

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Culture
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.)
Tuesday 25th September 2018
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Tuesday 8th October 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
Wednesday 9th October 2019
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]
Tuesday 25th September 2018
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.
Tue 25th September 2018 Impact of Brexit on the Cultural Sector MSP Attendance: 4 Joan McAlpine MSP, Dr Claire Baker MSP, Rachel Hamilton MSP, Tom Arthur MSP.

The group heard from a panel of experts on the impact of Brexit on the sector:

- Kirsty Hughes, Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations
- Geoffrey Brown, Director, EUCLID
- Nick Barley, Director, Edinburgh International Book Festival
- Caroline Sewell, Regional Organiser, Scotland & Northern Ireland, MU Scotland & Northern Ireland

ACTIONS:

It was agreed that the group would write to David Liddington MP. The letter can be viewed via the following link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59c1187bf09ca4f7f95ae515/t/5bd2e361085229c3ddf19490/1540547426704/LetterRtHonDavidLiddingtonMP241018.pdf>

Tue 11th December 2018

Cultural Freelancers in Scotland

MSP Attendance: 4

Non MSP Attendance: 29

The meeting heard from guest speakers:

- Cassie Raine from Parents and Carers in Performing Arts
- Maria Oller Lung Ha
- Robin Patel Ergadia
- Emma Jayne Park

Following a group discussion the group asked the secretariat to compile a report on the issues to be sent to Creative Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland. (Attached).

The group also decided to write to Glasgow City College to ask them to re-instate the stained glass course. (Attached).

Wed 1st May 2019

City Deals: Cultural Cities and Local Resilience

MSPs Attendance: 2

Non MSPs Attendance: 27

Guest Speakers Included:

- Dame Seona Reid (Cultural Cities Inquiry)
- Anna Young (Glasgow Canal Project)
- David Watt (Arts and Business Scotland)
- Julie Farr (Dundee Social Enterprise Network)

The group discussed city deals and how they impact (or not) on the cultural sector. City Deals in Dundee extended consultation to the third sector (only a few weeks before the deal deadline); which allowed more cultural organisations to access and influence the direction of the deal.

Culture is not currently a consideration at City Deal discussions, the cultural sector needs to organise a way to ensure that culture is considered; particularly due to the economic benefit that comes from a having a vibrant cultural community.

Fri 8th October 2019

Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh

AGM and Culture + Health

MSPs in attendance: 4

Group members in attendance: 13

Invited guests: 11

AGM

Joan called for nominations for co-convenorship.

Tom Arthur nominated Joan McAlpine which was agreed.

Ann Packard nominated Rachael Hamilton which was agreed.

Joan McAlpine and Rachael Hamilton accepted the role(s) of co-convenor.

Joan called for nominations for secretariat.

Sarah Cameron nominated Culture Counts which was accepted.

Collaborative Culture: Meeting the challenges of person-centred health care.

The group heard from three guest speakers covering:

- Evidence of impact of culture in health care by Katey Warren a PHD researcher for Arts and Humanities Research Council (who kindly substituted for Daisy Fancourt who unfortunately had to cancel due to ill-health)
- Barriers to provision of services for public benefit by Kevin Harrison (Artlink Central)
- Solutions to barriers to provision of services by Clare Cook from the SPRING social prescribing project

Joan thanks the speakers for their presentations and opened the discussion to the group. The group discussed the challenges to securing a strategic approach across Scotland to the provision of cultural services for the purpose of health-care. Services currently vary from one local area health partnership to the next.

The group agreed to write to the Health and Sport Committee in the first instance and to ask Audit Scotland to provide a report on cultural spend across the data they can access.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Tom Arthur SNP
Emma Harper SNP
Gail Ross SNP
Gillian Martin SNP
John Finnie Green
Claire Baker Labour
George Adam SNP

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

Tom Bee
Adam Behr
Duncan Bremner
Matt Brennan
Felicity Bristow
Terry Brotherstone
Jean Cameron
Siyi Chen
John Ciarns
Trudy Collier
Anne Diack
Lisa Flemming
Vicky Gunn
Catherine Holden
Dr Jane Humphries
Rosemary James-Beith
Grant Keir
Ariel Killick
Susan Levy
Duncan Lockerbie
Suzanne Lofthus
Catherine Middleton Findlay
Carol Morton
Sheila Murray

	<p>Kate Nelson Mairead Nic Craith Rab Noakes Ann Packard Emma Jayne Park Robin Patel Jennie Renton Francis Shennan Helen Trew Jean Urquhart Helen Voce Jaqs Whymark Stuart Wilson</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Culture Counts (Secretariat) Active Events Bòrd na Gàidhlig British Council Scotland The Bunbury Banter Theatre Company Craft Scotland Creative Scotland Creative Edinburgh Culture Radar Ltd Dundee Contemporary Arts Dunfermline Heritage Partnership Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society Engage Scotland Federation of Scottish Theatre Fèisean nan Gàidheal Festivals Edinburgh Live Music Now Scotland Luath Press Luminate Museums Galleries Scotland Musicians' Union National Galleries of Scotland National Trust for Scotland National Youth Orchestras of Scotland</p>

	Ofcom Red Note Ensemble Regional Screen Scotland Science Ceilidh Scottish Artists Union Senscot Skills Development Scotland Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland Tricky Hat Productions UK Theatre University of the West of Scotland Voluntary Arts Scotland The Work Room Whale Arts
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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	Joan McAlpine MSP
Deputy Convener	Rachael Hamilton MSP
Secretary	Culture Counts
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).

N/A

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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