

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
DATE GROUP APPROVED
24 April 2012
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
08 March 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.
22 February 2012: Inaugural meeting of the new group. A presentation by Professor Lesley Yellowlees, President-Elect of the Royal Society of Chemistry, took place on the contribution of science to addressing the major challenges faced by policy makers such: as food and water security; energy and climate change. Attendance 24 including 5 MSPs. 13 September 2012: Joint meeting with the Colleges and Universities CPG. Attendance 35 including 4 MSPs. This event received presentations from speakers on the topic of growing the SME sector in the field of science and technology. 6 February 2013 and AGM: A presentation was received from the Chief Executive of the Science and Technology Facilities Council on the international work of the STFC, including the contribution to the Large Hadron Collider. This formed part of the week long exhibition at the Scottish Parliament of the LHC, which was attended by a large number of school students and members of the science community. Professor Peter Higgs, the renowned physicist participated in the main public event. Attendance at the CPG was 25 including 4 MSPs.
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.
Elaine Murray; Claire Adamson; Nigel Don; Iain Gray; Patrick Harvie; Liam McArthur;

Nanette Milne; Drew Smith.

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.

Organisations	Royal Society of Edinburgh; Royal Society of Chemistry; Institute of Physics; Society of Biology; Universities Scotland; Scottish Resource Centre for Women in STEM; Association for Science Education; University of Edinburgh; SSERC; Selex Galileo; University of Glasgow; Cogent
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Individuals	Fiona Selkirk; Professor William Banks.
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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	Dr Elaine Murray
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Deputy Convener	Claire Adamson; Iain Gray
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Secretary	Bristow Muldoon
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Treasurer	None
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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.

Secretarial support and catering costs were provided by the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Society of Chemistry that cumulatively would amount to between £500 and £1000. Both organisations are charities and non-politically

aligned. The first two events were supported by the RSE and RSC in catering and organisational terms. The Institute of Physics also provided catering support for one meeting (on 6 Feb 2013) that was under £500.

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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