

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Combatting Sectarianism In Scottish Society

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.)

27th June 2018

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

4th June 2019

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

2nd July 2019

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]

Initial Meeting of the 27th June 2018

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.

27th June 2018

Attendees – 4 MSPs, 1 non-MSP

Discussion: The MSPs elected the officer bearers of the CPG. The Convener, James Dornan MSP, held an open discussion with the other MSPs present to establish the

focus of the Group and potential topics for future meetings. Such suggestions included 'sectarianism and the education system', its perceived link with football and marches, and government funding for anti-sectarianism projects. It was stressed, by the Convener, that the Group wouldn't solely be looking at sectarianism in a footballing context.

The Membership of the CPG was discussed, and the Convener passed around a list of suggested organisations and individuals that could be invited to become non-MSP Members of the Group. It was agreed that the Convener and Co-Convener would write to these organisations and individuals (and any others suggested) to invite them to future meetings.

20th November 2018

Attendees – 5 MSPs, 14 Non-MSPs

Discussion: The Convener welcomed the Non-MSPs to the meeting and held an open discussion with all in attendance. Everyone present introduced themselves, explained why they had an interest in ending sectarianism, and outlined what they could bring to the Group. Future discussion topics were also raised – including that of inviting external speakers.

4th June 2019

Attendees – 2 MSPs, 1 Non-MSP

Discussion: AGM of the Group. James Dornan MSP was re-elected as the Group's Convener, and Donald Cameron MSP, as the Deputy Convener.

At this meeting, it was noted that a previous meeting to be held in September 2018 was cancelled due to the guest speaker being unable to attend at short notice. The MSPs then held a brief discussion on possible future dates for the guest speaker.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

James Dornan MSP (SNP)

Donald Cameron MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)

John Mason MSP (SNP)

Joan McAlpine MSP (SNP)

James Kelly MSP (Scottish Labour)

Sandra White MSP (SNP)

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	N/A
Organisations	Nil by Mouth Scottish Women's Convention Supporters Direct Scotland North Kelvin Sports Development Group West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Police Scotland Victim Support Scotland Scottish Football Supporters Association Community Safety Glasgow Church of Scotland Supporters Direct Scotland Catholic Parliamentary Office Place for Hope

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	James Dornan MSP
Deputy Convener	Donald Cameron MSP
Secretary	Nil by Mouth
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

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