

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People</b>
<b>Date Group Established</b>
<b>26 October 2021</b>
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
<b>30 October 2025</b>
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
<b>27th November 2025</b>
<b>Date of Preceding AGM</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>
<b>Group Meetings and Activities</b>  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.
<b>29 Oct 2024</b> This meeting was the AGM and covered the reconstitution of the CPG - including the election of office bearers and confirming the purpose of the group, topics to priorities for future meetings. This meeting focused on the topic of education reform

**MSP members in attendance:**

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP

Meghan Gallacher MSP

**Non MSPs in attendance:**

Nicola Killean, The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

Dr Alma Harris, facilitator of the National Discussion and Honorary Professor at the School of Education, University of Glasgow

Dr Carol Campbell, facilitator of the National Discussion and Professor of Education at the University of Glasgow

Suzanne Martin, The National Autistic Society

Martin Summers, Senior Youth Development Worker, Shetland Islands Council

Abbie-Rose Kerr, member of Changing Our World

Parisa Shirazi, Children in Scotland

Abbey Stone, Children in Scotland

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Amy Calder, YouthLink Scotland

Beth Davidson, Feeling Strong

Gemma Orr, MyBnk

Sarah Ferries, MyBnk

Kirsty-Louise Hunt, Barnardos

Kate Mackinnon, CELCIS

Michael Bettencourt, CELCIS

Garvin Sealy, Intercultural Youth

Cathy McCulloch, Children's Parliament

Lara Balkwill, Rock Trust

Roisin Laing, Children in Scotland

Virginina Radcliffe, Lickety Spit

Arran Goodfellow, Parenting Across Scotland

Kirsteen Steven, University of Edinburgh

Joanna Courtney, University of Edinburgh

Megan Farr, CYCPS

Meg Thomas, Forces Children Scotland

Robyn Pattison, Forces Children Scotland

Lisa Weylandt, Includem

Chloe Robertson, Aberlour

Mairéad Murray, Impact Arts

David Ashford, The Old Police Station

Vikki Carpenter, CLD Standards Council Scotland

Robert Porter, ADR UK

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

This meeting focused on the topic of education reform and included a presentation from Cabinet Secretary Jenny Gilruth MSP.

**MSPs in Attendance**

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP

Jenny Gilruth MSP

**Non MSPs in Attendance**

Arran Goodfellow, Parenting Across Scotland

Cathy McCulloch, Children's Parliament

Rona Blackwood, Children's Parliament

Yvonne Binks, Columbia 1400

Brian Magee, COSCA

Fiona O'Sullivan, ECH Charity

Sarah Rogers, Families Outside

Emma Murphy, Magic Breakfast

Martin Walker, Includem

Jackie Tolland, Parenting Network Scotland

Ewan Carmicheal, Quarriers

Gemma Richardson, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Emily Beever, Scottish Youth Parliament

Carol Robinson, University of Strathclyde

Michael McDaid, Skills Development Scotland

George Hosking, Wave Trust

Martic Crewe, Barnardos

Kate McKinnon, CELCIS

Megan Farr, CYCPS

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust Scotland

Gemma Orr, My Bnk

Sarah Ferries, My Bnk

Marion Allison, CLD Standards Council Scotland

Ellie Craig, MSYP

Marguerite Hunter Blair, Play Scotland

Kevin Kane, Shared Parenting Scotland

David Ashford, Individual

John Forsyth, Shared Parenting

Parisa Shirazi, Children in Scotland

Abbey Stone, Children in Scotland

Amy Calder, Youthlink Scotland

Sarah Paterson, Youthlink Scotland

## **25 June 2025**

This meeting covered policy and evidence and support relating to the digital safety and online harm to children and young people.

Presentations were delivered by: Dr Elizabeth Loose, Research & Engagement Manager at John Smith Centre; Staci Henderson, Advocate at Girlguiding UK; Trevor Lakey, Health Improvement & Equalities Manager at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Dr Louise Hill and Gregory Metcalfe, Children's Parliament and Catriona, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament

### **MSPs in Attendance**

Meghan Gallacher MSP  
Fulton MacGregor MSP  
Siobhan brown MSP

### **Non MSPs in Attendance**

Patrick Goldie, Blue Triangle  
Beth Davidson, Feeling Strong  
Fatoumata Drammeh, UNICEF  
Ewan Carmichael, Quarriers  
Joan Mowat, University of Strathclyde  
Una McFadyen, NHS Forth Valley  
Lara Balkwill, Rock Trust  
Sarah Weir, Social Worker  
Rhona McMillan, Alliance Scotland  
Rachel Shanks, University of Aberdeen  
Katherine Anderson, CELCIS  
Felicity Mehendale, Centre for Global Health Research  
Lily Humphreys, Children 1<sup>st</sup>  
Florence Burke, BBC  
Emma Murphey, Magic Breakfast  
Emily Arrowsmith, Girlguiding Scotland  
Kirsty Gemmell, CLD Standards Scotland

Keiran Reape, YMCA Scotland  
Leah Dobbs, Columba 1400  
Ranim Asfahani, Children's Parliament  
Henry Mathias, Inspiring Scotland  
Parisa Shirazi, Children in Scotland  
Abbey Stone, Children in Scotland  
Hilary Phillips, Youthlink Scotland  
Sarah Paterson, Youthlink Scotland  
Paulina Met, Youthlink Scotland

