

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Social Science

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.)

28 February 2017

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

13 March 2019

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

5 April 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]

21 March 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.

The CPG on Social Science met three times during 2018/19 and discussed the following presentations:

13 June 2018:

Prof Nicola McEwen, Co-Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change, University

of Edinburgh and Dr Wilfried Swenden, Senior Lecturer in Politics; Co-Director Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh

- A discussion around federalism that focussed firstly on how it operates elsewhere in the world before turning to how it could be applied – or not – in the context of Scotland and the UK.
- Two MSPs attended this meeting.

12 December 2018

Dr Angela O’Hagan, Glasgow Caledonian University and Dr Oliver Escobar, University of Edinburgh

- A discussion around budgeting and the social justice implications of how budgeting works. The discussions focused particularly on the gendered implications of budgeting and opportunities for communities presented by more participative approaches to budgeting.
- Two MSPs attended this meeting.

13 March 2019

Eloise Savill, politics student, University of Edinburgh and Isabella Orpen, Economics and Politics student, University of Edinburgh

- Presentation of briefing papers on human trafficking and the policy challenges this presents at a Scottish level.
- Two MSPs attended this meeting.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Daniel Johnson (Lab), Andy Wightman (SGP), Jackie Baillie (Lab), Richard Leonard (Lab), Kezia Dugdale (Lab), Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD), Rhoda Grant (Lab)

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	Mark Diffley
Organisations	Academy of Government AQMEN (Applied Quantitative Methods Network) Campaign for Social Science Centre for Energy Policy Centre for Remote and Rural Studies

	<p>Centre for Science, Knowledge and Policy (SKaPE)</p> <p>Centre on Constitutional Change</p> <p>Fraser of Allander institute</p> <p>Institute for Social Policy, Housing and Equalities Research</p> <p>International Public Policy Institute</p> <p>Ipsos MORI Scotland</p> <p>Policy Scotland</p> <p>Public Service and Governance Research Group</p> <p>Royal Society of Edinburgh</p> <p>RSE Young Academy of Scotland</p> <p>ScotCen</p> <p>Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR)</p> <p>Scottish Centre for Science, Knowledge and Policy (SKaPE)</p> <p>Scottish Funding Council</p> <p>Scottish Graduate School on Social Science</p> <p>Scottish Policy and Research Exchange (SPRE)</p> <p>SRUC Rural Policy Centre</p> <p>Understanding Inequalities</p> <p>Universities Scotland</p> <p>University of Strathclyde, School of Government and Public Policy</p> <p>What Works 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	Daniel Johnson MSP
Deputy Convener	Andy Wightman MSP
Secretary	Scottish Policy and Research Exchange
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.

Nick Bibby's time is donated by his employer, the University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science at £200/day. Nick Bibby has provided 10 day's work in the last year, equivalent to £2,000.

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.

N/A

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