

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People

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.)

16/05/2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

27/05/2013

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.

Cross Party Group on Children and Young People 2012/13

Thursday 6th September 2012

4 MSPS, 51 non-MSPS in attendance – chair Marco Biagi MSP

This meeting looked at the proposed **Children and Young People Bill**. It took place a few weeks before the Scottish Government's consultation on the proposed Bill closed. SCCYP gave an overview of the Rights aspect of the Bill, in particular, the proposed extension of the SCCYP duties. There was then a roundtable discussion on the Bill and issues raised. The minute of this meeting was submitted as a formal response to the consultation.

Thursday 4th October 2012

2 MSPS, 50 non-MSPS in attendance – chair Kezia Dugdale MSP

The topic was **‘how do we define success for young people in Scotland?’** as ensuring young people are not left behind or defined solely by academic success and grades is an important issue for the group. Joe Connelly of the Venture Trust talked about their work in improving confidence and communication and increasing emotional and physical ability. Tony Scally, Action for Children explained their work with vulnerable young people and measures of success. Susan Miller, Prince’s trust explained their work and introduced one of the Trusts Young Ambassadors Nikki-Lee Snodgrass who explained how their programme had been a life-changing experience which gave her work experience and confidence. Success for her was overcoming barriers to get to where she is today. There was then a roundtable discussion and question and answer session on the issues raised.

Thursday 8th November 2012

2 MSPS, 44 non-MSPS in attendance – Chair Alison Johnstone MSP

Coinciding with the Scottish Youth Work Week Conference which promoted the value of engaged and participating young people, this session of the CPG looked at what can be done to encourage wider support for the view of **young people as community assets**. Gregor Urquhart from Young Scot provided background to the Truth About Youth project which challenged the negative perception of young people. Samantha McInnes and Jack Green talked about their experiences of being involved with the project. Alan Bell from YouthBank Scotland talked about the 19 YouthBanks in Scotland which are youth led. Liam Tait talked about his role on the board of YouthBank. Ashley Ryan, Inspire Me Coordinator with Enable Scotland provided background on this 3 year project which is aiming to reach 20,000 young people with learning disabilities and improve their skills, confidence and employability. There was then group discussion, and in AOB there was a short mention of the Scottish Government’s publication of a draft Tobacco Control Strategy for limited consultation. A letter was sent to the Scottish Government requesting that a Child Rights Impact Assessment take place on the strategy. A letter was also sent to Ministers on opportunities to improve community planning for young people through the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill and the Children and Young People Bill.

Thursday 31st January 2013

5 MSPs, 56 non-MSPS in attendance – Chair Kezia Dugdale MSP

The theme of this meeting was **cyberbullying**. Brian Donnelly, Director of respectme talked about definitions of bullying and bullying behaviour and the importance of understanding the internet as a ‘place’ young people go rather than a ‘thing’. Catriona Laing, e-schools safety officer, Perth and Kinross Council presented the work she has been doing on the ‘cyber mentors’ scheme. Susan Robb, Youth Participation Officer, Scottish Borders Council presented the work she had conducted around the Youth Commission on Bullying in 2011 when young people made recommendations to Scottish Borders Council re anti bullying. Recommendations applied to pre-school, primary, secondary and training colleges.

Alison Wales, Childline Scotland, presented information on counselling interactions at ChildLine across the UK regarding Cyberbullying. Liz Ely, Zero Tolerance, highlighted the gendered aspect of cyberbullying, in particular the practice of 'sexting'. Kim highlighted that YWCA have been working closely with Zero Tolerance on issues related to sexual harassment via digital technology. Vikki Nash – Director of OFCOM noted their recent piece of research around media literacy and report on media use and understanding amongst parents and children. There was then a group discussion of issues raised. Kezia asked the group to submit any issues for her meeting with the Minister for Learning on this issue.

Thursday 14th March 2013

2 MSPs, 38 non-MSPS in attendance – Chair Alison Johnstone MSP

An invitation was extended to members of the CPG Sport to join this meeting on **access to sport for young women and girls**. Tracy Griffen, Personal Trainer and Author, talked about her passion for this issue and the importance of girls getting into exercise from a young age. Fiona Muir, Youth Scotland, spoke about the Girls on the Move programme which aims to increase the physical activity level of girls across Scotland. Heather Lowden from Scottish Disability Sport, talked about the particular challenges for those with a disability – the importance of partnership working and good role models. There was roundtable discussion of the issues raised and it was agreed Alison would write on behalf of the group to the Minister for Sport picking up on the issues raised, in particular the cost of premises to hire, having Sport Scotland as a statutory consultee on new build schools, and the fact that 25% of our primary school leavers are unable to swim.

