

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>					
Cross-Party Group on Volunteering					
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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 <sup>th</sup> June 2016					
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>					
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017					
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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]					
N/A					
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>					
30/6/17					
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>					
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.					
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Guest Speakers</b>	<b>Aligned to Remit (1-5)</b>	<b>Actions from meeting</b>	<b>Acti</b>

<p>28<sup>th</sup> June 2016</p> <p><b><u>MSP members of the Group</u></b>  Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party</p> <p><b>Non MSP Attendance</b></p> <p>20</p>	<p>Inaugural meeting to establish CPG on Volunteering – Election of office bearers</p>	<p>None</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To raise awareness of volunteering in all sectors to ultimately increase participation rates in all its forms</li> <li>2. To ensure volunteering has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament and influence Scottish Government Policy</li> <li>3. To ensure opportunities for volunteering are recognised across all SG directorates</li> <li>4. Examination and sharing of research in other parts of UK and beyond</li> <li>5. To liaise and work with other CPGs to promote volunteering</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invitation to be sent to the Cabinet Secretary inviting her to attend the first meeting of the group in November</li> <li>➤ A strategy will be created after the first meeting setting outcomes for the group</li> <li>➤ A report will be scheduled for the end of the year to highlight any progress the group makes stating recommendations for the future of the group</li> <li>➤ Proposals for Volunteers Week 2017 to be agreed</li> </ul>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>16<sup>th</sup> November 2016</p> <p><b><u>MSP members of the Group</u></b>  Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party  Jeremy Balfour MSP - Scottish</p>	<p>The Programme for Government and the future of Volunteering</p>	<p>Cabinet Secretary Angela Constance MSP</p> <p>Alan Stevenson – Volunteer Scotland on SHS stats and the impact on Volunteering</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To raise awareness of volunteering in all sectors to ultimately increase participation rates in all its forms</li> <li>2. To ensure volunteering has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament and influence</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A request to CPG members will be sent asking them to identify issues/concerns they are currently facing, 3-4 key themes will be identified and an action plan will be created for the CPG to take forward.</li> </ul>	<p>Complete identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• r</li> <li>• S</li> <li>• S</li> <li>• I</li> <li>• a</li> <li>• E</li> <li>• V</li> <li>• P</li> <li>• T</li> <li>• V</li> </ul>

<p>Conservative and Unionist Party</p> <p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p><b><u>MSP members of the Group</u></b></p> <p>Pauline McNeil MSP – Scottish Labour Party Johann Lamont MSP – Scottish Labour Party Fulton McGregor MSP – Scottish National Party</p> <p><b><u>Non MSP Attendance</u></b></p> <p>47 people</p>			<p>Scottish Government Policy</p> <p>3. To ensure opportunities for volunteering are recognised across all SG directorates</p>	<p>➤ Bernadette Monaghan to email information on Adult Recognition awards to Paul and John for circulation to the CPG members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H</li> <li>• c</li> <li>• E</li> <li>• p</li> <li>• r</li> <li>• V</li> <li>• W</li> <li>• e</li> <li>• v</li> <li>• n</li> <li>• A</li> <li>• Y</li> </ul> <p>Complete</p>
<p>25<sup>th</sup> January 2017</p> <p><b><u>Attendees</u></b></p> <p><b><u>MSP members of the Group</u></b></p> <p>Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Jeremy Balfour MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Johann Lamont MSP –</p>	<p>Cross Party Group - Priority Areas for 2017</p>	<p>none</p>	<p>1. To raise awareness of volunteering in all sectors to ultimately increase participation rates in all its forms</p> <p>2. To ensure volunteering has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament and influence Scottish Government Policy</p> <p>3. To ensure opportunities for volunteering are recognised across all SG directorates</p>	<p>➤ The convener to write to MSP's asking for their support during Volunteers Week and to ask how the Cross Party Group on Volunteering can assist them in their areas of work.</p> <p>➤ CPG secretariat to look into the golden hour of volunteering which is an American concept and ties in with the golden thread and include this in the Volunteers Week activities.</p> <p>➤ CPG secretariat to identify how a 'market place' theme would be created at the</p>	<p>Not complete</p> <p>Volunteer cancellati Election</p> <p>Complete</p>

