

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Building Bridges with Israel
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The purpose of the Group will be to engage with Israel and build links based on business, culture and academia as well as exploring and countering issues of anti-Semitism at home and abroad.2. The re-registration of this Group would benefit Parliament, MSPs and outside organisations with an opportunity to build bridges with Israel based on business, culture and academia as well as building on the work from last session. The Group would also allow for the furtherance of the goal of countering anti- Semitism and provide a greater platform for such work.3. N/A.4. Academia between Scottish and Israeli universities: many universities already work closely together in cultural exchanges and in mutual research. The Group wish to explore this and seek to understand how this might be supported by the Group. <p>Business links between Scotland and Israel: how to grow existing links and further fresh links where the opportunities are available.</p> <p>Culture: a unique opportunity exists for the development of cultural links between Scotland and Israel. The Group would build upon the recent International Shalom Festival and hope to</p>

have some form of cultural engagement at each meeting, including but not limited to art, craft or music.

Anti-Semitism: The Scottish Government and the Parliament have consistently sought to challenge acts of anti-Semitism. The Group would seek to make proposals about how to further this work.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jackson Carlaw MSP

Fergus Ewing MSP

Paul O’Kane MSP

John Mason MSP

Rachael Hamilton MSP

Douglas Ross MSP

Jamie Greene MSP

Murdo Fraser 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.

Individuals

Stanley Lovatt

Bill Bowman

Edward Green

Organisations

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

Highland Friends of Israel

Glasgow Jewish Representative Council

United Jewish Israeli Appeal

	Bridges for Peace National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland Scottish Friends of Israel Conservative Friends of Israel Labour Friends of Israel Lib Dem Friends of Israel Centre for Scotland Israel Relations Israel Britain Alliance Glasgow Friends of Israel Dundee Friends of Israel
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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	Jackson Carlaw MSP
Deputy Convener	Fergus Ewing MSP
Secretary	Stanley Lovatt – Honorary Consul for Israel in 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.

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.

N/A

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

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

Signed	Jackson Carlaw
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Date	29 October 2021
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