

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Nordic Countries
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.)
14/12/16
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
20/02/20
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
16/03/20
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]
22/01/19
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.
22/01/19 – AGM & Guest Lecture Guest Speaker: Dr Alan Macniven <i>Senior Lecturer and Head of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Edinburgh</i>

‘Navigating the Nordic: A brief introduction to the countries, cultures and customs of the North.’

Presentations followed by Q&A.
Attendance: 2 MSP; 7 Non-MSPs

8 January 2020 – Meeting and presentations

Update on Nordic Council provided by Mark Ruskell MSP

Presentation on renewable energy wind generation for sustainability in energy production by Christopher Bisset-Nilsen and Wolfgang Krohn of Ventum Dynamics

Presentation on Hutting- A Thousand Huts, by Donald McPhillimy, Reforesting Scotland

Attendance: MSP x 5, Non-MSP x 8

20 February 2020 – AGM and Guest Lecture

AGM and Election of Office Bearers, followed by a Guest Lecture by Ambassador Wegger Strømme, Norwegian Ambassador to the UK: Norwegian-Scottish Relations: Past & Present

Attendance: MSP x 4, Non-MSP x 36

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Angus MacDonald MSP, Scottish National Party
Maurice Golden MSP, Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Mark Ruskell MSP, Scottish Green Party
Alasdair Allan MSP, Scottish National Party
Finlay Carson MSP, Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Jamie Greene MSP, Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Beatrice Wishart 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	Diane Macintyre, Secretary Prof Alan McNiven, University of Edinburgh Kristin Hannerdottir, Honorary Consul of Iceland Mona Røhne, Norwegian Consulate General Adam Mackie Stuart MacPherson
Organisations	University of Edinburgh Honorary Consul of Iceland Norwegian Consulate General Consul of Denmark WWF Have you got the bottle? RSPB

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	Angus MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Maurice Golden MSP & Mark Ruskell MSP
Secretary	Diane Macintyre
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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