

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date 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.)
7 October 2009
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
24 April 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.
14 December 2011 – discussed Scottish Government Next Generation Access procurements, Consumer Focus report on Digital Needs, Scotland’s eHealth programme and Scottish Libraries and Information Council presented on the role of libraries in digital participation. Attendance: members 23, MSPs 2 30 May 2012 – discussed digital journey research from the Communications Consumer Panel, Glasgow Housing Association presented on their pilot project to get their tenants online and The Wise Group presented on digital skills and participation and employability. Attendance: members 26, MSPs 1 25 September 2012 – The UK Mobile Operators Association presented on mobile coverage, Dr Drew Inglis presented his report into rural mobile not spots in a healthcare context and Ofcom presented on the upcoming 4G spectrum auction. Attendance: members 28, MSPs 4 23 January 2013 – Prof. Michael Fourman of the Royal Society of Edinburgh updated on their Digital Scotland work and upcoming further work on digital participation, John Hunter presented his new solution to bring simple, affordable broadband to the home and Dr Mike Neilson of the Scottish Government, Digital Directorate presented on next generation access and the Scottish Government’s Digital Strategy. Attendance: members 42, MSPs 1

23 April 2013 – AGM plus Joe Wilson from Scottish Qualifications Agency presented on skills and learning for digital participation and Douglas White of the Carnegie UK Trust launched their report entitled **Across the Divide**

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.

Willie Coffey
Liam McArthur
Rhoda Grant
Patrick Harvie
Elaine Murray
Murdo Fraser
Fiona McLeod
Dave Thompson
Malcolm Chisholm

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

Adrienne Chalmers
Mike Shaw
Brian Kerr
Marie Dougan
Christine Irving
John Crawford
Alison Barratt
Simon Medcalf
Jeremy Mitchell

Organisations

Advisory Committee for Scotland
Angus Council
Angus Glens

	BBC Scotland
	Boys Brigade
	BT Scotland
	CA Family
	Capability Scotland
	Castle Douglas Community IT Centre
	Carnegie UK Trust
	Citizens Advice Scotland
	Communications Consumer Panel
	Consumer Focus
	Co-operative Development Scotland
	Creative Scotland
	Dumfries and Galloway Council
	Digital Fife
	Edinburgh Libraries
	E-Skills Scotland
	Experian
	Falkirk Council
	Farrpoint
	FSFE
	General Teaching Council
	Glasgow City Council
	Greenock Library
	Hansard Society
	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
	Indez.com
	Institute of Local Television
	Inverness Chamber of Commerce
	IRISS
	Literacy Advisor
	Liz Leonard Media

	Margaret Blackwood Housing
	Microsoft
	NESTA
	National Library of Scotland
	MHPC
	MMM PR
	Ofcom
	Open University
	Phoneability
	Prescience Communications
	Quarriers. Royal Society of Edinburgh
	SLP
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Government
	Scottish Youth Parliament
	SCDI
	Stanza
	Steepest Ascent
	SQA
	SIAA
	STUC
	The Samaritans
	Tayscreen
	The Wise Group
	UK Competitive Telecoms Association
	University of the Highlands and Islands
	University of Aberdeen
	University of Abertay
	University of Dundee
	University of Glasgow
	Workers Education Association

	West Whitlawburn Housing Co-op Digital IP DPAG Hoyrood Wireless Infrastructure Group
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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	Willie Coffey
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur
Secretary	Claire Mack
Treasurer	Vicki Nash

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.

Material support of hospitality and Secretariat from Claire Mack at an estimated value of £800 which covers time spent of approx. 4 working days per year during the employment of Ofcom.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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