

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament

### 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.

- To give Scottish social entrepreneurs a strong, united voice and help them influence policy-making
- To pro-actively raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise among MSPs and the public
- To help drive forward the growth and success of the social enterprise economy in every community
- To increase the role of social enterprises in designing and delivering public services
- To open up private sector business opportunities to social enterprises
- To tell the inspiring stories about the human and environmental impact of social enterprises

2. Social enterprise is an increasingly significant part of the Scottish economy, as evidenced by Social Enterprise Census 2017. It is a clear fit with the policy of an inclusive economy, based on enterprise, innovation and equality of opportunity. Social enterprise activity seeks to solve a huge, diverse range of social issues and policy priorities, including tackling homelessness, providing affordable credit, driving forward regeneration and improving the employability of excluded groups. The re-establishment of the CPG has strong public support within the social enterprise community, particularly from the founding members. The previous Social Enterprise CPG was highly successful with a large number of attendees (around 50 to 80 at meetings) and contributed towards the work of government and parliament on topics ranging from procurement, to public service reform, the Commonwealth Games, local government and more.

3. There may be some overlap between the co-operatives, credit unions and housing CPGs. However, these exist for more specific sectors. This proposed CPG covers the whole range of social enterprise models and will also embrace

emerging movements and models such as ethical private businesses. We would certainly seek to hold joint meetings with these other CPGs as appropriate and avoid any potential duplication.

4. Topics are likely to include: building an inclusive economy/inclusive growth, the potential for private sector partnerships, the social enterprise brand and public sector procurement.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Ben Macpherson MSP (SNP)  
 Rachael Hamilton MSP (Conservative)  
 Andy Wightman MSP (Scottish Greens)  
 Dean Lockhart MSP (Conservative)  
 Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrat)

**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

Social Enterprise Scotland (Scotland’s membership body for social enterprises)  
 The Wise Group (employability etc. One of Scotland’s biggest social enterprises)  
 Link Group Ltd (social housing, one of Scotland’s biggest social enterprises)  
 Impact Hub Inverness (previously known as HISEZ, business support for the H&I region)  
 The Social Enterprise Academy (training and development for social entrepreneurs, works in schools and further/higher education)  
 Firstport (agency for social enterprise start ups)  
 Sencot (manage local and thematic SENs - Social Enterprise Networks)  
 Social Firms Scotland (support for Social Firms i.e. social enterprises that support people with employment support needs, disabilities etc.)  
 Grassmarket Community Project (homelessness social enterprise, Social Enterprise of the Year 2017)  
 Kibble (education and care for excluded young people, big, well established social enterprise)  
 New Start Highland (social enterprise working in poverty, homelessness and employment in the Highlands)  
 CEIS (business support, employability and event management)

	<p>Community Enterprise (business and community development)</p> <p>Homes For Good (well-known Glasgow social enterprise)</p> <p>School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland (training and support for social entrepreneurs)</p> <p>Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (local support and networking on the Borders)</p> <p>Social Investment Scotland (key social investor in Scotland)</p> <p>InspirAlba (business and community support in Argyll and Bute)</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	Ben Macpherson MSP
Deputy Convener	2 x Deputy Conveners: Rachael Hamilton MSP and Andy Wightman MSP
Secretary	Duncan Thorp, Policy and Communications Manager, Social Enterprise Scotland
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.

Secretariat support and catering costs will be paid for by Social Enterprise Scotland. We estimate that total annual catering will be around £700 (based on average attendance from the previous CPG and 3 meetings a year) and the total annual cost of Social Enterprise Scotland staff time will be around £1680 (estimate of 6 days a year based on calculated day rate). Total cost: £2380.

### 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

Name	Ben Macpherson MSP
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### **STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Signed

Ben Macpherson MSP

Date