

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament*.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

24/05/2012

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

06/08/2012

4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).

Cross Party Group on Children and Young People 2011/12

Wednesday 22nd June 2011

3 MSPs, 37 non-MSPS in attendance

The group was re-convened following the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections. Marco Biagi MSP and Kezia Dugdale MSP were selected as co-conveners of the group. Grant Costello MSYP was selected as a Vice-Convener. Alison Johnstone MSP later confirmed she would like to also be a Vice-Convener. The group discussed the topics they might wish to cover that year – welfare reform, mental health, early years, rights. The group discussed how meetings would operate, with action points being agreed at each meeting.

Thursday 29th September 2011

4 MSPs, 47 non-MSPS in attendance

This meeting looked at issues of welfare reform. Robert McGeachy, Action for Children Scotland gave an update on progress at Westminster. Marion Davis, One Parent Families Scotland highlighted concern around the requirement for lone parents with a child over 5 to seek employment and the reforms in child maintenance. Marion MacLeod, Children in Scotland talked about issues of childcare costs and availability. Kate Higgins, CHILDREN 1st spoke of their concern that the impact of the reforms would put huge pressure on local authorities and service providers for areas that already cause big problems for families. John Dickie, Child Poverty Action Group asked how the devolution of council tax benefits to the Scottish Government would function, and how the abolishment of community care grants and crisis loans would be managed in Scotland in terms of the impact on children and

families.

There was discussion of the issues raised, the forthcoming LCM and the impact of the bill on devolved services.

Thursday 27 October 2011

3 MSPs, 52 non-MSPS in attendance

Theme of the meeting was **Rights of Children and Young People**. There was an update on welfare reform issues from the last meeting.

The meeting focused on the recent consultation on a Rights of Children and Young People Bill. Juliet Harris (Together) set the context for the Bill and talked about the UNCRC. Fiona Jones from cl@n childlaw focused on Proposal 1 in the Bill, the duty on Scottish Ministers to have 'due regard' for the UNCRC when exercising their functions. Maire McCormack, SCCYP, explained that the Scottish legislation has been in part based on the Welsh Measure, which strengthened as it passed through the Welsh Assembly. There was then further discussion on the issues raised.

Thursday 1st December 2011

5 MSPs, 71 non-MSPs in attendance

Joint meeting with CPG Mental Health on the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy. Minister for Public Health, Michael Matheson, talked about the new strategy and mental health policy. Matt Forde, NSPCC Scotland talked about infant mental health. Karen Martin, Princess Royal Trust for Carers presented on young carers. Salena Begley, for Scotland's Disabled Children/Family Fund talked about the mental health needs of disabled children and young people. Dr Fiona Forbes, Consultant Psychiatrist, gave her thoughts on mental health services for Children and young people. There was a wider discussion, and questions and answers.

Thursday 2nd February 2012

4 MSPs, 49 non-MSPs in attendance

The topic of the meeting was youth employment, following the appointment of a dedicated Minister on this issue. Angela Constance gave a short input on the Government's priorities. Tom McDade, Barnardo's explained the work they do with young people supporting them to find training and employment. Paul Carberry, Action for Children Scotland gave an overview of their work, and Kirsty McFarlane, a Youthbuild trainee talked about her involvement. Paula Raymond, Quarriers, outlined their work exchange programme in the Netherlands, and Mick Ford talked about his experiences. Finlay Laverty, Prince's Trust Scotland talked about their approach. There was further discussion and an update on welfare reform issues.

Thursday 1st March 2012

6 MSPs and 62 non-MSPs in attendance

Joint meeting with the Cross Party Group Drugs and Alcohol.

The group watched a Children's Parliament film on the societal effects of drugs and alcohol in their area. Dr Mary Hepburn talked about the Glasgow Special Needs in Pregnancy Service which works with mothers with addiction problems in Glasgow. Dr Louise Hill presented some of her research findings around children and young people affected by drug and alcohol abuse. Two Princes Trust Young Ambassadors talked about their own experiences of growing up within a family experiencing drug and alcohol abuse. There was wider group discussion and it was agreed Kezia Dugdale would write to the Scottish Government about family drug and alcohol use in terms of Curriculum for Excellence.

