

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade
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.)
4/10/16
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
11/11/20
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
24/11/20
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]
12/11/19
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.
12/11/21 - 2 MSPs and 7 other - The guest speaker was Angus Coull of Bala Sport. He gave a presentation on Fairtrade sportsballs. He talked about the history and development of Bala Sport and its current trading situation. He highlighted the benefit of Fairtrade to factory workers making the balls and their communities through projects funded by the Fairtrade Premium. He told of the difficulties in building a market for Fairtrade balls because of

the dominance in the market of a small number of major brands. He also outlined the difficulties in getting Fairtrade sportsballs into public procurement.

4/3/20 - 5 MSPs and 12 other –

The guest speakers were Aubrey Meki Chilenje and Nduzani Zaya from Kasinthula Cane Growers' Association in Malaw. They spoke about the history of the Kasinthula Cane Growers' Association, sugar cane cultivation, agriculture in Malawi, climate change and the benefits received through Fairtrade. After the presentation, a number of questions and points of discussion were raised on crop and income diversification; supply chains; the benefits gained through the Fairtrade premium; the effects of climate change and also climate change mitigation measures.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Colin Smyth
Gordon Lindhurst
Alex Cole-Hamilton
Rona Mackay
Neil Bibby
Willie Coffey
James Kelly
Claudia Beamish
Sarah Boyack

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	Martin Meteyard
Organisations	Scottish Fair Trade Forum Scotmid Dumfries Fair Trade Group Hadeel/Palcrafts City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh Livingston Fair Trade Group Co-operative Party

	British Medical Association Scotland Equal Exchange Melrose and District Fair Trade Group Bala Sport Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group Queensferry Fair Trade Group Dumfries and Galloway Council Midlothian Fair Trade Fair Trade Scotland Ltd
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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	Colin Smyth MSP
Deputy Convener	Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Secretary	Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)
Treasurer	None

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.

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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