

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please state the purpose of the Group.2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose 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.4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<p>Purpose of the Group: The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.</p> <p>Public Interest: The CPG on Visual Impairment will have relevant interest as regards COVID recovery and the implications for those with sight loss with a strong focus on highlighting the need for accessibility of communications and infrastructure to enable the inclusion of blind and partially people in the wider society.</p> <p>Overlaps: N/A</p> <p>Indication of Topics for Next 12 Months: In the previous parliament session a survey was conducted to help prioritise possible discussion topics and a topic prioritisation survey will be carried out after re-registration of the CPG.</p> <p>At the CPG meeting on 8 September 2021 considerable interest was expressed in a wide range of possible topics including accessible voting; specialist VI education for children and young people; accessible information; the changed post-COVID streetscape and its</p>

impact on visually impaired pedestrians including the need for rehabilitation training; as well as enabling discussion on future Bills particularly relevant to blind and partially sighted people.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party)
Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour)
Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party)
Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)
Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)
Paul O’Kane MSP (Scottish Labour)
Colin Smyth MSP (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

Matthew Clark
Amanda Foster
Tom Heald
Thelma Ingram
Joan Kerr
Anne MacLean
Maureen McAllister
David McKerral
Moiria McMurchie
Terry Moody
Councillor Robert Mooney
Rod Murchison
Hussein Patwa

	<p>Mary Rasmussen Ken Reid Terry Robinson Kirin Saeed Alan Stewart Steven Sutherland Colette Walker Steven White Sandra Wilson</p>
Organisations	<p>RNIB Scotland – Secretary and treasurer Allergan Angus Council Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ASDO) Associated Optical Blind Veterans UK Dundee Blind & Partially Sighted Society Eyecare Scotland Family Fund Glaucoma UK Guide Dogs Scotland Haggeye Linking Education and Disability (LEAD) Scotland Macular Society Microphthalmia, Anophthalmia & Coloboma Support (MACS) Newsdirect NHS Education for Scotland NHS Forth Valley NHS Lothian Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion North East Sensory Services (NESS) North Ayrshire Council</p>

	<p>Optelec UK</p> <p>Optometry Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>RNIB Connect Radio</p> <p>Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education (SAVIE)</p> <p>Scottish Government</p> <p>Scottish Sensory Hub (ALLIANCE)</p> <p>seescape</p> <p>Sight Action</p> <p>Sight Scotland</p> <p>Sight Scotland Veterans</p> <p>The Royal Blind School Sight Scotland</p> <p>University of Edinburgh, Moray House School of Education and Sport</p> <p>University of Edinburgh, Scottish Sensory Centre</p> <p>VI Charity Sector Partnership Mental Health Committee</p> <p>Visibility</p> <p>Visionary</p> <p>Vision PK</p> <p>Vision Support Service Aberdeen City Council</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	Stuart McMillan MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP

Secretary	Dr Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland
Treasurer	Dr Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>The CPG has received the support outlined below from RNIB Scotland, September 2020 - September 2021:</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C Burness (12 days) & C Vallis (3 days) Total: £2255 <p>Catering costs for CPG</p> <p>N/A - as meetings from September 2020 - October 2021 were held by Teams and no catering was provided.</p> <p>OVERALL TOTAL: £2255</p>	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
N/A	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
Name	Stuart McMillan MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	01475 720930

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Stuart McMillan MSP
Date	08/10/21