

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Combatting Sectarianism in Scottish Society

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 this Cross-Party Group (CPG) is to bring together like-minded MSPs, as well as religious groups, charities, organisations, academics and other stakeholders to work collaboratively to see how we can address, and hopefully end, sectarianism in Scotland.

This CPG is in the public interest as it is a major form of religious intolerance in Scotland. Sectarianism is widely condemned in the media when it occurs, and evokes strong emotions from much of the public. It is also a matter which successive Scottish Governments have sought to address.

There could be potentially two groups which may overlap this CPG. The CPG on Freedom of Religion or Belief, and the CPG on Tackling Islamophobia. Whilst both are CPGs which are focussed on religion, neither appear to work towards addressing sectarianism.

Suggestions of topics could include:

- The role of the Scottish Government, local authorities, and the media – if indeed any role – in addressing sectarianism.
- Sectarianism and football.
- Sectarianism associated with public processions.

- Looking to see if there are lessons to be learned in the granting of government funds to charities/organisations who aim to address sectarianism.
- The role school education plays in addressing sectarianism.

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 Conservatives),
 John Mason MSP (SNP)
 James Kelly MSP (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	
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Organisations	Nil by Mouth
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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.

Convener	James Dornan MSP
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Deputy Convener	Donald Cameron MSP
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Secretary	
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Treasurer	
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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.

£0.

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.

£0.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Combatting Sectarianism in Scottish Society is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date

25th July 2018