

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade
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.)
4/10/16
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
12/11/19
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
21/11/19
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]
7/11/18
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.
7 November 2018 3 MSPs 9 Non-MSPs The guest speaker was Dory McIntosh of Challenges Worldwide. She showed a short film and spoke about the Rwanda Coffee Project which is funded through the Scottish Government's International Development Fund. There were questions and discussion about the importance of market access, the political and economic

situation in Rwanda, gender equality programmes and Fairtrade certification, coffee quality and partnership working in delivering the project.
There was also a discussions at the meeting of Fair Trade road signs.

6 March 2019

2 MSPs 14 Non-MSPs

The first guest speaker was Aimable Nshimiye a representative of the Sholi Cooperative in Rwanda, which is part of the Rwandan Coffee Project funded by the Scottish Government. He spoke about the history of the cooperative, becoming Fairtrade certified and the investments that have been made to improve infrastructure and help the community.

The next guest speakers were Khader Khader, from the Palestine Fair Trade Association and Taysir Arbasi from Zaytoun, who spoke about their experience with Fair Trade and challenges facing Palestinian farmers today.

19 June 2019

2 MSPs and 12 Non-MSPs

There was a panel discussion on the subject of “Fair Trade shops on our high streets: challenges and opportunities”. The four panellists were Rachel Farey of the One World Shop in Edinburgh, Anna Bowman of All Things Fair in Blairgowrie, Gemma Elliott of Rainbow Turtle in Paisley and Elizabeth Tobon of Dos Mundos in Anstruther. Each panellist made a short presentation on the challenges and opportunities for their businesses. The presentations were followed by a discussion on the issues raised.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Colin Smyth

Gordon Lindhurst

Alex Cole-Hamilton

Rona Mackay

Neil Bibby

Willie Coffey

James Kelly

Claudia Beamish

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	Martin Meteyard
Organisations	Scottish Fair Trade Forum Scotmid Dumfries Fair Trade Group Hadeel/Palcrafts City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh Livingston Fair Trade Group Co-operative Party British Medical Association Scotland Equal Exchange Melrose and District Fair Trade Group Bala Sport Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group Queensferry Fair Trade Group Dumfries and Galloway Council Midlothian Fair Trade

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	Colin Smyth MSP
Deputy Convener	Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Secretary	Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Treasurer	None
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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.

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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