

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice**

**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.)

26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**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.

**5th December 2023** – Review of Islamophobia Awareness Month and updates provided about the Islamophobia inquiry recommendations; 2 MSPs, 13 non-MSPs.

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – AGM & Discussion on riots and racial/religious prejudice and concerns regarding rising anti-semitism and islamophobia, various forms of discrimination and priority for Education - 2 MSPs, 28 non-MSPs

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Foyso! Choudhury, Scottish Labour (Convenor)**

**Pam Gosal, Scottish Conservative (Deputy Convenor)**

**Fulton MacGregor, SNP (Deputy Convenor)**

**Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats**

**Anas Sarwar, Scottish Labour**

### **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**

n/a

#### **Organisations**

Active Life Club  
Al Masaar  
Amina MWE  
Amina MWRC  
BEMIS Scotland  
Breathe  
Call it Out  
Community Policy Forum  
Council of British Pakistanis (Scotland)  
CRER  
Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation  
Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community  
Faith Matters and Tell MAMA  
Garnethill Synagogue

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| <b>Group Office Bearers</b><br><br>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. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Convener</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyso! Choudhury MSP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Deputy Convener</b> | Pam Gosal MSP<br>Fulton MacGregor MSP |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | Foyso Choudhury MSP                   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | 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.**

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER**

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)**

**I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:**

|                                                                            |   |
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| 5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties                           | x |
| Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months                     | x |
| Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM | x |
| Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM         | x |
| Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings    | x |

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| Provided minutes of all meetings |                      | x |
| Signed                           | Foyso! Choudhury MSP |   |
| Date                             | 19/12/2024           |   |