

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Islands

Date Group Established

14 December 2022

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

09 February 2026

Date Annual Return Submitted

TBC

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 February 2025

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.

Meeting 9 –

26 February 2025, Focus on Island Enterprises

Presentations by Maree Hay, Managing Director of Polycrub; Colin Buchanan, Chair of the Isle of Luing Community Trust; and Eileen Linklater, Director of Corporate Affairs for EMEC – the European Marine Energy Centre followed by discussion (4 MSPs, 71 non-MSP participants)

Meeting 10 –

02 April 2025, Focus on Island Enterprises II (Islands Economy Showcase in the Scottish Parliament)

Roundtable event in Committee Room 1 with Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP, Jamie Greene MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Alasdair Allan MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP and Kate Forbes MSP followed by evening reception in the Garden Lobby with multiple MSPs and over 100 invited guests

(at least 10 MSPs, 120 non-MSP participants)

Meeting 11 –

13 January 2026, Focus on the Energy Transition in Scotland's Islands (Joint CPG with the CPG for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Scottish Parliament)

Presentations by Adele Lidderdale, UHI Orkney; Scott Watson, Carbon Neutral Cumbrae and Calum MacDonald, Point & Sandwick Trust/Community Energy Scotland followed by open discussion.

(5 MSPs, 106 non-MSP participants)

Meeting 12 –

09 February 2026, AGM

Quick 15 minute meeting to conduct AGM business

(4 MSPs, 8 non-MSP participants)

Meeting 13 –

04 March 2026, Forward Planning the CPG Islands

The final meeting of the CPG will take place on 04 March with presentations from our Conveners followed by discussion (number of participants TBC)

MSP Members of The Group

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

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP – Scottish Conservatives and Unionists

Beatrice Wishart MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Ariane Burgess MSP – Scottish Greens

Edward Mountain MSP – Scottish Conservatives and Unionists

Rhoda Grant MSP – Scottish Labour

Finlay Carson MSP - Scottish Conservatives and Unionists

Liam McArthur MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Graham Simpson MSP – Reform UK

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	Scott	Adams
	Stella	Alavijeh
	David	Cameron
	Michael	Dobson
	Kaydence	Drayak
	Don	Esson
	Christine	Gillies
	Ian	Hopkins
	Anne	Kelley
	Mary Ann	Kennedy
	Jean Mary	Knowles
	Laurence	Lasselle
	Finlay	MacDonald
	Mairi	Mackenzie
	Kenneth	MacLennan
	Liz	Mcknockiter
	Ann	Nisbet
	Christopher	Rice
	Susan	Thomson
	David	Wardrop-White
Organisations	Allenergy Ann Nisebet Studio Aquatera Argyll & Bute Business Gateway Argyll & Bute Council	

Argyll & Bute Social Care Partnership
Argyll TSI
Arran Community and Voluntary Service
Arran Community Council
Arran Development Trust
Arran Eco Savvy
BBC Radio Orkney
Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Bornish Community Council
Breasclete Community Council
Bressay Development Ltd
Business Energy Scotland
Cairngorms National Park Authority
Caledonian MacBrayne
Canna Campsite / Isle of Canna Community Dev Trust
Carbon Neutral Islands - Barra & Vatersay
Carbon Neutral Islands (Cumbrae)
Changeworks
CHARTS (Culture, Heritage & Arts, Argyll & Isles)
Climate Hebrides
CMAL
CNE Siar - Settlement Officer
CoDeL Community Development Lens
Coimhearsnachd Bharraidh agus Bhatarsaidh (Barra & Vatersay Community) Ltd
Coll Community Council
Comann Dualchas Innse Gall
Comann Eachdraidh Eirisgeidh
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Communities Housing Trust
Community Energy Scotland
Community Land Outer Hebrides
Cothrom
Creative Scotland
Crofting Commission
CROW-Colin Ross Workshop
Crown Estate Scotland
Culture Counts
Cumbrae Youth Project
Cycling UK
Development Trust Association Scotland
Doug Blackie Consulting Inc
Dougarie Estate
Dualchas Architects
Dunvegan Community Trust
Dùthchas Arainn CBS & Arran Island Plan Steering Group
(Environment Strand Co-Lead)
Eday Partnership

