

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment
DATE GROUP APPROVED
25 October 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
2/4/13
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
22 May 2012 covering Electronic Digital Referral; Digital Access; Scottish Vision Strategy Review. 3 MSPs in attendance and 29 non MSPs followed by an evening reception focusing on "Technology for Life" for members and invited guests at Dynamic Earth with a total of 60 in attendance.
19 September 2012 covering Scottish Government Passported Benefits; Assistive Technology in Schools; Public Procurement and Employment update; Scottish Vision Strategy Review. 3 MSPs in attendance and 36 non MSPs.
13 December 2012: Held in partnership with the Cross Party Group on Heart Disease and Stroke focusing on Stroke and Sight Loss with presentations on "what are the problems?" and "Prevalence and Practice" plus a report on the Doran Review. 4 MSPs in attendance and 41 non MSPs. Followed by a Christmas evening reception.
6 March 2013 (AGM and meeting) covering Election of Office Bearers; Blue Badge Consultation; Developments in Rehabilitation; Access to AMD treatment; Haggeye Youth Forum. 3 MSPs in attendance and 36 non-MSPs
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.

Stuart McMillan MSP

Neil Bibby MSP

Nanette Milne MSP

Dennis Robertson MSP

James Kelly MSP

Richard Simpson 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	ADSW (Association of Directors of Social Work) ASTN (Association of Scottish Talking Newspapers) Audio Description Association (Scotland) BIOP (British and Irish Orthoptic Society) Community Trade Union Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society Eyecare Scotland Fife Society for the Blind Guide Dogs UK Scotland Haggeye Leonard Cheshire Disability Lothian and Borders Police National Federation of the Blind Scotland National League of Blind and Disabled North East Sensory Services Novartis Optometry Scotland Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind RNIB Scotland Royal Blind SAVIE (Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education) Scottish Council on Visual Impairment Scottish Sensory Centre Scottish Vision Strategy Scottish War Blind SDEP (Scottish Division of Education Psychologists) Sight Action SITE (Support Integration Training Employment) Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh VI Scotland
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	Visibility
Individuals	Sam Brown Amanda Burt Hilary Davies Cindy Godfrey-McKay Richard Godfrey-McKay David McKerral Anne McLean James O'Rourke Margaret O'Rourke Pat Onions Mary Rasmussen Susan Robinson Alex Scott Mhairi Thurston Allen Thurston Iain Mackinnon

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	Stuart McMillan MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP Nanette Milne MSP Dennis Robertson MSP
Secretary	James Adams, RNIB Scotland
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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is

employed by / affiliated to in providing this 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.

Staffing costs for XPG and Related Events 2012/13	£2,538
Admin & Travel costs for Events 2012/13	£480
Meeting Costs 2012/13	£2,858
TOTAL	£5,876

This support is provided by James Adams from RNIB, costs are based on 16 days work.

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

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