

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read [Section 6 of the Code of Conduct](#) before completing this form.

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics
1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
- The purpose of the group is to promote opportunities for MSPs and the scientific community in Scotland to interact on issues of importance to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- The group ensures MSPs can engage with Scotland's scientific community and gather advice and evidence from experts which can then inform their perspectives on relevant policy. The informed decision-making that comes from interacting with such experts is in the public interest.
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.
- Whilst some topics may also be relevant to other groups – like the Scottish Games Ecosystem, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Nature and Climate, Space, and Life Sciences CPGs – the Science and Technology CPG's remit remains distinct enough to warrant a separate group, given there is no other CPG that takes a holistic look at science and technology.

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4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

- At the end of 2025, non-MSP members of the CPG put together a manifesto of key areas for the new parliament and government to focus on. These will also be the focus of the CPG for the next parliamentary session. They are: innovation and research; artificial intelligence and ethical literacy; futureproofing education and skills; climate change and health; inclusion in science and technology.

MSP Members of the Group

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

- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

MSP

Clare Adamson

Calum Kerr

Zen Ghani

Patrick Harvie

David Kirkwood

Jenny Young

Andrew Baxter

Party

SNP

SNP

SNP

Scottish Greens

Reform

Scottish Labour

Scottish Liberal Democrats

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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	Mridula Chakraborty Sylvia McKay Kathleen Hill Iain Hunter William Duncan Shonaig McPherson Yetunde Adediran Katie McGuire Jack McGleish
Organisations	Academy for the Mathematical Sciences Associate for Science Education Bangor University Biospheric Restoration Systems British Computer Society Engineering UK Equate Scotland Fraunhofer UK Information Commissioner's Office Institute of Physics Leonardo National Digital Services Team – NHS Education for Scotland Primary Science Teaching Trust Skills Development Scotland

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	ScotlandDIS Scottish Funding Council SSERC Technology Teachers Association The Data Lab The Microbiology Society The National Robotarium The Physiological Society The Royal Society of Biology The Royal Society of Edinburgh The Royal Society of Chemistry Townrock Energy University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of St Andrews University of the West of Scotland Usher Institute Young Academy of Scotland
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. Please note: • No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and <u>one other individual</u> who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.	
Convener	Clare Adamson MSP

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Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP Calum Kerr MSP David Kirkwood MSP Jenny Young MSP Andrew Baxter MSP
Secretary	The Royal Society of Edinburgh
Named Contact	Clare Adamson MSP (Clare.Adamson.msp@parliament.scot) The Royal Society of Edinburgh (publicpolicy@these.org.uk) Rebecca Simpson (rebecca.simpson@parliament.scot)
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	
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 Science and Technology is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)

Clare Adamson

Date

29/06/2026

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