

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Migration</b>
<b>Date Group Established</b> (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.)
16/12/2021
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
06/12/2021
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
19/12/2022
<b>Date of Preceding AGM</b> [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]
N/A
<b>Group Meetings and Activities</b>  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.

**16/12/21** – Initial meeting of the group was held virtually. The meeting covered the election of office bearers and the group discussed the general aims and actions of the CPG.

The meeting was attended by 4 MSP's, 4 members of staff on behalf of other MSPs, 1 member of staff accompanying an MSP and nine organisations.

**28/04/22** – This meeting centred around the Nationality and Borders Bill and the group heard from Pinar Aksu from Maryhill Integration, Jen Ang from JustRight Scotland and a general discussion between members followed regarding the Bill and potential future topics for discussion.

2 MSP's attended this meeting, 1 MP attended, 2 members of staff from MSP offices attended, 17 organisations attended and 5 individuals attended.

**07/06/22** – This meeting focused on housing and destitution and the group heard from Anne McLaughlin MP on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Immigration and Detention, Dylan Fatoohi from Refugees for Justice and Cath McGee from the Refugee Survival Trust.

2 MSP's attended this meeting, 1 MP attended, 1 member of staff from MSP office on behalf of an MSP, 16 organisations attended, and 4 individuals attended.

**04/10/22** – The topic for the October meeting was free bus travel and Andrea Cleaver, Chief Executive of the Welsh Refugee Council presented to the group and was followed by Simon Suamu from the VOICES Network, Laura Robertson from the Poverty Alliance and Sekou Louis from MIN Voices.

An official from Transport Scotland also spoke on the night about proposals for free bus travel for people speaking asylum but this was not scheduled in the formal agenda.

3 MSPs attended this meeting, 19 organisations attended, and 4 individuals attended.

**06/12/22** – This meeting consisted of the AGM and was followed by an ordinary meeting on the topic of education where the group heard from

Ahmed Alhindi from Our Grades, Not Visas, Andy Sirrell from JustRight Scotland and Mariam Bafo from We Belong.

Following speakers, the group discussed actions which could be taken to feed into an imminent change in regulations with regards to migrant access to free higher education in Scotland.

3 MSP's attended this meeting, 17 organisations and 2 individuals.

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

Paul Sweeney MSP (Scottish Labour)  
Bob Doris MSP (Scottish National Party)  
Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Green Party)  
Maggie Chapman MSP (Scottish Green Party)  
Mercedes Villalba MSP (Scottish Labour)  
Foyso Choudhury MSP (Scottish Labour)  
Katy Clark MSP (Scottish Labour)

### **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.

<b>Individuals</b>	Dr Lucy Lowe Adam Paterson Ellen McGeough Rachel Ainsworth Ruth Ann McCalla Una Lees Professor Alison Phipps Lawon Adeniyi
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<b>Organisations</b>	Maryhill Integration Network Freedom From Torture Refugees For Justice Friends of Scottish Settlers Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees British Red Cross VOICES Network Scottish Detainee Visitors Just Right Scotland Joseph Rowntree Foundation Grampian Regional Equality Council LGBT Health and Wellbeing Outside the Box Govan Community Project Scottish Refugee Council Community Infosource African Caribbean Women Association Scotland We Belong
<p><b>Group Office Bearers</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>Convener</b>	Paul Sweeney MSP

<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Bob Doris MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Maryhill Integration Network
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A
<p><b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
N/A	
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