

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on International Development

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (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.)

28 June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

16 June 2015

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]

17 June 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

20 July 2015

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

30 September 2014

Climate Justice

Topic: Chris Hegarty, the Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor with Christian Aid spoke about the previous climate talks at the UN summits and the upcoming climate

talk in Paris in 2015, as well as climate justice looking at fairness and the imbalance of power. May East, Chief Executive of CIFAL Scotland, spoke about the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals, looking at what NGOs and governments are doing about climate change.

Speakers: Chris Hegarty - Christian Aid and May East – CIFAL Scotland

Attendees: 3 MSPs and 38 non-MSP attendees

8 October 2014

Rewilding

Topic: George Monbiot spoke about how much wildlife has vanished in the last 40 years, and how rewilding can be used to reverse some of the damage done. Alan Watson Featherstone, Executive Director at Trees for Life, spoke about how urgent the need for rewilding is, and how bringing back one thing can cause recovery for the whole ecosystem.

Speakers: George Monbiot – author and journalist and Alan Watson Featherstone – Trees for Life

Attendees: 3 MSPs and 25 non-MSP attendees

29 October 2014

Ebola

Topic: Special meeting of the CPG in response to the urgent issue of ebola. Joan Wilson, who is Health Advisor with British Red Cross, gave an overview of the situation in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Limited access to healthcare meant there was no means to stop the contagion. Issues included scared health staff, isolated population and food insecurity.

Speakers: Joan Wilson – British Red Cross

Attendees: 1 MSP and 4 non-MSP attendees – **non-quoted**

[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]

18 November 2014

International Justice Mission

Topic: Chaired by Siobhan McMahon MSP. Andrew Bevan, Regional Development Executive at International Justice Mission UK, spoke about how the IJM is needed to protect people from violence due to the vast numbers not protected by their own justice system, especially those who live in poverty.

Speakers: Andrew Bevan – International Justice Mission UK
Attendees: 1 MSP and 10 non-MSP attendees – **non-quorate**

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20 January 2015

Justice For Gay Africans

Topic: Greg Baker, a research associate at Waverley Care, talked through his research into African Men Who Have Sex With Men, living in Scotland, focussing on the barriers they face with engaging with services and local communities. Godwyns Onwuchekwa, founder of Justice For Gay Africans, spoke of the problems that LGBT people can face in Africa through communities, governments and religion.

Speakers: Greg Baker – Waverley Care and Godwyns Onwuchekwa – Justice For Gay Africans

Attendees: 3 MSPs and 32 non-MSP attendees

16 June 2015

AGM and Democracy and Rights in Swaziland

Topic: The Annual General Meeting included election of office bearers and discussion of topics for the 2015/16 programme and Vincent Ncongwane, General Secretary for TUCOSWA, talked through many of the issues facing Trade Unions and journalists in Swaziland, the only absolute monarchy in Africa, including the denial of democracy and human rights and the action that he believes needs to be taken.

Speakers: Vincent Ncongwane – Trade Union Congress of Swaziland

Attendees: 4 MSPs and 18 non-MSP attendees

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Sarah Boyack (Lab)

Patrick Harvie (Green)

Siobhan McMahon (Lab)

Bruce Crawford (SNP)

Clare Adamson (SNP)

David Stewart (Lab)

Hanzala Malik (Lab)

Jamie McGrigor (Con)
 John Mason (SNP)
 Linda Fabiani (SNP)
 Margaret McDougall (Lab)
 Neil Findlay (Lab)
 Patricia Ferguson (Lab)
 Anne McTaggart (Lab)
 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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Roger Leakey J.K. Robert England Pat Hiddleston Gerda Siann Abiodun Anthony Olowoyeye Neil Robertson Dr Callum Henderson Tracy Johnston Pat Bryden Jim R Copland David Stevenson Rt. Rev Brian Smith Mark Osnowitz Manuela Coletti Carol Morton Agnes Ngulube – Holmes Hamish Goldie-Scot Fiona Talcott Elizabeth Cooper Colin Pritchard Jude Murison Hyemin Yoo Frances Johnston</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>UNA Aid Effectiveness ScotDec Islamic Relief MAF</p>

	<p>CBM Jubilee Scotland The Salvation Army University of Edinburgh WDM Heriot-Watt University NIDOS Scotland Malawi Partnership The Leprosy Mission Scotland Mercy Corps The Vine Trust UNESCO Scotland Institute for Energy Systems One World Development The Supoy chomphoo phuen foundation World Development Movement Sight Aid International VSO UK Challenges Worldwide Scotlanka Network SCIAF The Commandery of St. Clair, No. S1, Scotland - The Knights Templar in Scotland (Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani) Plan Vivo Foundation Justice and Peace Scotland ImpAcTAIDS Palcrafts / Hadeel Association of Teachers and Lecturers (Scotland) Dunira Strategy Oxfam Scotland Church of Scotland World Mission Council Institute for International Health and Development (Queen Margaret University) Centre for the Study of Religion (CSRP), University of St. Andrews STUC Centre for Sustainable International Development (University of Aberdeen) Concern Worldwide Scottish Youth Parliament ACTSA Scotland Scottish Education and Action for Development University of Strathclyde Xchange Scotland</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	Sarah Boyack MSP
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Siobhan McMahon MSP

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).

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 (balance remaining from pre-2011 is used for catering purposes at each meeting).

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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