Thursday 16th May 2013

3 MSPS, 55 non-MSPS in attendance – Chair Marco Biagi MSP

The topic of the final meeting of the 2012/13 session was **welfare reform**. Michael McMahon MSP, Convener of the Welfare Reform Committee spoke about the Committees current and future work plans and urged stakeholders to be in touch with them. Lynn Williams, SCVO talked about the findings of their recent mapping report on the impact of welfare reform on the third sector, and Jim McCormick from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, highlighted the particular future impact of reform measures on child poverty. Paula McLeay from COSLA spoke about the impact of reform on Scotland's Local Authorities as they will have to deal with the effects of, for example operational changes, increased demand for services and the effects of sanctions. There was then a roundtable discussion on the issues raised and the group agreed that the particular issue of housing, and the importance of cross-cutting reviews of impact were issues the chair should write to the Scottish Government about.

The group held its AGM – confirming office bearers and secretariat for the next 12 months.

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.

Kezia Dugdale MSP
Marco Biagi MSP
Alison Johnstone MSP
Fiona McLeod MSP
Kenneth Gibson MSP
Drew Smith MSP
Anne McTaggart MSP
Roderick Campbell MSP
Murdo Fraser MSP
Alison McInnes MSP
Jackie Baillie MSP
Malcolm Chisholm MSP
Jamie Hepburn MSP
Ken Macintosh MSP
Joan McAlpine 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

Bill Cook
Rozanne Chorlton
Jackie Doig
Orla Duncan
Gwyneth Bruce
Katy Macfarlane
Kirsteen MacKay
Louise Marryat
Felicity Mehendale
Martine Miller
Sue Milne
Vicky McGraw
Gerry Croall
Robin Gibson
Margot Gillon
Tracy Griffen
Fiona Henderson
Clare Lally
Kenny Lindsay
John McKinney
John Nelson
Mandy Powell
Neil Seaton

	<p>Carolyn Wilson Kit Wyeth</p>
Organisations	<p> Aberlour Action Duchenne Action for Children's Arts Action for Children Action for Sick Children (Scotland) Afacic Scotland Alcohol Focus Scotland The ALLIANCE Article 12 in Scotland Association of Principal Educational Psychologists ATL Scotland Barnardo's BBC Children in Need Big Lottery Fund BMA Scotland British Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland Caledonia Consulting Capability Scotland Carer's Trust CCPS Centre for Excellence for Looked after Children in Scotland (CELCIS) Central Scotland Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh Changing Faces Scotland CHAS Child and Adolescent Health Research Unit, University of St Andrew's Child Poverty Action Group CHILDREN 1st Children in Scotland Children's Parliament Church of Scotland Education Committee Circle CI@n Childlaw CLIC Sargent College of Occupational Therapists Columba 1400 Common Thread COSCA Crossroads Youth and Community Association Diabetes UK Duke of Edinburgh's Award Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council ENABLE Scotland Engender </p>

Enquire
Families Need Fathers Scotland
Families Outside
Family Fund
Fife Council
Fife Gingerbread
Firsthand
Four Square
GYP Borders
Highland Children's Forum
Home Link Family Support
I Can
Includem
ITC
Keys to Inclusion
Kibble
Kids VIP
Legal Services Agency
LGBT Youth Scotland
Living Streets
Mindroom
National Deaf Children's Society
Newsdirect
NHS Health Scotland
NSPCC Centre for UK-wide Learning in Child Protection, The
University of Edinburgh
NSPCC Scotland
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
One Parent Families Scotland
Open Secret
PAMIS
Parenting across Scotland
Partners in Advocacy
Personalised Education Now
Play Scotland
Quarriers
Rathbone
Relationships Scotland
RNIB Scotland
RoSPA
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Save the Children
Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
Scotcen Social Research
Scottish Child Law Centre
Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust
Scottish Childminding Association
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
Scottish Children's Services Coalition

	Scottish Council of Independent Schools Scottish Division of Educational Psychologists Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Scottish Marriage Care Scottish Parent Teacher Council Scottish Pre-School Play Association Scottish Sports Association Scottish Youth Parliament Sense Scotland Smart Play Network Sound Lab Spark of Genius Strathcarron Hospice STUC TACT (The Adolescent and Children’s Trust) Tartan Silk The Barn Youth Centre The Fostering Network The National Autistic Society The Notre Dame Centre The Place 2Be The Prince’s Trust The Princess Royal Trust for Carers in Scotland, part of Carers Trust The Salvation Army The Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance Together Unicef West Lothian Youth Action Project Working on Wheels Young Scot Your Voice Youth Scotland Youthlink Scotland Youthbus YWCA Scotland Zero Tolerance
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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.

Co- Convener	Kezia Dugdale MSP and Marco Biagi MSP
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Deputy Convener	Alison Johnstone MSP
Secretary	Sara Collier, Children in Scotland and Sarah Paterson, Youthlink Scotland
Treasurer	

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.

Date	Amount	Description
2012-13	Approx £2000 per year	Children in Scotland - time spent on CPG activities - includes employer NI and Pension contribution costs as well as gross salary.
	Approx £1200 per year	Youthlink time spent on CPG Activities.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Suggested contribution of £30 per organisation in 2012/13 to pay for lunch costs

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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