

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children
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 th September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
5 th September 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
2 October 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
19 th September 2017
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.
<u>29 November 2017</u> Attendance: 4 MSPs, 9 non MSP members, 2 non-member visitors Topics discussed:

- Presentation by Emma Ritch (Engender) on Building Equality, an employability project co-ordinated by Scottish Women's Aid in partnership with Close the Gap and Engender.
- Prevention of VAWG: presentation on causal story of domestic abuse by Emma Ritch, followed by a discussion on prevention.
- Members updates, incl. increased service demand for Rape Crisis Scotland; launch of "One Thousand Words" project; funding of Safe and Together Consortium; roll-out of Caledonian; events around 16 Days of Action.
- Confirmation of new members (5 organisations)

6 March 2018

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 7 non-MSP members, 2 non-member visitors (incl. 1 MSP)

Topics discussed:

- Proposed refresh to the format of the meetings: reverting to evening meetings to improve attendance; setting the meeting dates and themes in advance; changing the meeting structure to 1hr for a topic and 30mins for updates and action points
- Discussion about topics for the future meetings. From the suggestions, three topics were chosen as the focal points for the remaining 2018 sessions.
- Member updates, incl. re-accreditation of the Caledonian programme; first AGM of the Empower Project Scotland; events to mark the 25th anniversary of Zero Tolerance; campaign for split payments of the Universal Credit; preparation for the review of the Children (Scotland) Act.
- Confirmation of new members (1 organisation)

30 May 2018

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 16 non-MSP members, 9 non-member visitors

Invited guest: John Swinney MSP – Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills

Topics discussed:

- Thematic session on VAWG in Education Settings, incl.: presentation on VAWG in school settings by Morgan Harris and Hannah Brown (Rape Crisis Scotland); presentation on Gender Equality in Early Years by Amy Johnson (Zero Tolerance); presentation on VAWG in Pre-qualification training by Amy Johnson (Zero Tolerance)
- Address by Deputy First Minister
- Possible follow up actions from the thematic session
- Confirmation of new members (1 organisation & 2 individuals)
- Member updates, incl.: bidding process for further expansion of the Caledonian programme; launch of refreshed guidelines for responsible media reporting of VAW

5 September 2018 – AGM

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 15 non-MSP members, 9 non-member visitors (incl. 1 MSP)

Invited guest: Christina McKelvie MSP – Minister for Older People & Equalities

AGM topics:

- Election of office bearers

Meeting topics discussed:

- Thematic session on Online Abuse and VAWG, incl.: presentation on Online Abuse as cyberVAWG by Marsha Scott (Scottish Women's Aid); presentation on Online Harassment and Hate Crime by Emma Ritch (Engender); presentation on Young People and Online Abuse by Emily Beever (Empower Project Scotland)
- Address by Minister for Older People & Equalities
- Possible follow up actions from the thematic session
- Confirmation of new members (2 organisations & 3 individuals)
- Member updates, incl.: invitation to a topical photography exhibition and a seminar; invitation to join a newly established CPG on Women's Justice.
- Meeting dates for 2019

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Claire Baker MSP- Scottish Labour
- Claudia Beamish MSP- Scottish Labour
- Gil Paterson MSP- Scottish National Party
- James Dornan MSP- Scottish National Party
- Johann Lamont MSP- Scottish Labour
- John Finnie MSP- Scottish Green Party
- Rhoda Grant MSP- Scottish Labour
- Rona Mackay MSP - Scottish National Party
- Sandra White MSP- Scottish National Party
- Tavish Scott MSP- Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

- David Morran
- George Eckton
- Gillian Baker
- Kallia Manoussaki

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Johnson • Lily Greenan • Dr Melanie McCarry • Nancy Lombard • Nikki Dillon • Paula Mitchell • Stephen Madill • Tammy Connell
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSIST • Caledonian System • City of Edinburgh Council , Community Justice Domestic Abuse Services Edinburgh • Clinical Psychology Division of the Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS • City of Edinburgh Council Community Justice, Safer and Stronger Communities • Close the Gap • Church of Scotland • Edinburgh Women’s Aid • Engender • EVA Services- NHS Lanarkshire • The Empower Project Scotland • Pilton Community Health Project • Rape Crisis Scotland • Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross • Scottish Women’s Aid • SAY Women • Women’s Support Project • White Ribbon Scotland • YWCA Scotland, Young Women Committee • Zero Tolerance
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Co-conveners: Claudia Beamish MSP & John Finnie MSP
Deputy Convener	Claire Baker MSP

Secretary	Scottish Women's Aid
Treasurer	none

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).

Ania Kinross provided secretariat support to the CPG on behalf of Scottish Women's Aid (e.g. preparing and distributing meeting papers, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting etc.). The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 60 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £1000.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription fee is charged.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Co-Conveners: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claudia Beamish MSP 2. John Finnie MSP
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