

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Scotland's Colleges and Universities
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>5 October 2011</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>26 February 2015</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
<b>13 March 2014</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>5 March 2015</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>13 March 2014 – Meeting 15</b> <b>Topic:</b> Annual General Meeting <b>MSP attendance:</b> 4 <b>Non-MSP attendance:</b> 23
<b>13 March 2014 – Meeting 16</b>

**Topic:** Open Education Resources (OERs), Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) and Remote Learning

**MSP attendance:** 4

**Non-MSP attendance:** 23

**Speakers:** Dr Pete Cannell, Deputy Director, Open University in Scotland, Dr Sue Rigby, Vice Principal Learning and Teaching, University of Edinburgh, Mr Garry Cameron, Manager, College Development Network, and Ms Jackie Graham, Consultant, College Development Network.

### **9 October 2014 – Meeting 17**

**Topic:** The Contributions of Scotland's Colleges and Universities to the Success of the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

**MSP attendance:** 2

**Non-MSP attendance:** 24

**Speakers:** Professor Gerry McCormac, University of Stirling and Universities Scotland, Dr Morag Ferguson, Glasgow Caledonian University, Mr Matt Groves, West Highland College UHI, Professor Gayle McPherson and Professor David McGillivray, University of the West of Scotland, and Mr Grant Richie, Dundee and Angus College.

### **27 November 2014 – Meeting 18**

**Topic:** A new devolution settlement for Scotland and how it relates to Scotland's colleges and universities

**MSP attendance:** 7

**Non-MSP attendance:** 28

**Speakers:** Mr Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland, Mr Paul Little, Principal and Chief Executive of City of Glasgow College, Ms Mary Scanlon MSP, Scottish Conservative Party, Mr Lewis Macdonald MSP, Scottish Labour Party, and Mr George Adam MSP, Scottish National Party.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Elizabeth Smith MSP

Iain Gray MSP

Kezia Dugdale MSP

Drew Smith MSP

Hanzala Malik MSP

Liam McArthur MSP

Stewart Maxwell MSP

## **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

Jenny Bloomfield  
Terry Brotherstone  
Kirsty Conlon  
Kenneth Fleming  
Colin Grant  
Moira Gibson  
Russell Gunson  
John Henderson  
Grant Jarvie  
Charlie Jeffery  
Simon Jennings  
Maggie Kinloch  
Susannah Lane  
Paul Little  
Malcolm MacLeod  
Steven Magee  
Anne McGilivray  
Matt McPherson  
James Miller  
Robin Parker  
Jennifer Ross  
Jane Scott  
Alastair Sim  
Charandeep Singh  
Laura Barjonas  
Heather Sloan  
Philip Whyte  
James Wilson  
Grahame Wright  
Una Bartley  
David Belsey  
Anne Campbell  
Mandy Exley

	<p>Geoff Fenlon  Matthew Maclver  Judith McClure  Peter Pringle  Keith Robson  Rob Wallen  Petra Wend  Sophie Walker</p>
Organisations	<p>Colleges Scotland  Edinburgh Napier University  The Confucius Institute for Scotland  University of Edinburgh  Edinburgh College  University of Aberdeen  University of the Highlands and Islands  Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)  Scottish Enterprise  Universities Scotland  NUS Scotland  City of Glasgow College  Remploy  UCU Scotland  Open University in Scotland  Lead Scotland  Scottish Funding Council  Scotland's Colleges  University of Abertay Dundee  Albyn School  Skills Development Scotland  University of Dundee  Burn Stewart Distillers Ltd  Ayr College  Queen Margaret University</p>

	sparqs Royal Society of Chemistry Society of Biology Royal Society of Edinburgh Holyrood Magazine University of Strathclyde Commercialisation Scottish Enterprise Heriot-Watt University Pagoda PR (Scotland's Colleges) Edinburgh University Students Association (EUSA) University of Stirling University of the West of Scotland James Watt College ATL Scotland South Lanarkshire College Scottish Wider Access Programme East (SWAP East) Glasgow Caledonian University Jewel & Esk College Royal Conservatoire Scotland Lothians Equal Access Programme for Schools (LEAPS) University of St Andrews OU in Scotland University of Strathclyde Students' Association (USSA)
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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	Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Iain Gray MSP
Secretary	James Wilson (Universities Scotland provides the secretariat support along with Colleges Scotland)

Treasurer	N/A
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### FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

13.03.14	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by the Open University in Scotland
09.10.14	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by Universities Scotland
27.11.14	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by Colleges Scotland

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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