

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Poland

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.)

26th June 2013

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

24th March 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]

26th March 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

23rd April 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.

Event: CPG on Poland Meeting

Date: 10th June 2014, 6pm

Attendance: 1 MSPs, 21 Non-MSPs

Topics discussed: GTCS – aims, objectives and background, Polish teachers

registered with GTCS, case for a Polish teaching qualification; presentation on Electoral Commission, voting rights for Poles in Scotland; update on Wojtek Memorial Trust activities, Polish Professionals Forum fundraising event, Polish Scottish Heritage Festival, Feniks Personal Support Services project.

Guest speakers: Tom Hamilton – Director of Education and Professional Learning/General Teaching Council in Scotland, Andy O'Neill – Head of Scotland Office/The Electoral Commission

[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]

Event: CPG on Poland Meeting

Date: 24th September 2014, 6pm

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 26 Non-MSPs

Topics discussed: report prepared by Andrew Roach, Anna Martowicz and the Education-sub group (*Polish Language Learning in Scotland. Key facts and opportunities*), initiatives at No-Boundaries School, Asbiro business conference, Wojtek Trust events, Scottish Polish Cultural Association City Lights Exhibition and Polish Scottish Heritage Autumn events, Support Sub-group was created.

Guest speaker N/A

Event: CPG on Poland Meeting

Date: 22nd January 2015, 6pm

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 17 Non-MSPs

Topics discussed: Scottish Universities Insight Institute project Linking Northern Communities, 1+2 Languages Programme, Pole Position – Investing in Polish Regions conference dedicated to investing and partnering with companies in Poland and presenting benefits offered to investors by the Polish national and local governments as well as the new EU Horizon 2020; Fife Migrants Forum, Wojtek Memorial Trust plans, Community Voices event, Outstanding Pole contest organised by Pangea Network; importance of deeper integration, outreach and engagement on the side of the Polish community in Scotland.

Guest speaker: Professor Karin Friedrich, University of Aberdeen

Event: CPG on Poland Meeting and AGM

Date: 24th March 2015, 6pm

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 24 Non-MSPs

Topics discussed: AQA's plans for termination of A level exams in Polish, Education Subcommittee's campaign for qualifications in the Polish Language in Scotland update, Pole Position conference and plans for another business conference in June, Support group's new project See Me; Not My Xenophobia and Bloody Foreigners campaigns, General Stanislaw Maczek Trust memorial update, importance of further integration and positive image of immigrants in media.

Guest speakers: Archie Mackay – General Stanislaw Maczek Trust, David Worthington – University of Highlands & Islands

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

David Torrance MSP, John Lamont MSP, Elaine Smith MSP, Richard Simpson MSP, Anne McTaggart MSP, Jean Urquhart 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	<p>Martin Stepek Maciej Wiczyński Ela O'Neill Dr Beata Kohlbek Karol Gruszczyński Paweł Bładocha Dobrawa Jezior</p>
Organisations	<p>Polish Cultural Festival Association Polish Inverness Polish Association Association for Migrant Integration Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Edinburgh Scottish Polish Cultural Association Scottish Family Business Association Polish Professionals Forum Emito.net Polish Family Support Centre Anderson Strathern Solicitors Polish Language and Literature University of Glasgow Frederic Chopin Polish Centre for Culture and Education in Edinburgh The European Movement in Scotland No Boundaries School (Polish Saturday school) Polish Business Chamber in Scotland Perth Polish Saturday School</p>

	FENIKS Counselling Personal Development and Support Services Polish Saturday School at Polish Ex-Serviceman Club Part of Art Gallery Up Up Ltd Sikorski Club Glasgow Scotsbarszcz Magazine Edinburgh World Heritage Process Work Gillespie Macandrew LLP Polish Hub Police Scotland Gazeta Polonijna Polish Chamber of Commerce Universal Arts Fife Migrants Forum Association for the Promotion of Polish Language Abroad Play Poland Swietlica Pangea Magazine Fife Press
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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	Jean Urquhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Anne McTaggart MSP
Secretary	Dobrawa Jezior
Treasurer	N/A

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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