

30/CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Volunteering & the Voluntary Sector
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.)
29.09.2011
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
25.03.15
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]
23.04.14
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
30/03/2015
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.
June 18th 2014 The topic for June's meeting was Glasgow 2014 Volunteering Journey & Volunteering Legacy . The group was joined by Neil Campion General Manager, Volunteer Recruitment Glasgow 2014 who gave a presentation to members about how volunteers were recruited and trained for Glasgow 2014; what those volunteers looked like (i.e. demographic, geographic breakdown) and what the response had

been from the public and media to Glasgow 2014 Volunteers. The group then heard from George Thomson CEO of Volunteer Scotland about the volunteering legacy of the games and the use of the My Volunteer Account system. A group discussion then followed which covered a range of issues including how we manage volunteers expectations as the experience won't always be as high-profile as Glasgow 2014; if this was the right time to look at a refresh of the Volunteering Strategy and if we need a National Indicator for volunteering.

MSP Attendees: 2; Non-MSP members: 22

November 5th 2014

November's meeting looked at **trusteeship and governance ahead of Trustees' Week 2014**. Paula Duncan Engagement Manager of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) gave a presentation to the group highlighting the work OSCR was would be undertaking during Trustees' Week. Paula also spoke about the responsibilities trustees have, recent changes in charity law and the demographics of trustees. Paula was followed by Paul White, Director of Networks at SCVO. Paul highlighted that that 73% of organisations in Scotland have no staff at all therefore the role of trustees is vital but also, reflected on his own experience as a trustee noting the benefits in terms of experience and connections people gain by being a trustee. The group also discussed the need for support and relevant training for trustees and how we can encourage more people from a range of backgrounds to be trustees.

MSP Attendees: 3; Non-MSP members: 16

January 20th 2015

In January the CPG examined the role of the **voluntary sector & volunteers in delivering public services**. The group first heard from Joy Mitchell, Development Worker at [Healthy & Happy](#), a community development trust based in Rutherglen and Yvonne, a volunteer and service user at the service. Joy reflected on the good working relationship Healthy & Happy have with their local NHS Board which helps them to deliver the best quality services for people. Yvonne, reflected on the role of peer-peer support for helping people self-manage their medical conditions. This presentation was followed by a contribution from John MacDonald of the Community Transport Association highlighting the role CTA has in filling a gap when there is no public transport available or providing special vehicles for disabled users. However, John highlighted that these services are becoming increasingly difficult to deliver as volunteers are hard to find due to constraints of the D1 license. Building on this the group had further discussion about the role of the sector and volunteers in health and social care integration and how public bodies can be very prescriptive about volunteering opportunities.

MSP Attendees: 3; Non-MSP members: 24

March 25th 2015

This meeting incorporate the AGM. Margaret McDougall MSP and Joan McAlpine MSP were re-elected to their respective positions of Convener and Co-Convener.

SCVO and Volunteer Scotland were jointly elected to the secretariat. The topic for this meeting was **public sector funding**. Gordon Smail from Audit Scotland gave this discussion context with a short presentation on Audit Scotland's latest report on Local Government and the state of local government finance noting their desire for more medium-long term financial planning from local authorities. Kate Wane from SCVO followed this with a short presentation on SCVO's latest research into public sector funding, noting that that had decreased by 10% over the last 4 years, but also highlighting the differing nature of funding sources between small and large organisations and how public funding has changed from grant to contracts. The group discussion then considered three year funding cycles, the need for funders to work more closely with one another to better support the sector and the value of funding preventative services in terms of saving money further down the line.

MSP Attendees: 3; Non-MSP members: 19

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Margaret McDougall MSP (LAB)
 Alex Fergusson MSP (CON)
 Claudia Beamish MSP (LAB)
 Hugh Henry MSP (LAB)
 Jackie Baillie MSP (LAB)
 Jenny Marra MSP (LAB)
 John Mason MSP (SNP)
 Joan McAlpine MSP (SNP)
 Sarah Boyack MSP (LAB)

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	David Karikas
Organisations	Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations Age Scotland Ayrshire Childrens Services Beat Befriending Networks

	Big Lottery Fund
	Borders Third Sector Partnership (Volunteer Centre Borders)
	Breast Cancer Care Scotland
	British Heart Foundation
	Butterfly Trust
	Carnegie UK Trust
	Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland
	Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS)
	Citizen's Advice Scotland
	Citizens Advice Edinburgh
	City of Edinburgh Council
	CRER Participant Scottish Parliament
	CSV
	CVS Falkirk
	Diabetes UK Scotland
	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council
	Enable Scotland
	Equal Scotland
	Exchange Scotland
	Fresh Start
	Friends of the Pentlands
	Glasgow Life
	Guide Dogs
	Guide Dogs (East of Scotland)
	Guide Dogs (West of Scotland)
	Home-Start UK
	Lead Scotland
	Life Changes Trust
	NHS Borders
	NHS Health Scotland
	NSPCC
	Open Secret
	Paths For All
	Planning Aid for Scotland
	Play Busters

	ProjectScotland Quarriers Roshni Samaritans Scotland manager at institute of fundraising Scottish Health Council Scottish Sports Association (SSA) Scottish Youth Parliament SCVO Sense Scotland Shelter Scotland Skin Conditions Campaign Scotland SSAFA St Andrew's First Aid The Mungo Foundation Turning Point Scotland Voluntary Action Fund Voluntary Action Scotland Voluntary Action South Ayrshire Volunteer Centre Edinburgh Volunteer Scotland Waverleycare Youth Link Scotland
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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	Margaret McDougall MSP
Deputy Convener	Joan McAlpine MSP
Secretary	SCVO & Volunteer Scotland

Treasurer	N/A
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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.

Volunteer Scotland & SCVO provide the secretariat and cover the costs of catering for the CPG. The estimated costs of this contribution are as follows:

Catering - £30 x 4 meetings a year = £120

Secretariat duties are estimated to cost:

- SCVO £1295 – (10 working days per year @ 129.50 per day)
- Volunteer Scotland £1230 - (10 working days per year @ £123.00 per day)

This includes: attending CPG meetings; regular meetings with Convener and Co-Convener; joint secretariat meetings to determine agenda items and forward work programme of the CPG; arranging speakers for meetings and various administrative duties (for example, responding to requests for CPG membership; minute taking and completion of Annual Return)

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).

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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