

Meeting of the CPG on Migration

Date: June 2022

Location: Committee Room 4, The Scottish Parliament with the option to join via Microsoft Teams

MSP attendance:

- Bob Doris MSP
- Paul Sweeney MSP

Non-MSP attendance:

- Anne McLaughlin MP
- Refugees for Justice
- Scottish Refugee Council
- Professor Alison Phipps, UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts
- Govan Community Project
- Maryhill Integration Network
- Freedom From Torture
- Citizen's Advice Edinburgh
- VOICES Network
- LGBT Health
- David, Office of Bob Doris MSP
- Justice and Peace Scotland
- Community Infosource
- Friends of Scottish Settlers
- Safe in Scotland

Apologies:

- Scottish Detainee Visitors
- Office of Katy Clark MSP
- Poverty Alliance
- Murdoch Stephens

Topics discussed:

- APPG for Refugees
 - Report from Anne McLaughlin MP on work of APPG.

- Inquiry into the UK Government use of large-scale institutional sites like Napier Barracks.
- Mother and Baby Unit in Glasgow.
- Hotel accommodation
 - Spoken contributions from Refugees for Justice and Scottish Refugee Council on the use of hotels.
 - Refugees for Justice report on attempts to pursue a public Inquiry into the Park Inn incident in 2020 via the Scottish and UK Parliaments which didn't succeed, confirm an Independent Inquiry to be chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy.
 - Scottish Refugee Council highlight the dispersal consultation and importance of Scottish Parliament engagement with it.
 - Potential for a Scottish asylum support system that helps with access to services, including proposals from Refugees for Justice.

Actions: