



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Scotland Branch Report 2025 to 2026



Introduction

Below is an overview of the [Commonwealth Parliamentary Association](#) (CPA) activities of the Scottish Parliament (known as the Scotland Branch).

The report covers the period 17 September 2025 to 26 March 2026. During which 12 Members and one official took part in 12 CPA activities. In addition, six network meetings took place during this period.

CPA

September 2025

- In September 2025 then Presiding Officer Alison Johnstone MSP chaired the Scotland Branch Annual General Meeting. During the AGM Hon. Dr Christopher Kalila MP, Chairperson of the CPA Executive Committee, spoke about the association's wider work, and Sarah Boyack MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, Jamie Greene MSP and Jeremy Balfour MSP (video) spoke about the work of the Scotland Branch and their roles in the organisation. Sarah Boyack MSP, Roz McCall MSP and Stuart McMillan MSP were elected as the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) for 2025 to 2026.



- Jamie Greene MSP attended a BIMR LGBT+ Network meeting.

October 2025

- Sarah Boyack MSP and Roz McCall were elected as the Branch representatives for the [British Islands and Mediterranean Region](#) (BIMR) [Commonwealth Women Parliamentarian Network](#) (CWP) Steering Committee 2025 to 2026.
- Jamie Greene MSP was elected as the Branch representative for the BIMR LGBT+ Network Steering Committee 2025 to 2026.

- Jeremy Balfour MSP, as BIMR Champion on the CPwD Network; Stuart McMillan MSP, as one of the BIMR Representatives of the CPA International Executive Committee and Roz McCall MSP attended the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Bridgetown, Barbados. As part of the conference Roz McCall MSP was a panellist on the workshop “Overcoming the Barriers to the Involvement of Women with Disabilities in Politics”. [Read the report of the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.](#)
- Ash Regan MSP took part in a CPA UK Post-Election Seminar in the Cayman Islands. [The Cayman Islands Post-Election Seminar Report.](#)



Photo: CPA UK

November 2025

- Roz McCall MSP and Sarah Boyack MSP took part in an online meeting of the BIMR CWP Steering Committee.
- Jamie Greene MSP attended the First CPA BIMR LGBT+ Forum, which took place in London. The forum brought together parliamentarians from Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, Northern Ireland, Scotland, United Kingdom and Wales. It included two round tables on the level of LGBT visibility in politics across the BIMR; and the state of play in the Commonwealth on LGBT+ equality examining recent progress as well as challenges. [Read the report of the 1st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region LGBT+ Forum.](#)



January 2026

- Roz McCall MSP and Sarah Boyack MSP took part in an online meeting of the BIMR CWP Steering Committee.

February 2026

- Sarah Boyack MSP and Roz McCall MSP took part in the 12th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians British Isles and Mediterranean Regional Conference in Belfast. The theme of the conference was 'Power & Peace: Protecting Our Mental Health in Public Life', which covered discussions on holding power without losing yourself; mental health and emotional labour; the role of institutions in supporting work-life boundaries and coping mechanisms; sustaining women's leadership under pressure; and creating a wellbeing pledge for women in public life. [Read the Report of the 12th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians British Isles and Mediterranean Regional Conference.](#)



Photo: Northern Ireland Assembly

- The Scottish Parliament hosted the First Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Forum. The Forum was attended by parliamentarians and officials from nine legislatures from across the region and included sessions on accessibility audits and how to encourage more people with disabilities to stand for election. Delegates also attended the Disability Summit. [Read a blog about the First Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Forum.](#)



Statistics

CPA opportunities 17 September 2025 to 26 March 2026

Number of CPA opportunities offered to the Scotland Branch	20
Number of opportunities offered to members	12
Number of members applied for opportunities offered	16*
Number of members nominated to take part in CPA opportunities	13**
Number of members who took part in CPA opportunities	12
Number of opportunities offered to officials	5
Number of officials applied for opportunities offered	1
Number of officials nominated to take part in CPA opportunities	1
Number of officials who took part in CPA opportunities	6**
* Several opportunities allowed for multiple members to attend	** Not all opportunities required nominations

Number of CPA Network and ExCo meetings 17 September 2025 to 26 March 2026

CPwD International Steering Committee meetings	Jeremy Balfour MSP	1
CPA International ExCo meetings	Stuart McMillan MSP	1 (0 online)
BIMR CWP Steering Committee meetings	Sarah Boyack MSP Roz McCall MSP	2 (1 online)
CPA BIMR LGBT+ Network Steering Committee meetings	Jamie Greene MSP	2 (1 online)

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