

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women in Enterprise

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 September 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

12 September 2017

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

12 September 2017

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

06/10/2017

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.

Inaugural Meeting: 28 September 2016

Attendees – 4 non MSPs; 3 MSPs.

Topics discussed – Presentation from Anne Meikle, WES: Opening comments on the CPG's Purpose; Group Discussion on the Goals of the CPG; Outline future meeting structure and topics.

2nd meeting: 15 November 2016

Attendees – 5 MSPs; 20 non MSPs;

Topics discussed – Support for start-ups and gender aware support services. Presentations by WES ambassadors, Fiona Turnbull and Jeanette Forbes on their personal journey. Presentations by representatives of the Military spouses programme run by WES - Eugenie Price, Liz Dadd and Parresa Meikle.

3rd meeting: 28 February 2017

Attendees – 6 MSPs; 14 non MSPs.

Topics Discussed – Presentation by Jane Gotts, GenAnalytics on importance of gender data. Presentation by Elaine Morrison, Scottish Enterprise on SE contribution to supporting women in business. Presentations by WES Ambassadors – Leah Hutchison and Fiona Turnbull.

4th meeting: 16 May 2017

Attendees – 4 MSPs; 15 non MSPs.

Topics discussed – Presentation by Anne Meikle on gender aware support for businesses. Presentation by Susan Harkins, Business Gateway, on current BG support for women in business. Presentation by Yvonne Greaves, RBS, on current RBS women in business specialist programme.

Presentations and comment from women business owners – Mandy Bailey, Plant-n-Grow; Gail Bryden, JustBe Botanicals; Lynn Mann, Supernature Oils UK.

5th meeting: 12 September 2017 (AGM)

Attendees – 4 MSPs; 12 non MSPs.

Topics discussed – Presentation by Anne Meikle on the past year CPG activities. Presentation by Carolyn Currie on business development, leadership, and gender aware support programmes delivered in Fife Council.

Election of office bearers – Convenor; Vice Convenor; Secretary; Treasurer.

- Jackie Baillie proposed Gillian Martin as convenor. Seconded by Ivan McKee.
- Ivan McKee proposed Jackie Baillie as vice convenor. Seconded by Bill Bowman.
- Carolyn Currie proposed Anne Meikle as secretary. Seconded by Jackie Brierton.
- Anne Meikle proposed Carolyn Currie as treasurer. Seconded by Gillian Martin.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Gillian Martin MSP (SNP) Convenor

Jackie Baillie MSP (Labour) Vice Convenor

Ivan McKee MSP (SNP)

Andy Wightman MSP (Scottish Greens)

Clare Haughey MSP (SNP)

Daniel Johnson MSP (Labour)

Monica Lennon MSP (Labour)

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

Anne Meikle
Carolyn Currie
Lynne Cadenhead
Jennifer Lyndsay-Finan
Gaynor Simpson
Lynn Mann
Bharti Rajput
Jeanette Forbes
Sylvia Douglas
Fiona Turnbull
Leah Hutchison
Anja Baak
Michelle Smith
Suzanne Doyle-Morris
Jane Gotts
Susan Harkins
Julie Hall
Laura Galloway
Karen Anderson

Organisations

Women's Enterprise Scotland
Royal Bank of Scotland
Fraser of Allander Institute
Scottish Enterprise
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
CoSLA
Business Gateway
Federation of Small Businesses
Edinburgh Napier University

	WEvolution GrowBiz Association of Scottish Business Women Scottish Chamber of Commerce
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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	Gillian Martin MSP
Deputy Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP
Secretary	Anne Meikle
Treasurer	Carolyn Currie

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.

N/A

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