Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Migration
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.)
16/12/2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
05/12/2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
20/12/2023
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]
06/12/2022
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 February 2023 –** Meeting focused on the topic of detention with contributions from Scottish Detainee Visitors, Detention Forum, Human Rights Consortium Scotland, Friends of Scottish Settlers and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Detention.

  2 MSP attendees and 21 non-MSP attendees.

- **30 May 2023** – Meeting focused on the topic of mental health with contributions from the Poverty Alliance and peer researchers from Maryhill Integration Network regarding their research on the mental health impact of the asylum system and the Mental Health Foundation on increasing civic participation.

  2 MSP attendees and 20 non-MSP attendees.

- **4 October 2023 –** Meeting focused on the topic of the impact of the Illegal Migration Act with contributions from JustRight Scotland, Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance, Human Rights Consortium Scotland and people with lived experience of the asylum system.

  2 MSP attendees and 31 non-MSP attendees.

- **5 December 2023** – Meeting focused on the topic of dispersal and refugee integration, including the housing emergency in Glasgow and the impact of clearing asylum backlog. Contributions from Simon Community Scotland, Migrant Help, GMB, UNESCO Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts.

  4 MSP attendees and 25 non-MSP attendees.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Paul Sweeney MSP, Scottish Labour and Co-operative

Bob Doris MSP, Scottish National Party

Kaukab Stewart MSP, Scottish National Party

Mark Ruskell, Scottish Greens

Maggie Chapman, Scottish Greens **Foysol Choudhury MSP, Scottish Labour** **Katy Clark MSP, Scottish Labour** **Mercedes Villalba, 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.	
Individuals	Dr Calum Lindsay Dr Lucy Lowe Adam Paterson Ellen McGeough Rachel Ainsworth Ruth Ann McCalla Una Lees Professor Alison Phipps Lawon Adeniyi Bozena Sojka Shaina Gabi Ghizala Avan
Organisations	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 JustRight 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
	Public Health Scotland
	Justice and Peace Scotland
	Simon Community 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.

Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP
Deputy Convener	Bob Doris MSP Kaukab Stewart MSP
Secretary	Maryhill Integration Network
Treasurer	-

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.	
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