

3rd meeting of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament

Scotland's national policy forum for social enterprise

Wednesday 26 June 2019, 13:00 - 14:30

The Robert Burns Room (Committee Room 1), The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Tom Arthur MSP, Scottish National Party (SNP), Convener
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservatives and Andy Wightman MSP, Scottish Greens, Joint Vice Conveners

Secretariat provided by Duncan Thorp, Social Enterprise Scotland

The new Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) - How can social enterprises benefit?

This 3rd meeting of the CPG will provide you with an opportunity to hear from key speakers and discuss plans to establish a new Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB). The bank has the potential to transform Scotland's economy, boosting economic performance and realising the ambition to provide patient capital to finance growth, increasing competitiveness and tackling inequality. The Scottish Government will provide £2 billion over 10 years to initially capitalise the bank. Please read [the background information](#) about the SNIB on the CPG booking page before the meeting.

Agenda

12:40 Arrival at The Scottish Parliament (please arrive no later than 12:40 in order to get through security and be taken to the relevant room - we can't guarantee entry after the meeting starts).

13:00 Networking, drinks and light lunch provided.

13:15 Introduction by CPG Convener, Tom Arthur MSP.

13:20 Speakers (10 minutes each)

Chris Nicholson, Head of Governance and Policy, The Scottish Government
Robin McAlpine, Common Weal

Paul Bradley, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

13:50 Questions and discussion with delegates

14:25 Any other business and general questions about the CPG.

14:30 Meeting ends.

If you need further information or have questions please email:

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Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) provide an opportunity for members of all political parties, outside organisations and members of the public to meet and discuss a shared interest in a particular cause or subject. The Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament is Scotland's social enterprise policy forum. You can see details of the group, MSP involvement and the external member list etc. on The Scottish Parliament website [here](#).

Purpose of the group

- To give Scottish social entrepreneurs a strong, united voice and help them influence policy-making
- To pro-actively raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise among MSPs and the public
- To help drive forward the growth and success of the social enterprise economy in every community
- To increase the role of social enterprises in designing and delivering public services
- To open up private sector business opportunities to social enterprises
- To tell the inspiring stories about the human and environmental impact of social enterprises

Background to the Social Enterprise CPG

Social Enterprise Scotland was the founder of and secretariat to the previous CPG on Social Enterprise that ran in Parliamentary Session 4.

The CPG had a high level of engagement and turnout. It discussed issues of importance to MSPs, our society and economy, including: public service reform, local government and social enterprise, public sector procurement, the Commonwealth Games and more.

Information and minutes of previous CPG at: parliament.scot/msps/97764.aspx

Social Enterprise Scotland has now re-established the CPG due to popular demand within the social enterprise community.

The relaunched CPG has been approved by The Scottish Parliament, with the support of MSPs, information on The Scottish Parliament website:

parliament.scot/msps/social-enterprise.aspx

Tom Arthur MSP of the SNP has been elected as Convener by founder MSPs, with Rachael Hamilton of the Scottish Conservatives and Andy Wightman of the Scottish Greens as Vice Conveners. Dean Lockhart MSP and Alex-Cole Hamilton MSP have also given their support to the CPG as founding members.

The new CPG builds on the success of the previous national policy forum. Open to all, the group will be an opportunity for social entrepreneurs to connect with MSPs and drive forward the development of social enterprise policy.

The format of the meetings are a roundtable discussion, with plenty of time for questions and debate. Future meetings will have guest speakers and specific themes. Meetings are open to anyone with an interest in social enterprise.

SES provides secretariat support and development for the CPG. Questions about any aspect of the CPG to Duncan Thorp: 0131 243 2650 /

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