

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Gaelic / Buidheann Thar Phàrtaidh Gàidhlig
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.)
15 th June, 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
30 th May 2017
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]
First meeting this session/Election of office bearers: 15 th June 2016
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
27 th June 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.
15 th June, 2016 Present: <i>Kate Forbes MSP (Convener); John Finnie MSP (Vice Convener); Angus MacDonald MSP; Lewis MacDonald (MSP) Donald MacNeill, Comunn na Gàidhlig (Secretary); Shona Nic'Illeinn (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Bruce Robertson (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Douglas Ansdell (Scottish Government); Mata MacIver (UHI); Dòmhnall Caimbeul (MG Alba); Diane MacIntyre (Scottish Parliament); Carole Henderson;</i>

Duncan Henderson; Steven MacIomhair (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Maeve MacKinnon (Foghlam Alba); Ruairidh MacIntyre (Scottish Government); Beathag Mhoireasdain – simultaneous interpretation.

Business: Election of office bearers; Bòrd na Gàidhlig – issues update; Gaelic Education conference – verbal report; BBC Royal Charter renewal – update and request for CPG support in consultation.

30th November, 2016

Present: Kate Forbes MSP (Convener); Angus MacDonald MSP; Rhoda Grant MSP; Calum Iain Macleod, Comunn na Gàidhlig (Asst. Secretary); Shona Nic'Illeinnein (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Allan Macdonald (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Mona Wilson (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Steven Maciver (Bòrd na Gàidhlig); Mata MacIver; Dòmhnall Caimbeul (MG ALBA); Iain MacLeòid (An Comunn Gàidhealach); Iain Moireasdan (An Comunn Gaidhealach); Sheila Carvel (GME); Ceitidh Mhoireach (Cearcall Comhraidh Dhun Eideann); Wilson MacLeoid (Oilthigh Dhùn Èidinn); Coinneach MacIomhair (Comunn na Gàidhlig); Joan Esson (Education Scotland HMI); Dòmhnall MacGhillemhòire (Stòrlann); Carole Henderson (Parent); Ruairidh MacIntyre (Scottish Government); Magaidh Wentworth (Comann nam Parant); Doileag NicLeoid – simultaneous interpretation. For items 7, 8 and 9 only, Donald MacNeill (Comunn na Gàidhlig); Donald Morris (Comunn na Gàidhlig) and Iain Macaulay (Comunn na Gàidhlig).

Business: Draft National Gaelic Language Plan – verbal update on timetable; Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Medium Education – verbal update; Early Years Strategy – verbal update; Membership of Bòrd na Gàidhlig – verbal update; BBC Royal Charter renewal – verbal update; Unesco status for Gaelic in the Western Isles – presentation/discussion; Gaelic 4 Parents – presentation/discussion; Spòrs Gàidhlig – presentation/discussion; Gaelic Education – questions/discussion.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Kate Forbes (SNP);
John Finnie (Green);
Angus MacDonald (SNP);
Lewis MacDonald (Lab.);
Rhoda Grant (Lab.);
Donald Cameron (Con.);
Willie Rennie (LibDem.)

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	Carol Henderson
Organisations	Comunn na Gàidhlig; Bòrd na Gàidhlig; Comhairle nan Leabhraichean; The Highland Council; Comhairle nan Eilean; An Comunn Gàidhealach; MG Alba; Cearcall Còmhraidh Fìobha; UHI; Fèisean nan Gàidheal

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	Kate Forbes MSP
Deputy Convener	John Finnie MSP
Secretary	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
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.

2016/17 - CnaG; Secretariat and translation support for CPG – value £700

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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