

CROSS PARTY GROUP ON SKILLS

Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 1800-1900 hours
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Present

- Pam Gosal MSP
- Stephen Kerr MSP
- Kaukab Stewart MSP
- Shona Struthers, Colleges Scotland
- Joanne Buchan, Colleges Scotland
- Tom Hall, Colleges Scotland
- Jonathan McAveety, CECA Scotland
- Tommy Breslin, STUC
- Fiona Harper, SELECT
- Liz Barron Majerik, Lantra Scotland
- Chic Brodie, Caledonian Strategy (Scotland) Ltd
- Christine Powell, Essentials Plus Ltd
- Stuart McKenna, Scottish Training Federation Ltd
- Lauren Pennycook, CITB
- Robert Bruce, Enginuity
- Susannah Lane, Universities Scotland
- Michael McDaid, Skills Development Scotland
- Keith Robson, Open University
- Geoff Campbell, Nithcree Training

Apologies

- Gillian Martin MSP
- Beatrice Wishart MSP
- Clare Adamson MSP
- Michael Marra MSP
- Moira Houston, Chartered Banker Institute
- Stephen Young, Civil Engineering Contractors Association (Scotland)
- Kirsty Summers, Scotch Whisky Association
- Kirsty Conlon, Universities Scotland
- Boab Thomson, Universities Scotland
- George Brown, SQA
- Anne Galbraith, SECTT
- Jim Metcalfe, College Development Network
- Kerri Haynes, STEM Ambassadors in Scotland
- Wendy Burton, STUC

1. Welcome and Apologies

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland opened the meeting, welcoming the group and new members to its first meeting in session six of the Scottish Parliament and noted apologies.

2. Re-registration of the Cross Party Group on Skills

The registration form was agreed, noting that the deadline for re-registering was 31 October 2021.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Members elected Pam Gosal MSP as the Convener of the group and Stephen Kerr MSP as the Deputy Convener. Members then approved the re-election of Colleges Scotland as the secretariat of the group.

4. Discussion

There was a discussion on topics for future meetings which included green skills, poverty and digital skills, meta skills in Scotland, impact of education reform on vocational skills, non-SQA qualifications, Flexible Workforce Development Fund, rural skills and skills provision in rural areas.

5. Dates for Future Meetings

It was noted that future meetings would be scheduled in the new year.

6. Close

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed.