

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Gaelic/ Buidheann Thar Phàrtaidh Gàidhlig

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.)

15th June 2016

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

17 September 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

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]

17 September 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.

13 November 2024:
Main Subjects discussed:

1. **Scottish Languages Bill**
2. **Gaelic Youth Strategy**

Attendance Figures:

1 MSP
10 Non-MSP Group Members
11 Attendees

17 September 2025:

Main subjects discussed:

1. **Election of cross-party Group Office Bearers**

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP
2 Non-MSP Group Members
10 Attendees

MSP Members of The Group

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

Dr Alasdair Allan, Scottish National Party

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

Ariane Burgess, Scottish Green Party

Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Michael Marra, Scottish Labour

Emma Roddick, 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

Carole Henderson

Organisations

An Comunn Gàidhealach

Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Cearcall Còmhairidh Fìobha

Cearcall Còmhairidh Dhùn Èideann

	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Comhairle nan Leabhraichean Comunn na Gàidhlig Fèisean nan Gàidheal Free Church of Scotland MG Alba Misneachd Sabhal Mòr Ostaig The Highland Council University of the Highlands and Islands
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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.

Convener	Alasdair Allan
Deputy Convener	Rhoda Grant
Secretary	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Treasurer	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.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig – secretarial support and simultaneous translation – all in-kind support estimated value £800 based on two meetings

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

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM

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

Provided minutes of all meetings

Signed

Date