

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

Wed 16 December 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

17 November 2017

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

13.12.2016

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]

N/A

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.

Meetings were held

16 December 2016, 14 attendees, 2 MSP, 12 non MSP
9 March, 17 attendees, 4 MSPs 13 non MSPs,
27 June 15 attendees, 2 MSPs 13 non MSPs
14 November 2018 19 attendees, 2 MSPs 17 non MSPs

MSPs worked with civil society members to ensure that the Scottish Parliament's work has been highlighted and represented at international disarmament conferences, including negotiations at the UN for the Treaty to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and the Non Proliferation Treaty Review Preparatory Committee, as well as providing robust information from such negotiations to support parliamentarians and their staff in developing and implementing policy.

The Nuclear Disarmament Cross Party Group has this year highlighted the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (July 2017), and The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons being awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize (October 2017) on account of their work for it. This has been done through questions and motions in the chamber, by informing all MSPs of the opportunity to sign up to the International Parliamentarians Pledge to support it, and by the messages to the Treaty Conference President from our FM delivered by Bill Kidd MSP in his role as Convenor of this group.

Two significant reports have been produced by civil society organisations with input obtained through Parliamentarians: *Trident and Its Successor Programme*, the non renewal employment diversification report undertaken by the Jimmy Reid Foundation, and more recently the Nukewatch report, *Unready Scotland*, on preparedness (or not) in Scotland to deal with an accident or incident with the convoy that trucks warheads between Coulport and Burghfield.

The Group co-hosted additional events in the Parliament:

December 2016

Meeting on Nuclear Risk (UN House with Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister, Dr Rebecca Johnson Acronym Institute, Beatrice Fihn ICAN)

Launch of Report on Trident and Jobs (Jimmy Reid Foundation)

March

Kazakhstan disarmament (PNND, Marzhan Nurzhan)

Survival stories for the Ban Treaty (Hibakusha Stories, Midori Yamada and Reika Yamada) meeting with FM

September

War in the Yemen, and the Signing the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (UNA and ICAN)

December 2017 *Meeting with FM to present torch for Oslo Nobel Peace prize celebrations*

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Bill Kidd SNP,
Bob Doris SNP,
Ivan McKee SNP,
Jenny Gilruth, SNP
Richard Leonard Scottish Labour,

Richard Lochhead SNP,
Andy Wightman Greens,
Claudia Beamish Scottish Labour,
Elaine Smith Scottish Labour,
John Finnie Greens,
Mark Ruskell Greens,
Neil Finlay Scottish Labour,
Ross Greer Greens,
Ruth Maguire SNP,
Sandra White SNP and
Patrick Harvie Greens.

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	Janet Fenton
Organisations	Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament International Voluntary Service (IVS) Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom Peace & Justice Centre Nukewatch Scotland Trident Ploughshares United Nations House Scotland

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	Bill Kidd MSP
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP

Secretary	Janet Fenton
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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it 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.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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