

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
Cross-Party Group on Migration
<b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.</li><li>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</li><li>3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.</li><li>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The purpose of the CPG is to provide a forum for stakeholders, policy-makers and those with lived experience to discuss any arising issues relating to migrants, refugees and those seeking asylum.</li><li>2. Whilst immigration is a reserved matter, the CPG will engage, consider and raise awareness of ways that we can make an impact on issues regarding immigration and migration, asylum and refugees within Scotland.  This is in the public interest as there is not currently a CPG focusing on this area despite thousands in Scotland being impacted by issues relating to migration, asylum and refugees. The creation of this CPG would be particularly beneficial given recent, significant and relevant events taking place such as the passing of the Nationality and Borders Bill by the UK Parliament and the crisis in Afghanistan.</li><li>3. No CPG's of similar objectives have been identified.</li></ol>

4. A discussion regarding potential areas of focus and interest to the CPG took place at the initial meeting to constitute the group. Some of the topics which are anticipated to discuss are:

- Current and topical issues impacting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Scotland (e.g. COVID-19, Brexit, Borders Bill, access to education, rural and remote migration, detention, destitution, hotel accommodation etc).
- The rights of those resident in Scotland who are going through the asylum process and have refugee status.
- Scottish Government strategies such as the New Scots strategy and the Ending Destitution Together Strategy.
- Updates from third sector organisations and possibly those working on asylum, refugees and migration in other countries.

### **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
- Emma Roddick MSP – Scottish National Party
- Maggie Chapman MSP – Scottish Green Party
- Ross Greer MSP – Scottish Green Party
- Mercedes Villalba MSP – Scottish Labour and Co-operative
- Katy Clark MSP – Scottish Labour and Co-operative
- Mark Ruskell MSP – Scottish Green 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

N/A

Organisations	Maryhill Integration Network VOICES Network Safe in Scotland British Red Cross UNESCO Scottish Detainee Visitors JustRight Scotland Positive Action in Housing Migration Policy Scotland Refugees for Justice Govan Community Project
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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	Paul Sweeney MSP
Deputy Convener	Bob Doris MSP
Secretary	Maryhill Integration Network
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.

N/A

**Subscription Charged by the Group**

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

**Convener Contact Details**

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**Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Migration is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed



Date

21 December 2021