

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on the Circular Economy

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.)

31st August 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8th October 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

17th October 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]

24th October 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.

7th February 2024: The topic for the meeting was the Circular Economy Bill which was then at Stage 1. The Minister for the Green

Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity joined to provided an update on the Bill followed by an open discussion.

5 MSPs and 59 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

27th March 2024: This was a joint session between the Cross Party Groups on the Circular Economy and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. The topic for the meeting was global trends in circularity within the energy sector. The session also saw industry contributions in the form of Orsted, Renewable Parts and the Coalition for Wind Industry Circularity. There followed an open discussion on the themes presented.

6 MSPs and 32 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held in-person at the Scottish Parliament and online via Microsoft Teams.

11th June 2024: The topic for the meeting was education and skills. The session heard from both educators and organisations involved in the delivery of circular economy skills and education. Specific areas of focus included which skills young people required to embed the circular economy in Scotland and why education was integral in achieving that. The session also included an update on the Circular Economy Bill.

2 MSPs and 17 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

8th October 2024: The topic for the meeting was Circular Textiles and coincided with World Circular Textiles Day. A new paper on European textile policy was presented along with presentations on circular economy activity in the public sector from the NHS, an update on greenwashing issues by the Competition and Markets Authority and an update from the Marine Conservation Society on their work with micro fibre pollution. The meeting also served as the group's AGM.

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The meeting was held in-person at the Scottish Parliament and online via Microsoft Teams.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Maurice Golden MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Finlay Carson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Liam Kerr MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Michelle Thomson MSP (SNP)

Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour)

Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Greens)

Lorna Slater MSP (Scottish 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

Anthony Burns (ACS Clothing)

Stephen Cameron (ENVA)

Clare Campbell (Prickly Thistle)

Ronan Doyle (RMD Consulting)

John Ferguson (Binn Eco Park)

Dr Toni Freitas

Chris Hellawell (Edinburgh Tool Library)

Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (Fyne Futures)

Xiaoyan Ma (Danu Robotics)

Mary Michel (Ostero)

Fleur Ruckley (Topolytics)

Paul Smith

	<p>Nicki Souter (Resource Management Association Scotland)</p> <p>Dr Lynn Wilson (Adam Smith Business School)</p> <p>Martha Wood – Circular DS International</p>
Organisations	<p>Scottish Environment LINK</p> <p>Fidra</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful</p> <p>Marine Conservation Society</p> <p>Resource Futures</p> <p>Community Resource Network Scotland</p> <p>British Heart Foundation Scotland</p> <p>Friends of the Earth Scotland</p>
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	<p>Monica Lennon MSP</p> <p>Mark Ruskell MSP</p> <p>Lorna Slater MSP</p>
Secretary	<p>Friends of the Earth Scotland</p> <p>Marine Conservation Society</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful</p> <p>Fidra</p>

Treasurer	Friends of the Earth Scotland Marine Conservation Society Keep Scotland Beautiful Catherine Gunby	
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.		
Sponsorship by Invicta Public Affairs of a joint meeting held on 27 th March 2024 for provision of catering. Total value £564.48 Sponsorship by the Adam Smith Business School/University of Glasgow of a meeting held on 8 th October 2024 for provision of catering. Total value £1,032.94		
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:		
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
Provided minutes of all meetings		X
Signed	Maurice Golden	
Date	17 th October 2024	