

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

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.)

23/5/12

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

27/6/13

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.

Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2012

Attendance: James Kelly MSP, George Adam MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP, Fiona McLeod MSP, Patricia Ferguson MSP, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Ian Miller (Scot Mid), Andy Mount (Livingston Fairtrade Group), Jim Sloan (Camglen Fairtrade Group), Victoria Ferguson (St Andrews High School), Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh), Carlyn Miller (Camglen Fairtrade Group), Thomas Trimaille (SFTF) John Riches (Just Trading Scotland, Fiona Trafton (Office of Sarah Boyack MSP), Liz Armstrong (Co-operative Membership)

Wednesday 6 February 2013

MSPs:

James Kelly MSP

George Adam MSP

Claudia Beamish MSP
Neil Bibby MSP
Sarah Boyack MSP
Fiona McLeod MSP

External Organisations/Individuals:

Heather Baird (Equal Exchange)
Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh)
Shirley Brown (Traidcraft)
Liz Cooper (University of Edinburgh)
Max Crema (University of Edinburgh Student Association)
Trish Edington (Scotmid)
Rachel Farey (One World Shop)
Jane Forster (Balerno Fair Trade Group)
Senga Gall (Equal Exchange)
Hisashi Kuboyama (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
Martin Meteyard (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
Carol Morton (Hadeel)
Andy Mount (Livingston Fair Trade Forum)
Deirdre Muldowney (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Martin Rhodes provided updated information on Scotland's bid to become a Fair Trade Nation.

A presentation was given by Heather Baird and Senga Gall of Equal Exchange on 'Mainstreaming of Fairtrade: how does it feel from a 100% Fair Trade company perspective'. The presentation pointed out problems caused by mainstreaming of Fair Trade and its changing standards. It warned that these problems are undermining the values of Fair Trade.

Wednesday 6 March 2013

MSPs:

George Adam MSP
James Kelly MSP
Claudia Beamish MSP
Sarah Boyack MSP
Patricia Ferguson MSP
John Mason MSP

External Organisations/Individuals:

Kate Blanshard
Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh)
Gerard Hastings
Henry Kalomba (Guest speaker)
Gerard Keegan
Ian Miller (Scotmid)
Carol Morton (Hadeel)
Andy Mount (Livingston Fair Trade Group)
Howard Msukwa (Guest speaker)

John Riches (Just Trading Scotland)
 James Sloan (Camglen Fair Trade Group)
 David Somerville (University of Edinburgh)
 Sarah Aldred (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
 Martin Meteyard (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
 Robin Stewart (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
 Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
 Deirdre Muldowney (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
 Hisashi Kuboyama (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Martin Rhodes reported on Scotland's achievement of Fair Trade Nation status. He praised the nationwide effort towards the achievement and a high level of public awareness of Fair Trade in Scotland; went on to consider how to take this achievement forward nationally; and also mentioned a national celebration event planned in September 2013.

Guest speakers Henry Kalomba and Howard Msukwa each gave a speech. Both congratulated Scotland's achievement and praised the hard work of the Government and support of communities across the country.

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.

George Adam
 James Kelly
 Alison Johnstone
 Alison McInnes
 Claudia Beamish
 Drew Smith
 Linda Fabiani
 Marco Biagi
 Murdo Fraser
 Patricia Ferguson
 Sarah Boyack

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	Keiran Turner
Organisations	Camglen Fairtrade Group Scotmid Scottish Fair Trade Forum

	BMA Scotland Scottish Co-operative Co-Operative Educational Trust Scotland Co-operative Membership Livingstone Fair Trade 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	George Adam / James Kelly
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Martin Rhodes
Treasurer	None

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.

None

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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