

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Gaelic
<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.)
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [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>
Wednesday 25th June, 2014
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015
<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.
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2014. Annual General Meeting of the Cross Party Group & confirmation of election of office bearers. Other Issues discussed: research into Additional Support Needs in Gaelic Medium Education, and the work to provide additional classroom resources to support ASN teaching; Gaelic Medium Education and Census data. (22 attendees - including 6 MSPs)  26 <sup>th</sup> November 2014. Issues discussed: "Gaelic as an Asset" - A presentation on the findings and conclusions of recently completed research; Skills Development Scotland – a presentation on the implementation of their Gaelic Language Plan; the relevance of social

media to Gaelic development; and a brief update on the consultation on parental rights to Gaelic Medium Education within the (then) forthcoming Education Scotland Bill. (32 attendees - including 5 MSPs)

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Angus MacDonald (SNP); Dave Thompson (SNP); Jamie McGrigor (Con.); John Finnie (Ind.); Rhoda Grant (Lab.)

### **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	Carole Henderson
Organisations	Comunn na Gàidhlig; Bòrd na Gàidhlig; Comhairle nan Leabhraichean; Clì Gàidhlig; The Highland Council; Comhairle nan Eilean; An Comunn Gàidhealach; MG Alba; Cearcall Còmhraidh Fìobha; UHI; Fèisean nan Gàidheal

### **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	Angus MacDonald, MSP
Deputy Convener	Dave Thompson, MSP
Secretary	Donald MacNeill, Comunn na Gàidhlig
Treasurer	

### **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.

CnaG; Secretariat and translation support for CPG – value £700

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

None

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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