

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women's Justice

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 focus on every aspect of women's experience of the justice system.
2. The subject is very much in the public interest as too many women are being incarcerated on short sentences, or in remand, to the detriment of family life and with little support for rehabilitation. Also, women often have a negative experience of court procedures within the justice system generally.
3. I'm not aware of any overlaps.
4. Diversion from offending, alternatives to custody, support in custody, mental health issues, family support and rehabilitation, gender inequality, funding issues, disclosure, financial problems.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rona Mackay MSP, (SNP)
Mary Fee MSP (Labour),
Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour)
Daniel Johnston MSP (Labour),
Richard Lyle MSP (SNP),
Liam McCarthur MSP (Liberal Democrat),
Maurice Corry MSP (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	Amy Callaghan
Organisations	Scottish Working Group on Women's Offending Early Years Scotland Justice Watch Community Justice Scotland Families Outside Engender Women for Justice Prison Reform Trust
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	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Mary Fee MSP
Secretary	Scottish Working Group on Women's Offending
Treasurer	Amy Callaghan
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.	
None	
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 <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Rona Mackay MSP
Date	05/06/18