

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on International Development
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2017:</b> 4 MSPs attended along 27 non-MSPs. This meeting was the Groups AGM all MSPs members remain and the secretariat changed from Oxfam Scotland to Scotland's International Development Alliance. The re-election of Office Bearers  Guest speakers: Sara Cowan from Oxfam and Selina Hales from Refuweegee.

The Group also discussed the global refugee crisis, Scotland's role in welcoming refugees and the Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill 2017-19 going through Westminster Parliament.

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2017:** 1 MSP attended along with 34 non-MSPs.

Guest Speakers: Amanda Burton (Flora Stevenson Primary School) & Josh Brown (Third Works & IDEAS)

This meeting discussed Global Citizenship Education, and heard why it is important to developing public awareness of sustainable development, and also why it must be supported in Scotland at all stages within the education system.

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2018:** 6 MSPs attended along with 9 non-MSPs.

Guest Speaker: Bill Gates

The Group had a special meeting with Bill Gates during his visit to Scotland. Bill Gates shared the current priorities for the Gates Foundation in terms of International Development, and the Group shared their own priorities with Bill. A Q&A ensued.

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2018:** 7 MSPs along with 43 non-MSPs.

Guest Speakers: Mike McKirdy & Stuart Fergusson (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow), Emily Broadis (Paediatric Surgeon), Ian Nicol (Scottish Government), John Brown CBE (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde)

This meeting was a joint meeting with the CPG on Malawi, chaired by this group's Convenor. The meeting discussed the topic of international volunteering within the health service - specifically [the report on Global Citizenship in the Scottish Health Service](#), its recommendations and current Scottish Government work in this area.

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** 3 MSPs along with 36 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers: Jamie Livingstone (Head of Oxfam Scotland), Sally Foster-Fulton (Head of Christian Aid Scotland), Susan Dalgety (freelance writer & Edinburgh Evening News columnist), Daniel Maxwell (BBC Scotland Editor)

This meeting discussed the role of the media and perceptions of international development in Scotland following the revelations about the Haiti Scandal earlier in the year. The group heard about why the media engages with different stories, why the sector must build lasting relationships with the media, and what makes a good story.

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** 6 MSPs along with 45 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers: Dr Geraldine Hill (SCIAF), Howard Msukwa (farmer from Malawi), Prof Elisa Morgera (University of strathclyde), Dr. Achala Abeysinghe (International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED))

This meeting was the group's AGM where office bearers and secretariat were re-elected. MSP membership changes, with the loss of Kate Forbes MSP and the addition of Allasdair Allan MSP.

At this meeting, the group also discussed the climate justice arguments for why the Climate Bill currently going through parliament needs to be bold. The group heard about why historical emissions levels by developed countries, and the disproportionate negative effects of climate change on developing countries should be part of the debate.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Lewis Macdonald (Labour)  
Patrick Harvie (Scottish Green Party)  
Alexander Stewart (Scottish Conservatives)  
Bruce Crawford (Scottish National Party)  
Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)  
Dr Alasdair Allan (Scottish National Party)  
Andy Wightman (Scottish Green Party)  
Mark Ruskell (Scottish Green Party)

### **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

Dr Callum Henderson  
Dr Janey Andrews  
Dr Colin Pritchard  
Dr. Barbara Bompani  
Hamish Goldie-Scot  
John M Francis  
Emma Jones

Organisations	Scotland's International Development Alliance Oxfam Scotland IDEAS forum Mercy Corps EMMS Scotland Malawi Partnership Save the Children Scotland SCIAF Christian Aid Scotland Tearfund Tropical Agriculture Association (Scotland) Unicef UK in Scotland NHS Education for Scotland International Nepal Fellowship [INF] Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA Scotland) Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO International (Scotland)) EMMS International Centre for Global Development at the University of Aberdeen Rwanda Scotland Alliance Scottish Refugee Council The Salvation Army Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh Scotland Zambia Association (SCOZAA) Amnesty International Corra Foundation International Voluntary Service Scottish Love In Action UN House Scotland Water Witness International Centre4Solar Carey Tourism Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)
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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	Lewis Macdonald MSP (Labour)
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Green Party)
Secretary	Lewis Ryder-Jones (Scotland's International Development Alliance)
Treasurer	

## 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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£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.

No subscription fee is charged.

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