

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Palestine
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.)
27 June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
20 June 2017
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
This is the first AGM for this new parliamentary session
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
11 July 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.
27 June 2016 –
Initial meeting including election of Office Bearers
MSPs – Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer, Pauline McNeill, Ivan McKee and Tavish Scott

No non MSPs in attendance

26 October 2016

Presentation from Mahmoud Zwahre on non-violent resistance

MSPs – Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer and Ivan McKee
28 members of public present

8 February 2017

Presentation from Jim Malone “Firefighters Under Occupation”

Presentation on Balfour Project

MSPs – Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer, John Finnie and Pauline McNeill
29 members of public present

25 April 2017

Presentation on palliative care in Gaza

MSPs – Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, James Dornan, John Finnie, Ivan McKee, Pauline McNeill and Bill Bowman
26 members of public present

20 June 2017

AGM

Balfour Centenary discussion

MSPs – Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer, John Finnie, Ivan McKee and Andy Wightman
17 members of public present

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claudia Beamish – Labour

James Dornan – SNP

Ross Greer – Green

John Finnie – Green

Ivan McKee - SNP

Pauline McNeill - Labour

Anas Sarwar - Labour

Sandra White - 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

Amanda Gordon –Secretary
Phil Chetwynd – Treasurer
Maureen Jack
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Wael Shawish
Rehan Ahmed Raza
Zahir Haider
Hala George
Mike Orr
Anne Alden
Pat Bryden
Anna Sardesai
Phil Lucas
David Beamish
Carol Morton
Allan Gordon
Colin Cooper
Jan Benvie
Evelyn McGregor
Azzam Mohamad
Vicky McGraw
Charles McGraw
Albie O'Neil
Jon Pullman
Monica Spooner
Roger Spooner
Mike Whitehead
Jock McDougal
Susan Moffatt
Eurig Scandrett
Wilma Malik
Jim Malone
Douglas Brook
Johannes Badenhorst

	<p>Andy Murray Phil Chetwynd Dr. Graham Watt Liz Elkind Frank Thomas Dorothy Thomas Hugh Humphries Peter McDonald Roz Currie Karen Bett Asif Dean Itamar Nitzan Chris Wigglesworth</p>
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Organisations	<p>Fife Arab Society MAP Edinburgh Direct Aid United Nations Association, Edinburgh Branch Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Area (FONSA) Palcrafts/Hadeel Women in Black Scottish Palestinian Forum Al Khair Foundation, Glasgow Scottish Jews for a Just Peace Friends of Al Aqsa The Antonine Friendship Link Free Gaza-Scotland Dundee Nablus Twinning Association Church of Scotland Scottish Friends of Palestine Christian Peacemaker Teams</p>
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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.

Co - Conveners	Sandra White MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP and Ross Greer MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Amanda Gordon
Treasurer	Phil Chetwynd

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.

£1 per annum for general fund

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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