

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Skills
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.)
26 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
4 December 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
17 December 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]
19 December 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.
27 February 2019 Attendance: 2 MSPs, 16 non-MSPS Guest speakers: Lorna Trainer, Vice Chair; Grant Thoms, Vice Chair; and Stuart McKenna, Chief Executive, Scottish Training Federation. Topic discussed: Scottish Government Review of Employability Services Lunch sponsor: Scottish Training Federation

24 April 2019

Attendance: 1 MSP; 19 non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Liz Byrne, National Skills Planning Lead, Skills Development Scotland; John Kemp, Interim Director of Policy and Strategic Development, Scottish Funding Council; and Grant Ritchie, Principal, Dundee and Angus College.

Topic discussed: Skills for the Future

Lunch sponsor: Skills Development Scotland

12 June 2019

Attendance: 1 MSP; 22 non-MSPs

Guest speaker: Nora Senior, Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board

Topic discussed: Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board Update

Lunch sponsor: Colleges Scotland

9 October 2019

Attendance: 2 MSPs; 22 non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Colin Robertson, Head of Skills Development Unit, Scottish Government, supported by Jon Gray and Jennifer Watson, Scottish Government

Topic discussed: Future Skills Action Plan

Lunch sponsor: Colleges Scotland

4 December 2019

Attendance: 2 MSPs; 17 non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Martin McGuire, WorldSkills Director for Scotland, WorldSkills UK

Topic discussed: WorldSkills

Lunch sponsor: Colleges Scotland

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jamie Halcro-Johnston MSP, Conservative (Convener)

Johann Lamont MSP, Labour (Deputy Convener)

Gillian Martin MSP, SNP

Clare Adamson MSP, SNP

Beatrice Wishart MSP, Liberal Democrat

Ross Greer MSP, Green

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

n/a

Organisations	A&M Community Training/ Aplus Training Application Recruitment Barnardo's Scotland BEMIS - Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and Cultural Minority Communities Bio Reliance BSE Skills Building Engineering Services Association [BESA] Caledonian Strategy (Scotland) Ltd Canongate Youth Castle Douglas Community IT Centre CECA Scotland Chartered Banker Institute CITB City & Guilds City of Glasgow College Civil Engineering Contractors Association (Scotland) College Development Network Colleges Scotland Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS) Education Scotland Employment Enterprise Energy & Utility Skills Essential Skills Plus Ltd Federation of Small Businesses Fife Council - Enterprise & Protection Services Glasgow City Heritage Trust Homes for Scotland Improve Limited Institute of Physics ITC Training Academy JHP Training Lantra Scotland LifeskillsCentres Loch Lomond & Trossachs Community Partnership
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	National Trust for Scotland NHS Education for Scotland Nithcree Training and Scottish Road Haulage Group Pearson Workbased Learning Perth College UHI PProjects: Communication, Strategy, Development and Project Management Rathbone Remarkable ScotlandIS Scottish Building Scottish Contractors Group Scottish Countryside Alliance Scottish Decorators' Federation Scottish Enterprise Scottish Funding Council Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Qualifications Authority Scottish Retail Consortium Scottish Training Federation Scouts Scotland SCQF Partnership SCVO SECTT SELECT SEMTA Servelec Skills Development Scotland SQA Accreditation STUC The Institute of the Motor Industry The Open University in Scotland The Scotch Whisky Association Universities Scotland Universities Scotland
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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	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Deputy Convener	Johann Lamont MSP
Secretary	Joanne Buchan, Colleges 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).

Colleges Scotland provides the secretariat support to the group. This is approximately five hours of secretariat work per meeting including preparation prior to the meeting, notes taken during the meeting and writing the minutes. The cost in kind for this support amounts to less than £500.

The cost of hospitality is approximately £100 per meeting. Sponsorship of the lunch has covered the cost of hospitality at each meeting.

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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