## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

| **Name of Cross-Party Group** |
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| Cross-Party Group on Ireland |
| **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**<br><br>1. **Please state the purpose of the Group.**<br><br>To build and develop links in the areas of immigration, culture, trade, investment, tourism, education and literature<br><br>2. **Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.**<br><br>This group recognises the huge impact of Irish immigration and Irish culture on Scotland and seeks to build on the strong relationship between Scotland and Ireland based on shared interest and friendship, as well as economic co-operation<br><br>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.**<br><br>Not aware of any overlaps with any other group.<br><br>4. **Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.**<br><br>• The impact of Irish immigration, culture, on Scotland.<br>• The importance of our trading relationship.<br>• Investment, tourism, education and literature. |

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**MSP Members of the Group**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note:

| **MSP** | **Party** |
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| Patricia Gibson MSP | SNP |
| Willie Rennie MSP | Liberal Democrats |
| Iris Duane MSP | Scottish Green Party |
| Max Bannerman MSP | Reform UK |
| Joe Fagan MSP | Labour |
| Finlay Carson MSP | Conservatives |
| Steven Bonnar MSP | SNP |
| Fulton McGregor MSP | SNP |
| Clare Adamson MSP | SNP |
| Colm Merrick MSP | 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.

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| **Individuals** | |
| Brigid Whoriskey | Director of Envision Business Solutions |
| Rob Byrne | Parliamentary staffer |
| **Organisations** | |

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| Envision Business Solutions<br>Consulate General of Ireland | |
| **Group Office Bearers**<br>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 | Patricia Gibson MSP |
| Deputy Convener | Stephen Bonnar MSP |
| Secretary | Brigid Whoriskey |
| Named Contact | (PERHAPS A STAFF MEMBER?) |
| **Financial Benefits or Other Benefits**<br>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**<br>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used. | |
| N/A | |
| **Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.** | |
| Please read the following: | |

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- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct;
- The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with:
  - The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;
  - Named contact details;
  - The registration form;
  - All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**
  - The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting).
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present;
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place;
- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

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

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| Signed (Convener) | Patricia Gibson |
| Date | 16/09/2026 |

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