

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)

29th October 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

9th December 2025

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]

8th October 2024

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.

6th December 2024: This was a joint session between the Cross Party Group on the Circular Economy, the Cross Party Group on Social Enterprise and the Cross Party Group on the Wellbeing Economy. The topic for the meeting was building a democratic wellbeing economy.

5 MSPs and 65 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

5th February 2025: The topic for the meeting was Safe and Circular: How controls on chemicals and sustainable by design can enable a clean and safe circular economy.

2 MSPs and 27 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

13th May 2025: 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.

2 MSPs and 19 non-MSPs were in attendance.

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

23rd September 2025: This was an unofficial meeting without a quorate number of member MSPs. The topic for the meeting was “The Global Plastics Treaty and Scotland”. Presentations were provided by representatives of the Environmental Investigations Agency, Plastic Free Communities Scotland and the Scottish Islands Federation.

1 MSP and 16 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams.

29th October 2025: This was the group's annual general meeting.

2 MSPs and 6 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams.

2nd December 2025: This was an unofficial meeting without a quorate number of member MSPs. The topic for the meeting was the best way to make Scotland's economy more circular. The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Energy provided an overview of the Draft Circular Economy Strategy and presentations were given by Zero Waste Scotland and the Chair of the Economic Development Association Scotland.

1 MSP and 14 non-MSPs were in attendance.

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)

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Annie Wells 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 Hellowell (Edinburgh Tool Library)
 Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (Fyne Futures)
 Xiaoyan Ma (Danu Robotics)
 Mary Michel (Ostero)
 Fleur Ruckley (Topolytics)
 Paul Smith
 Nicki Souter (Resource Management Association Scotland)
 Dr Lynn Wilson (Adam Smith Business School)
 Martha Wood – Circular DS International

Organisations

Scottish Environment LINK
 Fidra
 Keep Scotland Beautiful
 Marine Conservation Society
 Resource Futures
 Community Resource Network Scotland
 British Heart Foundation Scotland
 Friends of the Earth 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	Maurice Golden MSP
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Deputy Convener	Monica Lennon MSP Lorna Slater MSP
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Secretary	Friends of the Earth Scotland Marine Conservation Society Keep Scotland Beautiful Fidra
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Treasurer	Friends of the Earth Scotland Marine Conservation Society Keep Scotland Beautiful Fidra
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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 the Environmental Services Association of a meeting held on 13th May 2025 for provision of catering. Total value £515.52

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

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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

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

X

Provided minutes of all meetings

X

Signed

Maurice Golden

Date

9th December 2025