

**4th meeting of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament**

***Scotland's national policy forum for social enterprise  
#SocEntCPG***

**Wednesday 25 September 2019, 12:00 - 13:45**

**Please note change of venue to: Holyrood Macdonald Hotel, Salisbury Suite 2, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8AU.**

Tom Arthur MSP, Scottish National Party (SNP), Convener  
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservatives and Andy Wightman MSP, Scottish Greens, Joint Vice Conveners

Secretariat provided by Duncan Thorp, Social Enterprise Scotland

***Social Enterprise Census 2019 - What do the results mean to you?***

This 4th meeting of the CPG will provide you with an opportunity to share your views about the newly released [Social Enterprise Census 2019](#) results.

View the summary and full results of Social Enterprise Census 2019 before the meeting - go to [www.socialenterprisecensus.org.uk](http://www.socialenterprisecensus.org.uk) and scroll down the page to view the 2019 results, as well as previous reports.

What do you think about the latest figures? What do they mean for our social enterprise community? What do they mean for your business? How can we use and promote the new figures to help social enterprise development?

We'll be joined on the day by Aileen Campbell MSP, The Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary responsible for social enterprise.

You can share your views about the Census and the CPG on Twitter now using: #SocEntCPG and #SocEntCensus19

**Agenda**

12:00 Arrival at Holyrood Macdonald Hotel.

12:15 Introduction by CPG Convener, Tom Arthur MSP.

12:20 The Scottish Government perspective: Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, The Scottish Government.

12:35 Questions and discussion with attendees - share your views about Census 2019. What do the results mean to you?

13:35 Any other business and general questions about the CPG.

13:45 Meeting ends.

If you need further information or have questions please email:

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*Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) provide an opportunity for members of all political parties, outside organisations and members of the public to meet and discuss a shared interest in a particular cause or subject. The Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament is Scotland's social enterprise policy forum. You can see details of the group, MSP involvement and the external member list etc. on The Scottish Parliament website [here](#).*

### **Purpose of the group**

- To give Scottish social entrepreneurs a strong, united voice and help them influence policy-making
- To pro-actively raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise among MSPs and the public
- To help drive forward the growth and success of the social enterprise economy in every community
- To increase the role of social enterprises in designing and delivering public services
- To open up private sector business opportunities to social enterprises
- To tell the inspiring stories about the human and environmental impact of social enterprises

### **Background to the Social Enterprise CPG**

Social Enterprise Scotland was the founder of and secretariat to the previous CPG on Social Enterprise that ran in Parliamentary Session 4.

The CPG had a high level of engagement and turnout. It discussed issues of importance to MSPs, our society and economy, including: public service reform, local

government and social enterprise, public sector procurement, the Commonwealth Games and more.

Information and minutes of previous CPG at: [parliament.scot/msps/97764.aspx](http://parliament.scot/msps/97764.aspx)

Social Enterprise Scotland has now re-established the CPG due to popular demand within the social enterprise community.

The relaunched CPG has been approved by The Scottish Parliament, with the support of MSPs, information on The Scottish Parliament website:

[parliament.scot/msps/social-enterprise.aspx](http://parliament.scot/msps/social-enterprise.aspx)

Tom Arthur MSP of the SNP has been elected as Convener by founder MSPs, with Rachael Hamilton of the Scottish Conservatives and Andy Wightman of the Scottish Greens as Vice Conveners. Dean Lockhart MSP and Alex-Cole Hamilton MSP have also given their support to the CPG as founding members.

The new CPG builds on the success of the previous national policy forum. Open to all, the group will be an opportunity for social entrepreneurs to connect with MSPs and drive forward the development of social enterprise policy.

The format of the meetings are a roundtable discussion, with plenty of time for questions and debate. Future meetings will have guest speakers and specific themes. Meetings are open to anyone with an interest in social enterprise.

SES provides secretariat support and development for the CPG. Questions about any aspect of the CPG to Duncan Thorp: 0131 243 2650 /

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