

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on the Scottish Gypsy/Traveller community.

### 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 purpose of this Cross Party Group is to provide a forum for discussion and information sharing on issues related to and faced by the Scottish Gypsy/Traveller community and, where appropriate, create proposals and recommendations for actions which can be taken to tackle these issues.
2. This group will serve a public interest by promoting the interests and raising awareness of the issues which affect the Gypsy/Traveller community in Scotland – a community which is disproportionately affected by many issues including discrimination and significant inequality of opportunities. Gypsy/Traveller's in Scotland are one of the most marginalised ethnic minority groups in Scotland and regularly face prejudice, discrimination, as well as biased and inaccurate media reporting which reinforces this cycle of inequalities.
3. No Anticipated Overlaps
4. Topics the groups anticipate discussing over the next 12 months include:

- Health and social care
- Financial Exclusion
- Accommodation
  - Site Standards
  - Planning
- Hate Crimes / access to criminal justice
- Unfair Media Reporting and Portrayal
- Education
- Employment

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Mary Fee MSP – Labour

Oliver Mundell MSP – Conservative

David Torrance MSP – SNP

John Finnie MSP Green

Gail Ross MSP – SNP

Christina McKelvie MSP – SNP

Fulton McGregor MSP - SNP

Alex Cole Hamilton MSP – Liberal Democrats

**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

- EHRC (Equality and Human Rights Commission)
- MECOPP
- SHRC (Scottish Human Rights Commission)
- STEP
- Article 12
- Amnesty
- Shelter Scotland
- ALACHO (Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers)
- Scottish Government Equality Unit (G/T Lead)
- NHS Health Scotland
- COSLA
- Association of Site Managers
- Police Scotland
- Skills Development Scotland
- Planning Aid Scotland
- PAS
- Seath Planning Consultancy

**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.

Co Convener

Mary Fee MSP  
Oliver Mundell MSP

Deputy Convener

John Finnie MSP

Secretary

MECOPP – Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project

Treasurer

N/A

**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.

None

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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

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

Signed	
Date	