

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Tourism

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.)

25 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8 December 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

8 January 2026

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]

9 December 2024

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.

19 May 2025

Meeting focused on heritage tourism and opportunities, including the new Inverness Castle Project.

Presentations covered Inverness Castle Project development and Historic Environment Scotland's heritage tourism priorities.

29 non-MSPs attending
3 MSPs attending

8 December 2025

Meeting covered AGM business only, as this was a rescheduled meeting to elect office bearers. Evelyn Tweed MSP confirmed as Convenor and Murdo Fraser MSP confirmed as Deputy Convenor.

2 MSPs attending

MSP Members of The Group

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

- Evelyn Tweed, Scottish National Party
- Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Colin Smyth, Independent
- Karen Adam, Scottish National Party
- Alexander Burnett, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Foyso Choudhury, Independent
- Jamie Halcro Johnston, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Rachael Hamilton, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Emma Harper, Scottish National Party
- Audrey Nicoll, Scottish National Party
- Paul Sweeney, Scottish Labour

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott McMurray, Evelyn Tweed MSP staff • Gary Atkinson
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air BnB • Association of Scottish Self Caterers • Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions • BACTA • British Holiday & Home Parks Association (BHHPA) • Carey Tourism • Coruisk House • Diageo • Edinburgh College • Edinburgh International Conference Centre • Expedia • Glasgow Chamber of Commerce • Glasgow Life • Green Business UK Ltd/Green Tourism Certification Programme • Heritage Railway Association • Historic Environment Scotland • Hostelling Scotland • IHG Hotels and Resorts • Inverclyde Council • Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park • Loch Melfort Hotel Ltd • Love Loch Lomond • Mercat Tours and Mercat Tours International • Moffat Centre for Travel and Tourism, Glasgow • Caledonian University • Napier University • Nevis Range • National Trust for Scotland • OnFife Cultural Trust • Paths for All • RuralDimensions Ltd • Scotch Whisky Association • ScotRail • Scottish Agritourism

- Scottish b&b Association
- Scottish Chambers of Commerce
- Scottish Country Sports Tourism Group
- Scottish Destination Management Association
- Scottish Enterprise
- Scottish Guest House and B&B Association
- Scottish Land & Estates
- Scottish Licenced Trade Association
- Scottish Retail Consortium
- Scottish Rugby
- Scottish Tourist Guides Association
- Scottish Golf Tourism Development Group
- SenScot
- Seton Sands
- Skills Development Scotland
- SLAED Tourism Group
- Springboard
- Scottish Tourism Alliance
- St Andrews Links Trust
- Stirling Council
- Traveltech for Scotland TourismTech at Edinburgh Futures Insititute (University of Edinburgh)
- UK Chinese Times
- UK Hospitality
- UK Short Term Accommodation Association
- UKInbound
- Visit Arran
- Visit Inverness Loch Ness
- VisitAberdeenshire
- VisitDunfermline
- VisitScotland
- Wild About Argyll
- Wild Scotland
- Wilderness Group/Wilderness Scotland
- Winnock Hotel
- Women in Tourism

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	Evelyn Tweed MSP
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Deputy Convener	Murdo Fraser MSP
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Secretary	Beth Thoms, VisitScotland
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Treasurer	Scott McMurray, Office of Evelyn Tweed MSP
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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

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 Tourism, 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	X
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM		X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		X
Provided minutes of all meetings		X
Signed	Evelyn Tweed	
Date	19/01/26	