

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

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.)

05 October 2023

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

07 October 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

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]

24 September 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.

12 March 2025

Attendance: 2 MSP members, 1 MSP, 32 non-MSPs, 33 guests.

The overarching topic of the meeting was on Ukrainian culture in Scotland and updates from the working groups.

Guest speaker Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution and External Affairs and Culture, Angus Robertson MSP reaffirmed the Scottish Governments continued support for Ukraine's sovereignty and to supporting Ukrainians in Scotland. Guest speaker Andrii Madzianovskyi, Consul of Ukraine highlighted the remarkable cooperation between Scotland and Ukraine and emphasised the deep cultural ties between the two countries.

Guest Speaker Yevheniia Kravchuk, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, Member of Supervisory Board of the Ukrainian Institute discussed their objectives and activities and the initiative to launch the Ukrainian Institute in Scotland.

All new membership requests were approved by the group.

Oleksandra Novatska on Culture Working Group provided an update on their recent activities.

John Beaton-Hawryluk on Resettlement Working Group provided an update on their recent activities.

Kseniia Smyrnova on Education Working Group provided an update on their recent activities.

Anna Kulish on Business and Economy Working Group provide an update on their recent activities.

Guest speaker Nigel Osborne, Emeritus Professor of Music and Human Sciences, The University of Edinburgh; Field Worker, Art Therapy Force Ukraine and Edinburgh Direct Aid International shared his work on using the arts to support people affected by the conflict.

07 October 2025 AGM

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 3 non-MSPs

Colin Beattie MSP elected convenor

Miles Briggs MSP, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, and Paul O'Kane elected as vice convenor

Jenny Gray elected as secretariat

MSP Members of The Group

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

Colin Beattie, Scottish National Party
Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Paul O’Kane, Scottish Labour
Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats
Katy Clark, Scottish Labour
Christine Grahame, Scottish National Party
Liam McArthur, Scottish Liberal Democrats
Clare Adamson, Scottish National Party
Russell Findlay, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

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

Anna Kulish
Kseniia Smyrnova
Yevgen Gorash
Yulianna Shalenyk
Bohdan Kruk
Kvitka Perehinets
Anastasia Klimash
Hanna Tekliuk
Illia Malanchuk
Peter David Kormylo
Zhenya Dove
Olha Maksymiak
Vasyl Kren

Hannah Beaton-Hawryluk

Tetiana Balanova

John Hawryluk

Steven Carr

Maryan Pokhylyy

Anne Yarney

Doug Allan

Kateryna Campbell

Olena Litvinova-Kutsai

Dmytro Syrota

Oleksandr Chernykh

Oleksandra Novatska

Olga Biryuk

Olena Yuzkova

Juliette Lichman

Valeriya Golovina

Giles Sutherland

Peter Cooper

Joe Goldblatt

Mykola Zinchenko

Maryna Zvarych

Serhii Kuzminov

Varvara Mishyna

	<p>Daniel Smith</p> <p>Anna Makhlay</p> <p>Olga Niekrasova</p> <p>Daria Shapovalova</p> <p>Amy McNeese-Mechan</p> <p>Erik Avetisov</p> <p>Ian McFarlane</p> <p>Vitaliia Melnyk</p> <p>Olga Lutsyshyn</p> <p>Oksana Saiapina</p> <p>David Hamilton</p> <p>Andriy Chornenko</p> <p>Martin Hunt</p> <p>Tetiana Puchkova</p> <p>Nazarii Lialiuk</p> <p>Nataliya Lyalyuk</p> <p>Oleksandra Zhyhalkina</p> <p>Yurii Filippov</p> <p>Larysa Zhdankina</p> <p>Andro Mathewson</p> <p>Olga Maslova</p> <p>Yuliia Solovyeva</p> <p>Ritwij Raj</p>
Organisations	<p>Consulate of Ukraine in Edinburgh</p>

The Association of
Ukrainians in Great
Britain (AUGB) Glasgow
branch
The Association of
Ukrainians in Great
Britain (AUGB) Edinburgh
branch
The Association of
Ukrainians in Great
Britain (AUGB) Dundee
branch

Ukrainian Collective

Scottish Refugee Council

Center for Civil Liberties

Nadiya

Scottish Council on
Global Affairs

Edinburgh Voluntary
Organisations Council
(EVOC)

Feniks

Ukraine Solidarity
Campaign Scotland

Nazovni

shevchenko.philia

Mission of Innocents

	<p>Carey Tourism</p> <p>Ukrainian Product Design</p> <p>Balakun</p> <p>Abandoned Artists</p>
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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	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	<p>Miles Briggs MSP</p> <p>Alex-Cole Hamilton MSP</p> <p>Paul O’Kane MSP</p>
Secretary	Jenny Gray
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.

the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500)

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 <X>, 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

✓

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

✓

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

✓

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM

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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

✓

Provided minutes of all meetings

✓

Signed

Colin Beattie MSP

Date