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

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

**Pam Duncan-Glancy, Scottish Labour Party**

**Karen Adam MSP, Scottish National Party**

**Meghan Gallacher MSP, Scottish Conservative Party**

**Colin Beattie MSP, Scottish National Party**

**Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative Party**

**Fulton MacGregor MSP, Scottish National Party**

### **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**

David Ashford  
Ewan Carmichael  
Rozanne Chorlton  
Bill Cook  
Joanna Courtney  
Kirsty Craig  
Gerry Croall

	<p> Jackie Doig  Susan Elsley  Mairi Ferris  Margot Gillon    Lynne Gilmour  Tracy Griffen  Michael Heffernan  Fiona Henderson  Mark Hutchison  Clare Lally  Kenny Lindsay  Katy MacFarlane  Kirsteen MacKay  Donna Mackie  Louise Marryat  Vicky McGraw  Robert McHarg  John McKinney  Martine Miller  Carol Robinson  Pat Salter  Jayne Scotland  Neil Seaton    Dr Rachel Shanks    Kirsteen Steven    Sarah Weir  Carolyn Wilson  Mark Wong  Kit Wyeth </p>
<b>Organisations</b>	<p> Children in Scotland - secretary  YouthLink Scotland - treasurer  A &amp; M Training  Aberlour  Action Duchenne  Action for Children Scotland  Action for Children's Arts  Action for Sick Children Scotland)  Afasic Scotland  Alcohol Focus Scotland </p>

The ALLIANCE  
Article 12 in Scotland  
Association of Family Therapist in Scotland  
The Barn Youth Centre  
Barnardo's Scotland  
Beat  
Befriending Networks  
Bellenden  
Big Lottery Fund  
Blue Triangle  
BMA Scotland  
British Association for Adoption and Fostering  
British Psychological Society Division of Clinical  
Psychology in Scotland  
Caledonia Consulting  
Central Scotland Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse  
Centre  
CAHRU - University of St Andrews  
CALL Scotland  
Camphill  
Capability Scotland  
Carers Trust  
CCPS  
Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in  
Scotland  
Changing Faces Scotland  
CHAS  
Child Brain Injury Trust  
Child Poverty Action Group  
Children 1<sup>st</sup>  
Children and Young People's Centre for Justice  
Children's Health Scotland  
Children's Hearings Scotland  
Children in Need  
Children's Parliament  
Church of Scotland Committee on Education  
Circle  
Clan Childlaw  
CLD Standards Council Scotland  
CLIC Sargent

Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership  
College of Occupational Therapists  
Columba 1400  
Common Thread  
Contact a Family Scotland  
Corra Foundation  
COSCA  
Covey Befriending  
Crossroads Youth and Community Association  
Diabetes UK  
Division of Forensic Psychology - Scotland  
DofE  
Downs Syndrome Scotland  
Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse  
Centre  
Enable  
Engender  
Enquire  
Families First St Andrews  
Families Need Fathers  
Families Outside  
Family Fund  
Feeling Strong  
Fife Gingerbread  
Firsthand  
The Fostering Network  
Foursquare  
Generations Working Together  
Girlguiding Scotland  
Grounds for Learning  
GYP Borders  
Highland Children Forum  
Home Link Family Support  
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Inspiring Scotland  
In train  
Intercultural Youth Scotland  
Justice and Peace Scotland  
Keys to Inclusion  
Kibble



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	<p>Royal College of Psychiatrists Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy Samaritans Save the Children Sense Scotland Scotcen Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils Scottish Child Law Centre Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust Scottish Childminding Association Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Scottish Children's Services Coalition Scottish Council of Independent Schools Scottish Division of Education Psychology Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Scottish Mentoring Network Scottish Natural Heritage Scottish Parent Teacher Council Scottish PNA Scottish Pre-School Play Association Scottish Sports Association Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum Scottish Women's Aid Scottish Youth Parliament Shared Lives Plus Shelter Scotland Sick Children's Hospital Skills Development Scotland Smart Play Network Sound Lab Spark of Genius Strathcarron Hospice STUC TACT Tartan Silk The Salvation Army The Space The Spark</p>
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	<p>Together Scotland  UK ADHD Partnership  University of Edinburgh – CAHRU, CRFR, NSPCC  Centre  Vocal  Wave Trust  West Lothian Youth Action Project  With Kids  Who Cares? Scotland  Working on Wheels  WSREC  YWCA Scotland  Young Scot  Your Voice  Youth Bus  Youth Scotland  Zero Tolerance</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.

<b>Convener</b>	<p>Karen Adam MSP, SNP</p> <p>Meghan Gallacher MSP, Scottish Conservatives</p> <p>Pam Duncan Glancy, Scottish Labour</p>
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	Children in Scotland

<b>Treasurer</b>	YouthLink Scotland
<p>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).</p> <p>COST OF MATERIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT (paid for by the organisations who make up the joint secretariat)</p> <p>YouthLink Scotland – time of one staff member £2,950</p> <p>Children in Scotland – time of one staff member £2,950</p>	
<p><b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
N/A	
<b>Convener Contact Details</b>	
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