

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The purpose of the group is to further the appreciation of good quality beer that is locally and independently brewed in Scotland. It also recognises the importance of pubs and licensed bars to community life, particularly those based in rural areas. The group will provide a forum to discuss policies that will impact on the beer and pub sector and affect beer drinkers and pub-goers across Scotland.

- There are now 4,600 pubs and 120 breweries in Scotland. The brewing industry is an emerging sector in Scotland and there is currently no existing cross party group with this specific focus.
- The group provides an opportunity for MSPs, consumer bodies and industry bodies to come together to discuss items related to the beer and pubs industry which have a direct impact on key government agendas such as tourism and the economy.
- To inform MSPs of the issues and challenges facing pub owners and consumers and to highlight the impact pubs have on our economy and local communities - particularly in rural areas.
- The group will bring together key stakeholders in the pubs industry and aim to influence Government policy
- Guest speakers from the industry (such as tied tenants) may be invited to the Cross Party Group to discuss how specific policy areas may affect them.
- Constituency specific issues may be raised, and there will be opportunity for MSPs to hear how they can support the beer and pubs sector in their patch.

Cross Over with other CPGs:

While no other CPG covers the remit we propose, there is potential for discussion with a number of other group which share some interests:

- It is not proposed that the CPG on Beer and Pubs will address alcohol misuse specifically, however there will be issues which may be of common interest with the CPG on Drug and Alcohol Misuse, for example issues

around responsible management of licensed premises. The same may apply to the CPG on Improving Scotland's Health

- CPG on Co-operatives: There is potential overlap on issues around community pub ownership. This would potentially form a small part of discussions amongst the Beer and Pubs CPG
- CPG on Towns and Town Centres, CPG on Convenience Stores: The beer and pubs sector adds to the vibrancy of Scotland's town centres, and issues surrounding licensing law will be of mutual interest with these groups
- There may also be occasional opportunities for discussion with the CPGs on Culture, Tourism, Food, Rural Policy and Brexit.

Proposed discussion points for the Group:

- Pubco Reform in Scotland
- The importance of pubs to communities
- Community pub ownership
- The impact pubs have on people's personal wellbeing
- The emergence of new breweries in Scotland - guest speaker to include a brewer

It is also the intention to invite industry representatives to meetings which have a specific topical interest.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Gordon Macdonald MSP - SNP
Liam Kerr MSP - Conservative
Patrick Harvie MSP - Green
Neil Bibby MSP - Labour
Rachael Hamilton MSP - Conservative
John Scott MSP - Conservative
Alexander Burnett MSP - Conservative
Miles Briggs MSP - Conservative
Liam McArthur MSP – Liberal Democrat
Donald Cameron MSP - Conservative
Maurice Corry MSP - Conservative
Maurice Golden MSP - Conservative
Colin Smyth MSP - Labour
Gordon MacDonald MSP - SNP
George Adam MSP – SNP
Graham Simpson - Conservative

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	
Organisations	CAMRA, Campaign for Real Ale

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	Patrick Harvie MSP
Deputy Convener	Gordon Macdonald MSP and Graham Simpson MSP
Secretary	CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale
Treasurer	Gordon Macdonald MSP and Graham Simpson MSP

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

The Group anticipates that it will receive material support from CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale. This material support would be in the form of providing a secretary to support with note-taking at meetings and organise members to attend said meetings by a paid member of staff, who will likely contribute on average three hours a week towards running the group. The value of this support is estimated to be in the region of £1000pa.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date