
Secretary	Joanna Zawadzka / Polish Cultural Festival Association
Treasurer	N/A

### **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

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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