

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on  
Universities

Colleges and

**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.)

21 September 2021

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

4 October 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

19 October 2023

**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]

28 September 2022

### 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.

**28 September 2022**

The cost of living crisis among students

MSP membership: 2

Non-MSP membership: 24

**19 January 2023**

Student mobility

MSP membership: 3

Non-MSP membership: 32

**27 April 2023**

Support for Ukraine

MSP membership: 2

Non-MSP membership: 19

**4 October 2023**

Withers report and reform agenda

MSP membership: 4

Non-MSP membership: 36

**MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Beatrice Wishart MSP**

**Clare Adamson MSP**

**Kaukab Stewart MSP**

**Liz Smith MSP**

**Maggie Chapman MSP**

**Michael Marra 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**

Professor Matthew Maclver

	<p>Mr Terry Brotherstone  Ms Carolynne Hunter  Mr Francis Hooton  Ms Judith McClure</p>
<b>Organisations</b>	<p>Abertay University  Architecture &amp; Design Scotland  City of Glasgow College  Dundee &amp; Angus college  Educational Institute Of Scotland (EIS)  Edinburgh Napier University  Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)  Glasgow Caledonian University  Glasgow Clyde College  Heriot-Watt University  Higher Education Academy in Scotland  Jisc  LEAD Scotland  North East Scotland College  NUS Scotland  Open University in Scotland  Pagoda PR  Perth College UHI  Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh  Robert Gordon University  Royal Conservatoire of Scotland</p>

Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)  
Scottish Development International  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Funding Council  
Skills Development Scotland (SDS)  
sparqs – student partnerships in quality Scotland  
Thorntons Law LLP  
UCU Scotland  
Unite the Union  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Dundee  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow  
University of the Highlands & Islands  
University of St Andrews  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of the West of Scotland  
West College 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.

<b>Convener</b>	Liz Smith MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Michael Marra MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Universities Scotland
<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:**

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		
Provided minutes of all meetings		
Signed		
Date	19/10/2023	