

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Tibet
<b>DATE GROUP APPROVED</b>
7 March 2012
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
7 March 2013
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<b>7 March 2012 proposed CPG meeting.</b> MSPs 6. Non-MSP 33. Meeting of the proposed CPG - the purpose of the Group was agreed as "To facilitate the building of relations between The Scottish Parliament, Tibet and its people and those interested in Tibet" and office bearers elected. Potential future activities were discussed including the Dalai Lama's forthcoming visit to Scotland.
<b>6 June 2012 CPG meeting.</b> MSPs 8. Non-MSP 31. Dr Martin Mills senior lecturer in social anthropology at Aberdeen University presented findings from his recent research into the dramatic rise of self-immolation acts among Tibetans. The Group adopted a paper on the subject available at <a href="http://scotlandtibet.wordpress.com/reports/">http://scotlandtibet.wordpress.com/reports/</a> This report was submitted to the Westminster Foreign Affairs Select Committee as evidence to inform a UK business and human rights strategy.
<b>21 June 2012 CPG audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.</b> Tibetan community members, MSPs and other CPG members attended an audience with HHDL in the Signet Library, Edinburgh.
<b>26 September 2012 CPG meeting.</b> MSPs 3. Non-MSP 28. The Group heard from the Tibetan Community in Scotland and discussed a presentation of photographs from the early life of the Dalai Lama.

**16 January 2013 CPG meeting.** MSPs 3. Non-MSP 19.

The Group discussed a presentation on the governance and democratisation process of the Central Tibetan Authority. It also discussed the current human rights situation, Confucius institutes in Scotland, the lobbying of UK politicians by Chinese Government and agreed to write to two MPs, and possible actions for Tibet Independence Day on Feb 13th.

**6 March 2013 CPG meeting.** MSP 4. Non-MSP 26.

The Group hosted a talk from the Dalai Lama's Representative for Northern Europe, Mr Thubten Samdup and discussed plans for March 10th Tibetan Uprising Day.

**Outstanding invitations**

The Sikyong (Tibetan Prime Minister)

Tim Loughton MP, Norman Baker MP (All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet)

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Convener: Linda Fabiani

Deputy Convener: Anne McTaggart

Adam Ingram

Alison Johnstone

Alison McInnes

Annabelle Ewing

Christina McKelvie

Dennis Robertson

Hugh Henry

Jamie McGrigor

Kenneth Gibson

Kevin Stewart

Margaret Mitchell

Maureen Watt

Richard Lyle

Rob Gibson

Roderick Campbell

Sandra White

**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.

**Organisations**

University of Aberdeen  
United Nations of a Free Tibet  
Edinburgh University Tibet Society  
Tibet Support Group Grampian  
Amnesty International  
University of St Andrews  
Edinburgh Interfaith Association

**Individuals**

Jenni Campbell  
Elaine Yip  
Linda Hendry  
Iain Thom  
Michael Collie  
Kirsteen Currie

**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**

Linda Fabiani

**Deputy Convener**

Anne McTaggart

**Secretary**

Iain Thom

**Treasurer**

n/a

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

n/a

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

None

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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