

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Please provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

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.

Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The original purpose of the Cross Party Group on Men's Violence against Women and Children, namely, *"To establish a forum for debate on the issue of men's violence against women and children. It is intended that the remit be broad enough to include the issues of rape, domestic violence, physical and emotional and sexual abuse"* was drafted in 2000, long before the reforms to Scottish Government and other agencies' policies and practice, and the advent of the *"Equally Safe"* Strategy setting out the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing violence against women as a major policy goal.

In these circumstances, it was thought prudent to refresh update the purpose of the Cross Party Group to more accurately reflect the ongoing work, strategic initiatives and pro-active commitment to dialogue and policy reform among the Scottish Government, Parliament and organisations working to end violence against women.

The proposed, revised purpose of the Cross Party Group on Men's Violence against Women and Children, agreed by the Joint Convenors and members, is as follows:-

"To establish a forum for discussion and innovative thinking on men's violence against women and children, with a focus on prevention, protection, provision and participation, including, but not limited to, all the forms of violence and exploitation encompassed in "Equally Safe- Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls."

Our agreed, specific programme includes the following actions:

- *Monitor, advise on and promote good practice and evidence-based responses.*
- *Promote the rights of women, children and young people experiencing men's violence and ensure that their experience and views inform the political process.*
- *Promote policy and practice that hold men to account for their violence against women, children and young people*
- *Link women, children and young people's experience of violence against women to the wider context of gender equality and women's inequality."*

The CPG will invite the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and newly appointed Lord

Advocate and Solicitor General to a future meeting of the CPG. Over the next 12 months the CPG will consider the topics of sexual violence, the proposed, new criminal offence of domestic abuse, the progress and implementation of “Equally Safe, judicial training and the interaction of the work of the CPG with the Parliament’s human rights agenda.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

- Claudia Beamish MSP
- James Dornan MSP
- John Finnie MSP
- Rhoda Grant MSP
- Johann Lamont MSP
- Christina McKelvie MSP
- Gil Paterson MSP
- Tavish Scott MSP
- Sandra White MSP

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.

Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ASSIST ○ Engender ○ Rape Crisis Scotland ○ SAY Women ○ Scottish Women’s Aid ○ Women’s Support Project ○ Zero Tolerance
Individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gillian Baker ○ Lily Greenan ○ Nancy Lombard ○ Stephen Madill

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	Joint Convenors- Christina McKelvie MSP and Claire Baker MSP
Deputy Convener	Deputy Convenor- Claudia Beamish MSP
Secretary	Scottish Women’s Aid
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.

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.

The Group has received secretarial support from Scottish Women's Aid around re-constituting the Group but this 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

Name	Joint Convenors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claire Baker MPS– Scottish Labour Party• Christina McKelvie MSP- Scottish National Party
Parliamentary address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claire Baker MSP- M1.03, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh• Christina McKelvie MSP- M4.12, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh
Telephone number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claire Baker MSP 0131 348 6769• Christina McKelvie- 0131 348 6680

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date

24th October 2016