European Marine Energy Centre
Ferries Community Board
Ferries Community Board & Coll Community Council
Fraser Architecture LLP & 7-22 Systems Ltd
Greener Orkney
Harris Voluntary Service
Heathbank Ltd
Heriot-Watt University
HIE - Argyll
Highlands & Islands Enterprise
HITRANS
Home Energy Scotland
Institute for northern studies UHI
Ipsos
IRRI
Islay Community Council
Islay Development Initiative
Islay Energy Trust/Carbon Neutral Islands
Islay Whisky Academy
Isle Develop CIC / Tiree Community Development Trust
Isle of Canna Community Development Trust
Isle of Cumbrae Initiative Community Company
Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust
Isle of Luing Community Trust
James Hutton Institute
Jura Stores
Kilmoluag Liosmor
Local Energy Scotland
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS)
Muirneag Consulting - for Point & Sandwick Trust
Mull & Iona Ferry Committee
Mull and Iona Community Trust
Mull Community Council
National Centre for Resilience
NFU Scotland
North Ayrshire Council
North Ayrshire Council - Housing & Public Protection
North Isles Councillor
North Ronaldsay Trust
North West Mull Community Woodland Co. Ltd.
North Yell Development Council
Office of Angus MacDonald MP
Orkney Boreray
Orkney Builders (Contractors) Limited
Orkney Rape & Sexual Assault Service (ORSAS)
Outer Hebrides CLLD/Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Pairc Trust
Papay Development Trust

Papay Ranger
Plunkett UK
Point and Sandwick Trust
Polycrub
Pragmatix Advisory
Queen Margaret University
Raasay Development Trust
Regional Screen Scotland
REWDT
Robert Gordon University
RSPB
Rural Health Compass
Rural Policy Centre (SRUC)
Rural Youth Action Network
Saltwater Gallery
Sanday Community Council
Sanday Development Trust
Save Ardrossan Harbour
SAYFC
Scotland Office, UK Government
Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel
Scottish Futures Trust
Scottish Government
Scottish Government Islands Team
Scottish Islands Federation
Scottish Islands Passport
Scottish Rural & Island Transport Community
Scottish Rural Action
Scottish Rural Network
Scottish Womens Convention
Shapinsay Development Trust
Shetland Arts
Shetland Fishermen's Association
Shetland Islands Council
South Ronanlsay and Burray Community Council (SRBCC)
Orkney Islands
South West Mull & Iona Development
SRB Community Council
Staffin Community Trust
Stonnavation Ltd
Storas Uibhist
Strathairn Development Company
Stromness Community Council/Stromness Community
Development Trust
Stronsay Development Trust
Stronsay, Orkney
Tagsa Uibhist
Taste of Arran

The AMAZE Project
 The Hebridean Trust
 The Pairc Trust & Co-Chomunn na Pairc
 The Poverty Alliance
 Thorntons Law LLP
 Tìree Commuity Council
 Tìree Community Development Trust
 Tìree Makery
 Tor Justad Associates
 TSI Western Isles
 Turntown UK
 UHI Institute for North Studies
 UHI North, West & Hebrides
 UHI Outer Hebrides
 Uig Community Council
 Uisge Beatha nan Eilean
 Umeå Universitet
 University Centre of the Westfjords
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Edinburgh
 Unst Partnership Ltd
 Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn
 Visit Arran
 Visit Scotland
 VOX Scotland
 Young Islanders Network

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

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP

Deputy Conveners

Beatrice Wishart MSP

Secretariat

Artemis Pana, Scottish Rural Action
 Kirsty MacColl, Scottish Islands Federation

Treasurer

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP

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.

Secretariat support from Scottish Rural Action (a registered charity and company ltd by guarantee) and the Scottish Islands Federation (a registered company ltd by guarantee) calculated at £2,800 per annum provided in kind as staff time.

Sponsorship for the Garden Lobby Islands Showcase evening reception on 02 April 2025 was generously provided by Loganair (£2000) and NorthLink ferries (£2000). Money that was not spent on equipment hire, food/drink and entertainment was used as bursaries to assist representatives of small businesses from Scotland's islands to attend in person – and to attend the roundtable event in the afternoon which preceded the reception.

**COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)**

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Islands, 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

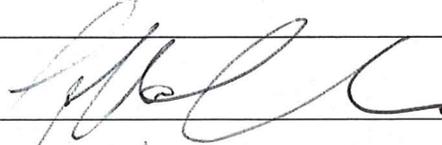
X

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

X

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	3/3/26.