Thursday 24th May 2012

6 MSPs and 46 non-MSPs in attendance

Meeting topic was health, well-being and the curriculum. Alastair Seaman, Grounds for Learning talked about the importance of outdoor play and play space design and content. Juliet Robertson, Creative Star Learning, talked about the positive effects of outdoor play. Paul Bradshaw from Scotcen, presented the most recent findings from the Growing up in Scotland study on travel to school, school lunches, obesity and physical activity. There was wider discussion of these issues and it was decided Alison Johnstone would write to the Government about wet breaks and about school building and outdoor space design.

5. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Kezia Dugdale MSP	Bill Cook
Marco Biagi MSP	Rozanne Chorlton
Alison Johnstone MSP	Jackie Doig
Murdo Fraser MSP	Orla Duncan
Alison McInnes MSP	Mairi Ferris
Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Maurice Frank
Ken Macintosh MSP	Katy Macfarlane
Roderick Campbell MSP	Kirsteen MacKay
Jackie Baillie MSP	Louise Marryat
Anne McTaggart MSP	Felicity Mehendale
Drew Smith MSP	Martine Miller
Fiona McLeod MSP	Sue Milne
Joan McAlpine MSP	Vicky McGraw
	Organisations

A4e Scotland Ltd
Aberlour
Action Duchenne
Action for Children's Arts
Action for Children
Action for Sick Children (Scotland)
Afasic Scotland
Alcohol Focus
Article 12 in Scotland
Association of Principal Educational Psychologists
ATL Scotland
Barnardo's
Big Lottery Fund
BMA Scotland
British Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology in Scotland
British Red Cross
Capability Scotland
Carer's Trust
CCPS
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 Need
Children in Scotland
Children's Parliament
Church of Scotland
Circle
Crossroads Youth and Community Association
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Dundee City Council -Leisure and Communities
Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council
Enable
Engender
Enquire
Families Need Fathers Scotland
Families Outside
Family Fund
Fife Gingerbread
Firsthand
Foursquare
For Scotland's Disabled Children
Highland Children's Forum
Holyrood
Home Link Family Support
I Can
Includem
Keys to inclusion
Kibble
Kids VIP
LGBT Youth Scotland

Living Streets

LTCAS

Mindroom

National Deaf Children's Society

Newsdirect

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

Play Scotland

Quarriers

Rathbone

Relationships Scotland

RNIB

RoSPA

Royal College of Speech and Language
Therapists

Save the Children

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and
Young People

Scotcen

Scottish Art Therapies Forum

Scottish Child Law Centre

Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust

Scottish Childminding Association

Scottish Children's Reporter
Administration

Scottish Council of Independent Schools

Scottish Division of Educational
Psychologists

Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance

Scottish Marriage Care

Scottish Parent Teacher Council

Scottish Peer Education Network

Scottish Pre-School Play Association

Scottish Sports Association

Scottish Youth Parliament

Sense Scotland

Sound Lab

Spark of Genius

Strathcarron Hospice

STUC

TACT

Tartan Silk

The Fostering Network

The National Autistic Society

The Notre Dame Centre

The Place 2Be

The Prince's Trust

The Salvation Army

Together

Unicef

West Lothian Youth Action Project

Working on Wheels

YMCA Scotland

Young Scot

	Your Voice Youthlink Scotland Ypeople
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6. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Co - Conveners	Kezia Dugdale MSP and Marco Biagi MSP
Vice-Convener	Alison Johnstone MSP
Joint Secretariat	Sara Collier, Children in Scotland and Barbara Schuler, Youthlink Scotland

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
		N/A

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	£25 in 2011/12, £30 in 2012/13
Date subscription applied	Parliamentary year September - September

9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	N/A
Title of post	
Name and address of employer organisation	
Type of employer organisation	

10. GROUP CONTACT *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.

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Constituency Office telephone number	As above