

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Palestine

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.)

7th October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

27th February 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

19th December 2024

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]

22nd November 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.

25th January 2023

Details: Presentation: A Frontline View- on the ground concerns in the occupied territories

The group also discussed the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Nakba on the 15th of May and proposed holding an event in the Scottish Parliament to mark the event and set a precedent for future years

MSP attendance: 4 Non-MSP attendance 25

16th May 2023

Details: The group held a meeting and event to raise awareness of the Nakba and complement other worldwide markings such as the one taking place at the UN General Assembly.

The group heard from several speakers including Palestinian ambassador to the UK Ambassador Husam S. Zomlot.

MSP attendance: 7 Non-MSP attendance: 58

25th October 2023

Details: The group held a meeting to discuss the unfolding crisis in Gaza. Hearing about the situation on the ground and discussing possible CPG action

MSP attendance: 7 Non-MSP attendance: 58

MSP Members of The Group

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

James Dornan

Pauline McNeil

Sarah Boyack

Maggie Chapman

Foyso Choudhury

Katy Clark

Ross Greer

Mercedes Villalba

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

Ousman Khan
Maureen Jack
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Wael Shawish
Rehan Ahmed Raza
Zahir Haider
Hala George
Mike Orr
Anne Alden
Pat Bryden
Anna Sardesai
Phil Lucas
David Beamish
Carol Morton
Allan Gordon
Colin Cooper
Jan Benvie
Evelyn McGregor
Azzam Mohamad
Vicky McGraw
Charles McGraw
Jon Pullman
Monica Spooner
Roger Spooner
Mike Whitehead

Jock McDougal

Susan Moffat

Eurig Scandrett

Jim Malone

Douglas Brook

John Badenhorst

Phil Chetwynd

Dr. Graham Watt

Liz Elkind

Frank Thomas

Dorothy Thomas

Peter McDade

Roz Currie

Karen Bett

Asif Dean

Chris Wigglesworth

Josephine Doorley

Lars Petersson

Peter MacDonald

Sofiah MacLeod

Nadia El-Nakla

Anita Shanley

Denis Rutovitz

Kate Aspinwall

Khaled Khalil

Tony Grahame

Husam Freikh

Riyadh Almasharqal

Mohammed Elhams

Jane Schonveld

Kathleen Gibb
Alison Waugh
Mark Calder
Emman El-Bahnassay
Philippa Bonnella
Michael Mineter
Susan McGill
Sandra Horne
Tom Burnham
Basia Gordon
Shirley Melvin
Halla Keir
Rohan Talbot
Craig Horne
Isabella Gabrovsky
Iina Jaara
James Dornan MSP
Maggie Chapman MSP
Ross Greer MSP
Mercedes Villalba MSP
Sarah Boyack MSP
Foyso Choudhury MSP
Katy Clark
Sandra burt
Omar Shamma
Dr. Bashier Oudeh.
Gerry O'hare
Sandra White
Nadia El-Nakla
claudia beamish
j benvie

	hanna lyden Fergal Docherty Bushra Rariaz
Organisations	
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	All co-conveners
Deputy Convener	Pauline McNeil MSP Maggie Chapman MSP Ivan McKee MSP
Secretary	Chris White
Treasurer	Chris white
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.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER	

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

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, 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	
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	
Provided minutes of all meetings	
Signed	Pauline McNeil
Date	19/12/24