

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Gàidhlig

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.

To provide MSPs with a mechanism for obtaining information, support, advice and views on issues relating to the Gaelic language and culture within a broad forum which represents Gaelic interests in Scotland.

Extensive work is being undertaken to preserve and develop the Gaelic language in communities across Scotland. This is underpinned by a National Gaelic Language Plan, renewed every five years. The Scottish Parliament and many other Public Bodies, including the Scottish Government have statutory Gaelic language plans. As such it is clearly in the public interest that MSPs be informed about key issues pertaining to this work.

There are no overlaps with other Cross Party Groups.

Regular CPG Gàidhlig topics include consideration of Gaelic Medium Education provision; Gaelic language broadcasting; other development initiatives; research updates etc. It is very likely that these sorts of issues will continue to provide the main discussion topics in the forthcoming 12 months and thereafter. Of particular significance in the next 12 months will be the development/consultation on the National Gaelic Language Plan 2017-22; the Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Medium Education; and the renewal of the BBC's Royal Charter - with particular reference to the provision of more programming support for the BBC Alba channel.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Kate Forbes, Scottish National Party (Convener)

John Finnie, Scottish Green Party (Vice Convener)

Angus MacDonald, Scottish National Party

Lewis MacDonald, Scottish Labour Party,

Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party,

Willie Rennie, Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

Comann nam Pàrant; Fèisean nan Gàidheal; The Highland Council; Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; MG Alba; Comunn na Gàidhlig; Bòrd na Gàidhlig; UHI; Comhairle nan Leabhraichean; An Comunn Gàidhealach; Edinburgh University

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

Deputy Convener

John Finnie

Secretary

Donald MacNeill (Comunn na Gàidhlig)

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.

Comunn na Gàidhlig - Secretariat support to the CPG. Ca. £1000 per annum in-kind support

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.

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	Kate Forbes
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Date	7 July 2016
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