

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Germany
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.)
17 January 2012
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
30 December 2013
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.
29/01/13 – First Meeting. Guest speakers were from Edinburgh University and Edinburgh Napier University Topics discussed include: financial support for students; language skills; studying abroad programmes; the political situation in Germany. <u>Attendees</u> - Colin Beattie MSP, Colin Keir MSP, Jamie McGrigor MSP, German Consul General Verena Gräfin von Roedern, Goethe Institut – Barbara Kaulbach, Annette Götzkes, Austrian Honorary Consul John Clifford, German Consul Heinrich Schnettger, Stefan Büttner, Katrina Edmunds, Sophie Richardson, Signe Olander, Patrick Harte, Petra Wend, Louise Gardiner, Nicola De Paoli, Jana Seydel <u>Apologies</u> - Petra Wetzel, David McLetchie MSP, Maureen Watt MSP, John Pentland MSP, Maureen Watt MSP, Lewis MacDonald MSP, Alex Galloway, Max Scharbert, Manuela Calchini, Swiss Honorary Consul Peter Müller-McDougall 27/04/13 – Second meeting. Guest speakers included Minister Humza Yousaf MSP & Roddy MacLean. Topics discussed include: the updated CPG rules; the role of the Minister for External Affairs and International Development; the cultural links between Germany and Scotland; renewable technologies; Scottish universities' support for student

outward mobility.

Attendees – Colin Beattie MSP, Humza Yousaf MSP, Roddy MacLean, Verena Gräfin von Roedern, Heinrich Schnettger, Peter Müller-McDougall, John Clifford, Annette Götzkes, Petra Biberbach, James Trolland, Alyson Adam, Alison Hahm
Apologies - Maureen Watt MSP, John Pentland MSP, Lewis MacDonald MSP, David McLetchie MSP, David Torrance MSP, Colin Keir MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP, Louise Gardiner, Jana Seydel, Nicola De Paoli, Petra Wend, Manuela Calchini, Goethe Institut – Barbara Kaulbach & Lilo Borgmann, Petra Wetzler, Alex Galloway

12/06/13 – Third meeting. Guest speakers included Dr Linda Pooley.

Topics discussed: Scotland's renewables route map; an economic update, including tourism and the 'Schottland' magazine; a political update; a cultural update.

Attendees – Colin Beattie MSP, Colin Keir MSP, Maureen Watt MSP, Stefan Büttner, Louise Gardiner, Petra Wend, Manuela Calchini, Verena Gräfin von Roedern, Lilo Borgmann, Peter Müller-McDougall, Heinrich Schnettger, Dressel Florian, Dr Linda Pooley, Nicola De Paoli, Annette Götzkes, James Trolland, Julia Drechsel

Apologies – David McLetchie MSP, Jamie McGrigor MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP, John Pentland MSP, Petra Biberbach

17/09/13 – Fourth meeting. Guest speakers included George Archibald and David Hogg of Bright Green Energy.

Topics discussed: economic update; political update regarding the recent Bavarian state elections; cultural update; a presentation on Bright Green Energy's hydrogen plant in Methil.

Attendees – Maureen Watt MSP, James Trolland, Petra Wend, Manuela Calchini, Annette Götzkes, Stefan Büttner, Colin Beattie MSP, David Torrance MSP, George Archibald, David Hogg, Graeme Henderson

Apologies – Verena Gräfin von Roedern, Peter Müller-McDougall, John Clifford

27/11/13 – Fifth meeting & AGM.

AGM: Defining membership to be submitted following the meeting

Voting for Convener, Vice Conveners, Secretary

Convener: Colin Beattie MSP

Vice Convener: John Pentland MSP

Vice Convener: Jamie McGrigor MSP

Vice Convener: Consul General Verena Gräfin von Roedern

Topics discussed: topics for presentation/discussion in 2014; the current state of German language teaching in Scottish schools; renewable energy; economic update; political update, including the forthcoming Euro elections, and the negotiations between parties in both the German and Austrian elections; cultural update.

Attendees – Colin Beattie MSP, Cameron Buchanan MSP, Colin Keir MSP, Jamie McGrigor MSP, Ken Macintosh MSP, Maureen Watt MSP, Manuela Calchini, John Clifford, Nicola De Paoli, Annette Götzkes, Verena Gräfin von Roedern, Heinrich Schnettger, James Trolland, Petra Wend

Apologies – Stefan Büttner, Barbara Kaulbach, Peter Müller-McDougall

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Colin Beattie MSP
Cameron Buchanan MSP
Colin Keir MSP
Ken Macintosh MSP
Gordon MacDonald MSP
Lewis Macdonald MSP
Jamie McGrigor MSP
David Torrance MSP
Maureen Watt 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	Stefan Büttner Nicola De Paoli Louise Gardiner Max Scharbert James Trolland Petra Wend
Organisations	Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Scotland Consulate General of Austria Edinburgh Consulate General of Switzerland Goethe-Institut

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	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Verena Gräfin von Roedern Jamie McGrigor MSP John Pentland MSP
Secretary	Graeme Henderson
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.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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