

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT CROSS PARTY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS &amp; AGM</b></p>
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**10<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
5.30pm for the AGM  
6pm for the Main Meeting  
7.30 Close**

**‘The Contribution of Human Rights to a Vision for Scotland’s Future’**

**Meeting Note**

**(Attending – PTO)**

**1. Welcome**

Mr Finnie welcomed the membership.

**2. Apologies**

Noted from JHepburn MSP, KDugdale MSP, STaylor, JTrolland, SWilliams & E Page,

**3. Retention/ Removal Offices**

The meeting determined to retain the current offices.

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations were sought and the incumbent office bearers were re-elected by the group.

**5. Accounts**

The accounts were circulated and agreed. The balance as at 31.08.13 was £363. The largest donation was of £50, from Glasgow University.

**6. Annual Return**

The annual return was circulated and agreed.

**7. Dates/ Times of Future Meetings**

The AGM agreed with the current frequency of approximately 5 meetings per annum and requested that where possible a day time meeting be scheduled to allow greater access to the meeting for those who travelled long distances.

The meeting conclude at 5.50 pm and the group adjourned for a short break prior to reconvening on the topic of ‘the Contribution of Human Rights to a Vision for Scotland’s Future.’

8. **Roseanna Cunningham MSP**, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Human Rights) described the Scottish Governments commitment to human rights in everyday life, on the international stage and in terms of current and potential constitutional protections.
9. **Kate Ramsden, Children's Rights Officer** presented views on the passage of the Children and Young People's Bill and give an insight into Children's Rights in Practice.
10. **Jim Pearson, Alzheimer Scotland** presented a human rights based approach to dementia care. This work illustrated the positive impact of a human rights based approach in care planning and everyday life.
11. **Emma Hutton, the Equality and Diversity Forum** described that the importance of human rights in people's everyday lives is not well understood, with limited understanding of how human rights act as a safety net to benefit and protect us all. Raising awareness of this is an important step in enabling rights-holders to exercise their rights and duty-bearers to realize their responsibilities.
12. There was a wide ranging discussion following from these presentations
13. **Donm**  
10<sup>th</sup> December – Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights will be launched on this date, International Human Rights Day. The CPG on Human Rights will invite MSP's and external individuals and organisations to attend an event chaired by Professor Allan Miller, Chair of SHRC to reflect on the plan and its impact on human rights in Scotland.

## Attendance

Alison Johnstone	MSP
Alisn McInnes	MSP
Andrew Bevan	International Justice Mission
Andrew Muir	Psychiatric Rights Scotland
Anna Chrystal	Families at Risk Project
	Campaign for Freedom of Information in
Carole Ewart	Scotland
Claire Hutchins	Article 12
Clare Simpson	Parenting Across Scotland
Duncan Dunlop	Who Cares? Scotland
Duncan Isles	SGov
Duncan Wilson	SHRC
Emma Gray	Public Service Ombudsman
Emma Grindulis	Article 12
Emma Hutton	UK Equality and Diversity Forum
Fiona Buchanan	Church of Scotland
Fiona Sinclair	Autism Rights
Gilly Hainsworth	Relationships Scotland
Hannah Lister	Age Scotland
Hunter Watson	Psychiatric Rights Scotland
Jennifer Ang	Legal Services Agency
Jenn Glinsk	Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
Jim Pearson	Alzheimer Scotland
John Finnie	MSP
John Welford	NOZID
Judith Kercher	Article 12
Juliet Harris	Together
Junazd Ashraf	SYP
Kay Tisdall	CRFR University of Edinburgh
Kate Ramsden	Children's Rights Officer (LA)
Kurt Mills	University of Glasgow
Laura Paton	HMICS
Lewis McNaughton	Local Govt
Marco Biagi MSP	MSP
Mark Bevan	Secretariat, Amnesty International
Natalie Bell	Quarriers
	Scotland's Commissioner for Children and
Nico Juetten	Young People
Pat Elsmie	Scottish Migrant Rights
Patrick Harvie	MSP
Pauline Kelly	Secretariat Amnesty International
Rob Gowans	SYP
Roseanna	
Cunningham	MSP
Roderick Campbell	MSP

Amnesty International, Secretariat to the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Human Rights

Ruth Kerracher	Article 12
Sandra White MSP	Convenor CPG, Older People Age and aging
Sean McCollum	SDF
Seonaid Stevenson	ROSNI
Simon Webster	Your Voice
Susan Gray	OSIC
Shaben Begum	Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
Shirley Young	Changing Face
Stephen Dehn	John Finnie Office
Vicky McGraw	Education Officer (QI)
Virginia Radcliffe	Licketyspit Early Years Theatre Co