

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Crofting

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.

1. The purpose of the group is to discuss items of policy that affect crofting and to bring issues to the attention of MSPs.
2. Crofting is often not given enough consideration in policy-making even though there are over 15,000 registered crofters. It is important to use this forum to raise the profile of crofting. As crofting is recognised to be of great social, ecological and economic benefit to Scotland, it is therefore in the public interest to have this CPG.
3. This CPG does not overlap with any existing CPG.
4. Standing items:
 - Crofting Law & Administration
 - Crofting Development
 - CAP – BPS and SRDP
 - Plus topics carried over from last session:
 - The Five Actions for Crofting:
 - New crofts
 - Rural communications
 - Croft registration fees for community landlords
 - Management of predators and pests – geese in particular
 - Ferry services
 - Croft house loan
 - Areas of Natural Constraint

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rhoda Grant SL
 Donald Cameron SC&U
 John Finnie SGP
 Edward Mountain SC&U
 David Stewart SL
 Maree Todd SNP
 Gail Ross SNP
 Richard Lochhead SNP
 Liam MacArthur SLD
 Tavish Scott SLD
 Kate Forbes SNP
 Angus MacDonald 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	Alan Boulton; Billy Neilson; David Eyre; Iain MacKinnon; Jim Lugton; Jim McPherson; John MacKintosh; Karen MacRae; Maria Scholten; Morag Jardine; Donald Murdie; Neil MacLeod; Norman Leask; Paddy Zakaria; Rob Gibson; Tom Gray.
Organisations	Animate Consulting; Assynt Foundation; Assist Social Capital; CC Crofting Commission; Crofting Connections; Care Farming Scotland; Common Good Food; Crofting Law Group; Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; Crofting Register Stakeholder Forum; European Forum for Nature Conservation & Pastoralism; Forestry Commission Scotland; Highland Council; Highlands & Islands Enterprise; Highland Small Communities Housing Trust; James Hutton Institute; LANTRA; National Farmers Union Scotland; Nourish Scotland; National Trust for Scotland; ODRO; Registers of Scotland; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland; SAC consulting; Soil Association Scotland; Scottish Crofting Federation; SCF Young Crofters; Scottish Churches Rural Group; Scottish Government Crofting Stakeholder Forum;

	Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate; Scottish Land & Estates; Scottish Natural Heritage; Scottish Parliament Information Centre; Scottish Rural Network; Scottish Rural Parliament; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; University of Highlands and Islands; Woodland Crofts Partnership; Woodland Trust Scotland.
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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	Rhoda Grant MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Patrick Krause
Treasurer	

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 benefits from the secretariat support provided by Patrick Krause, an employee of SCF, most of which is in his own time and for which he does not claim compensation in cash or kind. However as there is no provision within the CPG rules for an organisation to provide voluntary support, were Patrick to charge for his time it would amount to about £840 for the year (6 meetings, 7 hours per meeting including preparation, attendance and writing up minutes, at £20 per hr).

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.

There is no subscription.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed

Date