

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women in Enterprise

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.)

28 September 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

11 September 2018

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

28/09/2018

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]

12 September 2017

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.

14 November 2017: (Sponsored by RBS). 'The Importance of the economic empowerment of women' Guest Speaker: Dr Margo Thomas, - Associate Fellow at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London. Margo lead the independent secretariat of the High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment established by the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General.
Number of attendees – 36

Number of MSPs in attendance – 4
Annual Report was launched at this meeting.

07 February 2018: ‘Women in the Rural Economy’. Presentations by: Jackie Brierton, Enterprise Co-ordinator of GrowBiz, and Sally Shortall, Duke of Northumberland Chair of Rural Economy, Newcastle University.

Number of attendees – 24

Number of MSPs in attendance - 5

01 May 2018: ‘Access to Finance’. Presentations – Yvonne Greaves, National Women in Business Manager, NatWest, Royal Bank of Scotland & Ulster Bank. Susan Harkins, Principal Officer, Business Gateway, City of Edinburgh Council. And also, contributions from Women’s Enterprise Scotland Ambassadors.

Number of attendees – 25

Number of MSPs in attendance - 3

11 September 2018 (AGM): ‘Young Women and Entrepreneurship’. Presentations by Lisa Wardlaw, Young Enterprise Scotland and Christina Mackay, BeYonder Ltd.

Number of attendees – 15

Number of MSPs in attendance - 3

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Gillian Martin MSP (SNP);

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour);

Bill Bowman MSP (Scottish Conservatives and Unionist);

Emma Harper MSP (SNP);

Andy Wightman MSP (Scottish Greens);

Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour).

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	n/a
Organisations	Women’s Enterprise Scotland Women’s Enterprise Scotland Ambassadors Heriot Watt University

	<p>Young Enterprise Scotland</p> <p>Oxfam</p> <p>Royal Bank of Scotland</p> <p>Girlguiding Scotland</p> <p>Edinburgh Business School</p> <p>Grant Thornton UK LLP</p> <p>Talking Medicines</p> <p>Scottish Edge</p> <p>Word Up Communications</p> <p>University of Strathclyde</p> <p>Scottish Government</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Highlands and Islands Enterprise</p> <p>Business Gateway</p> <p>Fraser of Allander Institute</p> <p>WEvolution</p> <p>GrowBiz</p> <p>Federation of Small Businesses</p> <p>Institute of Directors</p> <p>Edinburgh Napier University</p> <p>LINC</p> <p>Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group;</p>
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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

Gillian Martin MSP (SNP)

Deputy Convener

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour)

Secretary

Anne Meikle (Women's Enterprise Scotland)

Treasurer

Carolyn Currie (Women's Enterprise Scotland)

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).

In November 2017, the group received a £5,000 grant from RBS (contact Yvonne Greaves, Head of Women's Business Advice Development, RBS HQ) for the activities of the CPG. This grant was for one year (November 2017 – November 2018) and was towards costs associated with the CPG including – administration costs for meetings; research and production costs of Annual Report; travel costs for key speakers; catering costs for meetings.

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 is charged.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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