

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Racial Equality in Scotland
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.)
15 th November 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
6 th November 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
12/12/2019
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]
23/10/2018
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>
<p>8th May 2019 – The meeting was conducted with Fulton MacGregor MSP elected Convener: Jamie Hepburn MSP gave apologies and CEMVO Scotland elected secretariat. The Convener informed that he will liaise with Mr Hepburn’s private office to get answers to the questions that were sent to the Minister in advance of the meeting and circulate to members before or at the next Cross-Party Group meeting.</p>

The Convenor welcomed CEMVO to the meeting as the new Secretariat. Colin Lee (Director) gave an overview of the organisation and expressed CEMVO's delight to be providing Secretariat support to the Cross Party Group (CPG) for the forthcoming year. Anna Ritchie Allan – Director Close the Gap. Anna gave a presentation on Close the Gap's research report: "Still Not Visible: Research on Black and Minority Ethnic Women's Experiences of Employment in Scotland." After the presentation, Anna answered some questions from the floor and provided her contact details if anyone had any further queries or wanted more information about the report.

ATTENDEES:

MSPs – 2 (Fulton MacGregor and Richard Lyle)

NON MSPs - 16

11th September 2019 – The CPG were expecting attendance from Jamie Hepburn (MSP) however Fulton had to convey his apologies for a 2nd time. The CPG members were disappointed by this and voiced concerns. Jamie had submitted a written response to questions raised at the previous meeting and members were asked to submit any subsequent questions/queries to the Convenor. The CPG heard from

Refugee Survivor Trust (RST) re issues of increasing destitution and poor mental health due to evictions and slow Home Office decision-making processes leaving 300 refugees destitute and vulnerable with no recourse to public funds.

Intercultural Youth Scotland raised issues re BME young people's experiences of racism in schools. IYS are producing a report that they will share with the CPG members.

Digital devices consultation. Fulton to share information with the CPG about the justice subcommittees recent work on the issue of Cyber Kiosks for future discussion.

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6th November 2019 – The AGM was conducted with Richard Lyle MSP nominating Fulton MacGregor MSP to be re-elected as Convenor and Anas Sarwar as Vice Chair.

Following this, the group heard from Christina McKelvie MSP re Race Equality Action Plan Update. The Minister for Older People and Equalities thanked the Convenor and stated that equality and diversity is in the heart of everything the Scottish Parliament do.

Intercultural Youth Scotland: Khaleda Noon launched a report 'In Sight' that looks at BAME young people's experience in Scottish schools.

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MSPs – 2 (Fulton MacGregor and Richard Lyle + Christina McKelvie on behalf of SG)
NON MSPs - 66

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Fulton MacGregor	SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY
Bob Doris	SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY
Adam Tomkins	CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY
Sandra White	SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY
Jackie Baillie	LABOUR PARTY
Pauline McNeill	LABOUR PARTY
Jeremy Balfour	CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY
Anas Sarwar	LABOUR PARTY
Richard Lyle	SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY

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	Surfraz Yousaf Mohammed Afzal Chaudhrey Khalid Parveaz Bright Amponsah Anita Shelton Desalina Gallery Zahra Hussain Baher Ibrahim Fuad Alakbarov Akhtar Khan Jennifer Roberts John Zamudio Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru Lord Apetsi McMensa	Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual Individual
Organisations	CEMVO Scotland (Secretariat) Aamer Anwar and Co. Active Life Action for Children African/Caribbean Women's Association Afreshe BEMIS	

CRER
Central Scotland Regional Equality Council
Children's Health Scotland
City of Edinburgh Council
Close the Gap
College Development Network
Crossroads Y + C Association
Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association
Education Scotland
Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council
EMCC
Equality Human Rights Commission
Ethnic Minorities Law Centre
West Pilton and West Granton Community Council
Waverley Care
Families Outside
GAMH
GCVS
Glasgow Afghans United
Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Refugees
Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow Gurdwar
Iranian Scottish Association
Irish Diaspora in Scotland Association
Jewish Leadership Council
Limaloka Entertainment
Linknet
MECOPP
Mental Health Foundation
Network Rail
North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance
NUS
Pakistan Association
Picodeliq Enterprises / EMCC
Mohammed Afzal PKAVS MEAD Project

	Refugee Survival Trust Score Scotland Scottish Council of Jewish Communities SIAA Scottish Iraqi Society SEMPER Scotl Shakti Women's Aid Show Racism The Red Card Sikh Sanjog SPTC Standard Life - MOSAIC STRIDE STUC Black Workers Committee Thai Women's Association of Scotland Trust Housing Association Unite the Union United Nations Association University of Newcastle University of St. Andrews University of Strathclyde University of Edinburgh University of Strathclyde Students' Association University of West of Scotland VOX project, Mental Health Foundation
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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	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Deputy Convener	Anas Sarwar MSP

Secretary	CEMVO 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).

8th May 2019 – £41.04

11th September 2019 - £256.80 (incl. catering – standard sandwich lunch 25pax)

6th November 2019 - £321.00 (incl. catering – standard sandwich lunch 50pax)

Estimated cost of Secretariat Support for year - £583

Total financial benefits – £1202.84

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Nil

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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