

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

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.)

23 June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

25 June 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

21 July 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]

26 June

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.

11 December 2024

3 MSPs attendees

13 Non MSP attendees

The meeting focused on the upcoming International Fair Trade Towns Conference, to be held in Edinburgh in August 2025. We received updates from Scottish Fair Trade and Edinburgh's Fair Trade Group, alongside reflections on the 2024 conference in South Africa. The session underlined the opportunity for Scotland to demonstrate global leadership on Fair Trade through inclusive dialogue and local action.

14 May 2025

2 MSPs attendees

19 Non MSP attendees

Speakers from Fairtrade Foundation and Oxfam GB talked about urgent challenges facing workers in global supply chains, particularly in the tea and garment sectors. Discussions focused on the upcoming Brew it Fair campaign, the need for UK legislation on corporate due diligence, and the importance of fairer tax systems and stronger protections for women in insecure work. The meeting led to a Parliamentary motion calling for action to improve the lives of tea-growing communities and support climate adaptation.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Colin Smyth, Scottish Labour

Claire Baker, Scottish Labour

Maggie Chapman, Scottish Green Party

Sarah Boyack, Scottish Labour

Foysol Choudhury, Scottish Labour

Katy Clark, Scottish Labour

Rona Mackay, Scottish National Party

Tim Eagle, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

John Mason, Independent

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	Peter Kennedy Arthur West Ailsa Henderson Sandra Burt Craig Sullivan Jane Forster Shirley Brown Martin Meteyard
Organisations	Scottish Fair Trade Orkney Fair Trade Group Aberdeen for a Fairer World Linlithgow Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh Stirling Fair Trade Group West Lothian Fair Trade Group Green City Wholefoods British Association of Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group True Origin East Ayrshire Fair Trade Group Scotmid Edinburgh Fair Trade Steering Group Co-operative Party Hadeel/ Palcrafts Motherwell Fair Trade Group Glasgow Fairtrade Co-operative North Lanarkshire Fair Trade Group Dundee Fair Trade Group North Ayrshire Fair Trade Group South Ayrshire Fair Trade Group Ayr Fair Trade Partnership Gavin's Mill Dumfries Fair Trade Group Rainbow Turtle Queensferry Fair Trade Group

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	Colin Smyth
Deputy Convener	John Mason
Secretary	Scottish Fair Trade (Louise Davies)
Treasurer	NA
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.	
None	
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	Colin Smyth MSP	
Date	17 July 2025	