

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Disability

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. Purpose

- To act as a channel of communication between the Scottish Parliament, disabled people and organisations working or supporting disabled people.
- To provide opportunities for Members of the Scottish Parliament to learn about needs of disabled people and the barriers individuals face excluding them from performing an active role within society.
- To increase awareness and raise the profile of rights for disabled people.
- To put disability on the agenda of the Scottish Parliament.

2. 1 in 5 (1 million) people in Scotland have some form of disability and there is a lot of public interest in issues that affect disabled people. There are also key issues on the parliamentary agenda that will affect disabled people, such as social security, employment, education etc.

3. There are a number of other CPGs that have related interests (CPGs on Visual Impairment, Deafness, Health, Mental Health and Learning Disability for instance) but this group will be focused on pan-disability issues and working across disability issues. We will also work with these and other CPGs, where it would be helpful and appropriate and to prevent duplication.

4. Key topics for our activities will include social security, employment, sport/Paralympics, transport, education and stigma and discrimination.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP (Conservative)

Stuart McMillan MSP (SNP)

George Adam MSP (SNP)

John Mason MSP (Labour)

Colin Smyth MSP (Labour)

Anas Sarwar MSP (Labour)

Pauline McNeill MSP (Labour)

Jackie Baillie MSP (Labour)

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Liberal Democrat)

Adam Tomkins MSP (Conservative)

Alexander Stewart MSP (Conservative)

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

Janice Connelly

John Sutherland MBE

Organisations

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland

Action Duchenne

Autism Rights

Capability Scotland

Changing Faces

Contact a Family Scotland

DAS (Disability Agenda Scotland)

Down's Syndrome Scotland

Drake Music Scotland

	<p>ENABLE Scotland</p> <p>Glasgow Disability Alliance (GDA)</p> <p>Inclusion Scotland</p> <p>Lead Scotland</p> <p>PhoneAbility/EKTG</p> <p>Quarriers</p> <p>RCSLT (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists)</p> <p>RNIB Scotland</p> <p>SAMH</p> <p>Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance (SATA)</p> <p>Scottish Disability Equality Forum</p> <p>Sense Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Personal Assistant Employers Network (SPAEN)</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	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Deputy Convener	Stuart McMillan MSP
Secretary	DAS (Disability Agenda Scotland)
Treasurer	SATA (Scottish Accessible Transport Association)

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.

N/A

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.

Non-MSP members will contribute £20 per organisation/individual.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Jeremy Balfour MSP
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	
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Date	
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