

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on International Development
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.)
26th October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
9th October 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
21st 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]
26th September 2019
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.
26th 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.

29th January 2019: 2 MSPs along with 75 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers: Jane Machira from Christian Aid & Side by Side Global, Shahin Ashraf from Islamic Relief Worldwide, Dr. Lesley Orr from University of Edinburgh, Mike Battcock from UK Department for International Development

The theme for this meeting – Leave No One Behind (LNOB), with a particular focus on gender justice. The group heard about the importance of faith leaders in challenging gender inequalities, and the importance of gender justice in areas which have been ravaged by war, and which rely on women to rebuild communities.

29th May 2019: 3 MSPs along with 45 non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Michael McKean (Mercy Corps), Huw Owen, (Disasters Emergency Committee), Jane Salmonson (The Humanitarian Emergency Fund panel chair), Lorna McDonald (Tearfund Scotland), Rob Angove (SCIAF)

The theme for this meeting was the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF). The group heard how the HEF operates, details of what Humanitarian work is like on the front line and how it is changing, and also details of where the HEF has been used around the world.

9th October 2019: 8 MSPs along 35 Non-MSPs

Guest Speaker: Graeme McMeekin, acting Director Tearfund Scotland.

This meeting was the AGM and Office bearers were voted in. Graeme McMeekin presented on the theme of 'Women on the front line: the experience of women during and after conflict'. The group also heard suggestions for future meetings.

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)
 Claire Baker (Labour)
 Sarah Boyack (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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Dr Callum Henderson Dr Janey Andrews Dr Colin Pritchard Dr. Barbara Bompani Hamish Goldie-Scot John M Francis</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>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]</p>

	<p>Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA Scotland)</p> <p>Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO International (Scotland))</p> <p>EMMS International</p> <p>Centre for Global Development at the University of Aberdeen</p> <p>Rwanda Scotland Alliance</p> <p>Scottish Refugee Council</p> <p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Scotland Zambia Association (SCOZAA)</p> <p>Amnesty International</p> <p>Corra Foundation</p> <p>International Voluntary Service</p> <p>Scottish Love In Action</p> <p>UN House Scotland</p> <p>Water Witness International</p> <p>Centre4Solar</p> <p>Carey Tourism</p> <p>Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)</p> <p>Leprosy Mission Scotland</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	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.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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