

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
<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.)
5 October 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
5 December 2019
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
18 December 2019
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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]
25 October 2018
<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.
The CPG on Colleges and Universities is a forum to discuss issues relating to the further and higher education sectors in Scotland. The group provides an opportunity for MSPs, students and staff within both sectors, stakeholders, and the general public to engage with the work of colleges and universities.

**October 25 2018 – Meeting 9**

**Topic:** Reconstitution of Group

**MSP attendance:** 2

**Non-MSP attendance:** 2

**December 6 2018 – Meeting 10**

**Topic:** Gender equality at subject-level

**MSP attendance:** 2

**Non-MSP attendance:** 12

**Speakers:** Dr Heather Whitford, Head of Studies, School of Nursing, University of Dundee; Mr Kenny MacInnes, Director of Engineering and Science, Forth Valley College; and Ms Rachel Adamson, Senior Policy/Analysis Officer, Scottish Funding Council

**March 21 2019 – Meeting 11**

**Topic:** Managing the impact of Brexit

**MSP attendance:** 2

**Non-MSP attendance:** 23

**Speakers:** Mr Andy Witty, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland; Mr Keith McAllister, Head of Finance, South Lanarkshire College; Ms Vonnie Sandlan, Assistant Director EU Exit, Scottish Funding Council; Mr Alan Mackay, Deputy Vice-Principal International, University of Edinburgh; and Professor Tim Bedford, Associate Principal, Research and Knowledge Exchange, University of Strathclyde

**May 9 2019 – Meeting 12**

**Topic:** Presentation from the Commissioner on Widening Access

**MSP attendance:** 2

**Non-MSP attendance:** 30

**Speakers:** Professor Sir Peter Scott, Commissioner for Fair Access.

**December 5 2019 – Meeting 13**

**Topic:** Presentation from Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board

**MSP attendance:** 3

**Non-MSP attendance:** 26

**Speakers:** Ms Nora Senior, Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Ms Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Member for Mid Scotland and Fife)

Mr Iain Gray MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for East Lothian)

Mr Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party: Member for Lothian)

Ms Pauline McNeill MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for Glasgow)

Ms Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for Central Scotland)  
 Mr Liam McArthur MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats: Member for Orkney Islands)  
 Mr Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party: Member for Highlands and Islands)  
 Ms Jenny Gilruth MSP (SNP: Member for Mid Fife and Glenrothes)  
 Ms Beatrice Wishart MSP (Shetland)

**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	Professor Matthew Maclver Mr Terry Brotherstone Ms Carolynne Hunter
Organisations	Universities Scotland - secretary Colleges Scotland - secretary Abertay University Architecture & Design Scotland City of Glasgow College Dundee & Angus college Educational Institute Of Scotland (EIS) Edinburgh Napier University Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA) Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow Clyde College Heriot-Watt University Higher Education Academy in Scotland LEAD Scotland North East Scotland College NUS Scotland Open University in Scotland Pagoda PR Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh Robert Gordon University Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

	Scotland China Education Network (SCEN) Scottish Development International Scottish Enterprise Scottish Funding Council Skills Development Scotland (SDS) sparqs - Student Participation in Quality Scotland Thorntons Law LLP UCU Scotland University of Aberdeen University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of the Highlands & Islands University of St Andrews University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of the West of Scotland West College Scotland
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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	Ms Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Mr Iain Gray MSP
Secretary	Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

**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.

N/A

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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