

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Poverty
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.)
23 rd November 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
11 th December 2024
Date Annual Return Submitted
13/12/2024
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]
4 th December 2023
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.

22nd May 2024 - 2 MSPs, 51 Non-MSPs

Launch of report on the CPG's inquiry into rural poverty.

Report here: <https://www.povertyalliance.org/report-cross-party-group-on-poverty-inquiry-into-rural-poverty/>

11th December 2024 – 3 MSPs, 29 Non-MSPs

Session focused on poverty-related stigma and the AGM ft. re-election of office bearers.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Paul O’Kane, Scottish Labour
Beatrice Wishart, Liberal Democrats
Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative
Bob Doris, SNP
Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour
Monica Lennon, Scottish Labour
Ben MacPherson, SNP
Carol Mochan, Scottish Labour
Alex Rowley, Scottish Labour
Collette Stevenson, SNP

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	
	Amanda Foster
	Janice Connelly
	Katie Brown

	<p>Kim Dams</p> <p>Michael Heffernan</p> <p>Michael Simpson</p>
Organisations	<p>Aberdeenshire Council</p> <p>Aberlour</p> <p>abrdn Financial Fairness</p> <p>Advocard</p> <p>Age Scotland</p> <p>ALLIANCE</p> <p>Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership</p> <p>Barnardo's</p> <p>Bridgeton CAB</p> <p>Bute Advice</p> <p>Cancer Research</p> <p>CAP</p> <p>Capital City Partnership</p> <p>Carers Scotland</p> <p>CAS Scotland</p> <p>Chair Friends</p> <p>CHAP</p> <p>Child Poverty Action Group</p> <p>Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland</p> <p>Children in Need</p> <p>Children in Scotland</p> <p>Children's Panel</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council</p> <p>Close the Gap</p> <p>Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights</p> <p>Coalition of Care and Support Providers Scotland</p>

Community Renewal Trust Community Transport Association Connected by Nature CPAG in Scotland Cranhill Development Trust CYCPS Dalkeith CAB Dark Wood Crew David Hume Institute Diabetes Scotland Dundee Bairns Early Years Scotland East Lothian Council EBI Unites Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home EIS Energy Action Scotland Engage Renfrewshire Engender Evangelical Alliance Ewan Gurr.scot Families Outside FARE Scotland FEDCAP Ferguslie Community Development Trust Financial Fairness Trust Food Standards Scotland Fraser of Allander Friends CIC FRSA

Fuel Bank Foundation Glasgow Centre for Population Health Glasgow Disability Alliance Glasgow South East Foodbank Govan Community Project Highlands and Islands Enterprise Homeless Network Scotland Houston and Killellan Kirk Includem Inclusion Scotland Independent Age Joseph Rowntree Foundation Let's Talk LifeCare Edinburgh Marie Curie Mayfield & Easthouse Development Trust MECOPP Carers Centre Migration Policy Scotland Moray Food Plus MS Society NASUWT National Lottery Community Fund Nesta Newton Primary (Head Teacher) North Ayrshire Council NSPCC Scotland Obesity Action Scotland One Parent Families Scotland Open University Oxfam Scotland Parenting Across Scotland
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	PhD Student Poverty and Inequality Commission Public Health Scotland Quakers Right There RNIB Robert Gordon University Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Save the Children Scottish Community Safety Network Scottish Federation of Housing Associations Scottish Government Scottish Pensioners Forum Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit Scottish Womens Convention Shelter Scotland SIAA Sikh and Punjabi Junction Social Enterprise Project Social and Public Health Sciences Unit - Glasgow University Social Justice and Fairness Commission/The SNP Soul Food Edinburgh South Uist and Benbecula Free Church SRUC STAF Staf Stobswell Forum SCIO Student - Glasgow University SURF - Scotland's Regeneration Forum The Health Agency The Larder
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	The Poverty Truth Community The Pyramid at Anderston The Robertson Trust The Wise Group Trussel Trust Turning Point Scotland UN House Scotland University of Glasgow University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of West Scotland Voluntary Health Scotland Welfare Scotland Women's Enterprise Scotland XAVS Youthlink
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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 O’Kane MSP
Deputy Convener	Beatrice Wishart MSP
Secretary	The Poverty Alliance
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

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