

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. The CPG on Digital Participation was established by Ofcom in 2010 as a forum for discussions about important issues related to Digital Participation and Digital Inclusion.
2. It continues to provide a platform for individuals and organisations who want to share best practice, highlight policy developments, showcase innovate projects and ideas as well as shape the broader digital agenda. The Scottish Government set out the importance of digital participation issues in its Programme of Work for 2016/17.
3. N/A - Not aware of any overlaps with existing CPGs.
4. Our meetings tend to cover two key areas relating to Digital Participation and Digital Inclusion (1) the technical infrastructure needed for digital communications services i.e. availability and coverage and (2) the skills required to engage with and get the most out of digital communications i.e. softer skills and media literacy issues. We expect to have presentations and contributions from a wide range of individuals and organisations over the coming year, covering topics as diverse as community-led broadband solutions, the use of digital communications to provide public services, Ofcom research reports as well as start-up initiatives to assist older and vulnerable consumers/citizens.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Willie Coffey MSP (SNP)

Liam McArthur MSP (Liberal Democrats)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour)

Jamie Greene MSP (Conservatives)

Gail Ross (SNP)

Pauline McNeil (Labour)

Clare Adamson (SNP)

Emma Harper (SNP)

**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

Marie Dougan, Adrienne Chalmers

Organisations

Lothian Broadband Networks, Wheatley Group, Communications Consumer Panel, SCVO, Carnegie Trust, Informatics Forum, TRC Media, Zero Waste Scotland, Blackwood Group, Advisory Committee for Scotland, Citizens Advice Scotland, Free UK, Open University in Scotland, Whitcomm Co-operative Ltd, Inverness Chamber of Commerce, National Farmers Unions Scotland, Etive Technologies, University of Highlands & Islands, Ofcom, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Futures Trust, Seric, Napier University, Farrpoint, Glasgow University, Shelter, Wireless Infrastructure Group, various local authorities

**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

Willie Coffey MSP

Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP
Secretary	Jonathan Ruff (Ofcom)
Treasurer	N/A – no membership fees charged.

#### **FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

Material support of hospitality and Secretariat from Jonathan Ruff at an estimated value of £800 which covers time spent of approx. 4 working days per year during the employment of Ofcom.

#### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

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Date	-