<p>Scottish Labour Party</p> <p><b>Non MSP Attendance</b></p> <p>40 people</p>			<p>4. Examination and sharing of research in other parts of UK and beyond</p> <p>5. To liaise and work with other CPGs to promote volunteering</p>	<p>Volunteers Week reception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CPG secretariat to identify the sub-groups required to tackle some of the issues raised.</li> <li>➤ CPG secretariat to contact SPICE to find out what research is available on the social impact of volunteering.</li> <li>➤ CPG Secretariat to look at how to develop an audit of draft Government legislation (Bills) to ensure volunteering is included in them e.g. Fairer Scotland Act.</li> </ul>		<p>Not completed</p> <p>Volunteering</p> <p>cancellation</p> <p>Election</p>
<p>29<sup>th</sup> March 2017</p> <p><b>Attendees</b></p>	<p>Health &amp; Social Care – The Impact of Integrated Health Boards on Volunteering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear Pathway – Claire Stevens, Voluntary Health Scotland</li> <li>• VAS – Allan Johnstone – the journey of the Integrated</li> </ul>	<p>1. To raise awareness of volunteering in all sectors to ultimately increase participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The CPG Secretariat to follow up discussions with Jacqueline Campbell Scottish Government, Allan Johnstone VAS and Claire Stevens VHS on how the CPG can support the next stage</li> </ul>		<p>Follow up on 15<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>Stevens, -</p> <p>Johnstone</p> <p>Campbell</p> <p>Government</p> <p>Francis Sa</p>

<p><b><u>MSP members of the Group</u></b>  Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party  Jeremy Balfour MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  Gordon Lindhurst MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party</p> <p><b><u>Non MSP Attendance</u></b>  35 people</p>		<p>Health Boards – TSI perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Jacqueline Campbell Scottish Government Integration Unit - Integration in Health &amp; Social Care update</li> <li>•Trevor Owen   Cohesive Communities Team Leader   Scottish Government - Loneliness &amp; Isolation Strategy – why volunteering should be included</li> </ul> <p>Sarah Latta – Shelter Scotland on Volunteers Week Activities</p>	<p>rates in all its forms</p> <p>3. To ensure opportunities for volunteering are recognised across all SG directorates</p> <p>5. To liaise and work with other CPGs to promote volunteering</p>	<p>of the IJB &amp; Third Sector journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It was agreed that the CPG would look at establishing a process on how CPG members will be informed on consultations to allow them to contribute.</li> <li>➤ <u>Lunchtime seminars:</u> The secretariat will request members to provide information on what the issues are to help identify themes/subjects for the seminars.</li> <li>➤ The CPG would look at establishing a process on how CPG members will be informed on consultations to allow them to contribute.</li> </ul>	<p>Government (Healthcare Scotland) <b>Volunteering and Social</b></p>

## MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Johann Lamont MSP (Scottish Labour)

Pauline McNeill MSP (Scottish Labour)

Fulton McGregor MSP (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

Organisations

Volunteer Scotland  
Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland  
Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations  
Befriending Networks  
Big Lottery Fund  
Breast Cancer Care Scotland  
Breast Cancer Now  
Camphill Scotland  
Cancer Research UK  
Carnegie UK Trust  
Changing Faces  
CHAS  
Children 1st  
Clackmananshire Third Sector Interface  
Cruse Scotland  
CVS Falkirk

	CVS Inverclyde Dyslexia Scotland Engage Renfrewshire Exchange Scotland Fife Voluntary Action Fresh Start Fresh Start Glasgow Life Guide Dogs Guide Dogs Highland Third Sector Interface Home start UK Inverclyde Community Development Trust Lead Scotland Life Changes Trust MacMillian Cancer Support MSP (Con) National Autistic Society NHS Fife NHS Health Scotland NHS Tayside Board Open Secret Paths for all PKAVS Volunteering Hub Planning Aid for Scotland ProjectScotland Quarriers Red Cross Rowan Alba Limited Royal Voluntary Service Samaritans Scottish Drugs Forum Scottish Government Scottish Government Third Sector Unit Scottish Men's Shed
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	Scottish Sports Association (SSA) Scottish Water Ways Trust Scouts Scotland SCVO Shelter Smoke Free Homes South Lanarkshire Council St Andrew's First Aid Stirling Voluntary Enterprise Strive The Food Train The International Voluntary Service The State Hospital TSI Ayrshire TSI Moray VAS VC Borders Voluntary Action Fund Voluntary Action Scotland Voluntary Action South Ayrshire Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire Voluntary Arts Scotland Voluntary Health Scotland Volunteer Centre Dundee Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire Volunteer Centre Edinburgh Volunteer Edinburgh Volunteer Glasgow Volunteer Midlothian Youth Link 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	Alex Cole – Hamilton MSP (Liberal Democrat)
Deputy Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Secretary	Paul Okroj Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland Margaret Starkie Volunteer 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).

Support received does not exceed £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

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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