

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Building Bridges with Israel
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.)
13 September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
18 September 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
17 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]
25 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.
13 June 2018 MSPs, 8; Non-MSP attendees, 26 The Cross Party Group held from the Deputy Israeli Ambassador Sharon Bar-Li and then there were talks from two Israelis living in Scotland about their lives and experience living in Scotland.

25 September 2018

MSPs, 6; Non-MSP attendees, 28

The Cross Party Group held their Annual General Meeting and then heard from MSPs who attended the MSP Delegation to Israel.

22 May 2019

MSPs, 4; Non-MSP attendees, 23

Presentations were delivered by Yael Mevorach, Alternate Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on the Israeli Economy and Hugo Bieber, Chief Executive of UK-Israel Business on business links between the two countries.

18 September 2019

MSPs, 3; Non-MSP attendees, 20

AGM followed by a joint meeting with the Cross Party Group on Armed Forces and Veterans Community. First speaker of the evening was Shaun Cauvin who presented on the 2019 UK-Israel Veterans Games and Beit Halochem, which is a network of centres for the rehabilitation of injured Israeli soldiers. Second speaker of the event was Dr Beverley Bergman who established the Scottish Veterans Health Research Group at The University of Glasgow in 2018 and who gave a talk on her work.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jackson Carlaw MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Adam Tomkins MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Alison Harris MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Bill Bowman MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Jamie Greene MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

John Mason MSP, Scottish National Party
Richard Lyle MSP, Scottish National Party

Mary Fee, Scottish Labour Party

Willie Rennie, Scottish Liberal Democrats

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	Ziv Dotan Stanley Lovatt, Honorary Consul for Israel in Scotland Angus Hay Edward Green Gordon Matheson
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Organisations	The Jewish Leadership Council - secretariat Centre for Scotland and Israel Relations Confederation of Friends of Israel – Scotland Scottish Council of Jewish Communities Parliamentary Prayers Scotland Christian Friends of Israel Glasgow Friends of Israel Edinburgh Friends of Israel Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Bridges for Peace Israel Britain Alliance Scottish Friends of Israel
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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	Jackson Carlaw MSP
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Deputy Convener	Richard Lyle MSP
Secretary	The Jewish Leadership Council
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).

Various members of the Cross Party Group on Building Bridges with Israel visited Israel and the Occupied Palestine Territories in August 2018 and this has been declared in each MSP's Declaration of Interests.

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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