

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Volunteering
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>Given the ongoing Scottish Government's commitment to volunteering and their priority to increase participation rates and expand diversity of volunteering, it was felt that Cross-Party Group solely dedicated to volunteering is essential. This decision is underpinned by the fact that it is accepted that volunteering includes the public & private sector as well as voluntary and community sectors in Scotland. Indeed, Volunteering plays a crucial role in public sector reform. The aims of this CPG could not be achieved without cross-party support.</p>
Remit for CPG
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To raise awareness of volunteering in all sectors to ultimately increase participation rates in all its forms2. To ensure volunteering has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament and influence Scottish Government Policy3. To ensure opportunities for volunteering are recognised across all SG directorates4. Examination and sharing of research in other parts of UK and beyond

5. To liaise and work with other CPGs to promote volunteering

Aim of CPG

It is important that the CPG is output driven and that it makes a significant contribution to volunteering growth in Scotland and provides leadership to make this growth become a reality.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jeremy Balfour – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Fulton McGregor – Scottish National Party

Miles Briggs – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Paul O'Kane – Scottish Labour

Foyso Choudhury - 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

Organisations

Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations
Aberlour
ACOSVO
Alzheimer Scotland
Argyll & Bute Council
Argyll TSI
Befriending
Befriending Networks

	Big Lottery Fund Breast Cancer Care Scotland Breast Cancer Now Breast Feeding Network British Heart Foundation Camphill Scotland Cancer Research UK's Cancer Campaigns Ambassador Programme Cancer Support Scotland Cancer Support UK Carnegie UK Trust Changing Faces Charity Retail Association CHAS Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland Citizen Advice Scotland Compassion Edinburgh - Local Volunteer Group Creative Lives CrossReach Cruse Scotland CVS Falkirk CVS Inverclyde Dyslexia Scotland Edinburgh Children's Charity Engage Renfrewshire Fife Voluntary Action Fresh Start Girlguiding
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	<p>Guide Dogs Scotland</p> <p>Highland Third Sector Interface</p> <p>Home start UK</p> <p>Home-start Scotland</p> <p>Impact Funding Partners</p> <p>Institute of Fundraising Scotland</p> <p>Intergenerational National Network</p> <p>Lead Scotland</p> <p>Leonard Cheshire</p> <p>LGBTyouth</p> <p>MacMillian Cancer Support</p> <p>Museum and Galleries</p> <p>National Autistic Society</p> <p>NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland</p> <p>NHS Tayside Board</p> <p>Paths for all</p> <p>PKAVS Volunteering Hub</p> <p>Planning Aid for Scotland</p> <p>positive help Edinburgh</p> <p>Quarriers</p> <p>RBGE</p> <p>Rowan Alba Limited</p> <p>Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh</p> <p>Royal Voluntary Service</p> <p>Science Connects University of Glasgow</p> <p>Scottish Drugs Forum</p> <p>Scottish Men's Shed</p> <p>Scottish Sports Association (SSA)</p>
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	Scottish Water Ways Trust
	Scouts Scotland
	SCVO
	Shelter Scotland
	Sistema Scotland
	South Lanarkshire Council
	St Andrew's First Aid
	Stirling Voluntary Enterprise
	STRIVE
	Stroke Association
	Stroke Support - Scotland
	The Food Train
	The Health Agency
	The International Voluntary Service
	The Machan Trust
	The State Hospital
	The Wood Foundation
	TSI Ayrshire
	TSI Highland
	TSI Moray
	VC Borders
	Voluntary Action Shetland
	Voluntary Action South Ayrshire
	Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire
	Voluntary Health Scotland
	Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire
	Volunteer Centre Western Isles
	Volunteer Edinburgh

	Volunteer Glasgow Volunteer Midlothian Volunteer Scotland Volunteering Matters Wellbeing Scotland Youth Link Scotland
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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	Jeremy Balfour MSP & Foysol Choudhury MSP
Deputy Convener	Fulton McGregor MSP
Secretary	Margaret Starkie, Volunteer Scotland
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 no plans to source any financial contributions or material benefit of more than £500. Volunteer Scotland has agreed to finance the refreshments served at each meeting.

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.

No subscriptions will be charged.

Convener Contact Details

Name	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	<u>0131 348 5961</u>

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Volunteering is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Jeremy Balfour MSP
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Date	29 October 2021
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