# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

## 5th Meeting 2021 (Session 6), Thursday 28 October 2021

## **Cross-Party Group Applications**

## Introduction

1. In accordance with the provisions on Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) set out in section 6 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), proposals for the establishment of CPGs in the Scottish Parliament must be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (the Committee) for its approval.

2. There are five proposed Groups for the Committee's consideration.

## **Proposed CPG on Ireland**

3. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe A to this note.

## **Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

4. Paragraph 18 of Section 6 of the Code states "...one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the justification for the proposed Group." James Dornan MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

## Purpose

5. Paragraph 19 Section 6 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a proposed Group is not in the public interest but is intended, for example, to further particular commercial interests, the Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the purpose of an existing Group. If there is any overlap Groups are asked to provide justification as to why their aims could not effectively be achieved within an existing Group".

6. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

• To promote the cultural and business links between Scotland and Ireland, as well as to provide a platform for the Irish community in Scotland.

7. The Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

## Membership

8. Paragraph 8 of Section 6 of the Code requires group membership to include at least five MSPs, with at least one MSP from each of the parties or groups represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The Committee has previously agreed that there should be a general waiver of this Rule in the current Session and Groups are now required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The proposed Group meets this requirement.

9. The MSP membership (by party) of the proposed Group is as follows—

- Two Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Green Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- Three Scottish National Party

10. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed three non-MSP members in the individual category and three in non-MSP member organisations.

### **Office Bearers**

11. Paragraph 10 of Section 6 of the Code requires one MSP to be Convener of the Group and there to be at least one other MSP office bearer. The proposed Group meets this requirement: James Dornan MSP is the Convener of the Group and Finlay Carson MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

### **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

12. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

13. The registration form also indicates that members will not be charged a subscription.

## **Proposed CPG on Long Covid**

14. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe B to this note.

## Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

15. Jackie Baillie MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

## Purpose

16. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

• The group aims to elucidate the impacts that Long-Covid has on the people living with the condition, and seeks to ensure that they have a strong voice within the Scottish Parliament. We believe those voices should be at the heart of every cross-party meeting and recognise that Long-Covid affects people of all age groups, including children. Long-Covid has significant educational, social, economic, and cultural impacts for people living with Long-Covid

17. The Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

## Membership

18. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Two Scottish Labour Party
- Two Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- One Scottish National Party.

19. The proposed Group has listed 50 non-MSP members in the individual category and 10 in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

20. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Jackie Baillie MSP, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Sandesh Gulhane MSP are the Co-Conveners of the proposed Group.

## **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

21. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

22. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

## Proposed CPG on Outdoor Education

23. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe C to this note.

## Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24. Liz Smith MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

## Purpose

25. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is-

• The Cross Party Group on Outdoor Education is a forum for debate and sharing of information on a wide range of issues affecting the outdoor education sector in Scotland, our schools and local government as they seek to provide opportunities for young people to experience outdoor education

26. The Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

## Membership

27. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- Three Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Green Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- One Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- One Scottish National Party.

28. The proposed Group has listed two non-MSP members in the individual category and 16 in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

29. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Liz Smith MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Daniel Johnson MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

## **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

30. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

31. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

## **Proposed CPG on Women, Families & Justice**

32. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe D to this note.

## Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

33. Rona Mackay MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

34. The proposed Group did not provide 10 calendar days' notice of the initial meeting, thereby breaching Section 6, paragraph 28 of the Code. The Convener, and the secretary of the Group, have been reminded of this rule.

## Purpose

35. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is-

• to focus on every aspect of women and families experiences of the justice system.

36. As stated on the registration form this new Group is a merger of two Groups that existed in Session 5, the CPG Women and Justice and the CPG on Families Affected by Imprisonment. Members of the Groups recognised the shared agenda of both CPGs so supported a merger of the Groups. The new Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

## Membership

37. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Green Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- Four Scottish National Party.

38. The proposed Group has listed seven non-MSP members in the individual category and 25 in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

39. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Rona Mackay MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Collette Stevenson MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

### **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

40. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

41. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

## **Proposed CPG on Culture and Communities**

42. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe E to this note.

## Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

43. Sarah Boyack MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

## Purpose

44. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

• To encourage the exchange of knowledge and understanding between the Scottish Parliament and arts, culture, heritage, and historic environment communities.

45. Although there is also a proposed CPG on Creative Economy, which will be considered by the Committee at a future meeting the Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group. The form states that—

 "The Cross-Party Group on Culture and Communities will focus on the impact of the public sector, for example the social, health and educational impact of access and participation in the arts, heritage, libraries and museums. Whereas the Creative Economy Group will focus on for example industrial support, entrepreneurship, economics, investment, private sector, international working."

## Membership

46. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Four Scottish Labour Party
- Two Scottish National Party.

47. The proposed Group has listed 27 non-MSP members in the individual category and 44 in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

48. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Sarah Boyack MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Sue Webber MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

## **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

49. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive the following financial benefits—

• "Funding allocated to Culture Counts which will be assigned to this Cross-Party Group in 2021/22 is approximately £1495.00. This includes staff time, artists fees, speakers' fees, room hire and refreshments."

50. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

## **Next Steps**

51. At agenda item 7 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Groups on—

- Ireland with James Dornan MSP;
- Long Covid with Jackie Baillie MSP;
- Outdoor Education with Liz Smith MSP;
- Women, Families and Justice with Rona Mackay; and
- Culture and Communities with Sarah Boyack MSP.

52. At agenda item 8 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Groups.

Sam Currie Support Manager Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee October 2021

#### Name of Cross-Party Group

#### Cross-Party Group on Ireland

#### 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.

Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

- 4. To promote the cultural and business links between Scotland and Ireland, as well as to provide a platform for the Irish community in Scotland.
- 5. The purpose of the CPG is to promote the shared heritage and culture between Ireland and Scotland, while also furthering communications and connections for businesses and trade. The Irish community is one of the largest ethnicities, as well as one of the largest migrant populations in Scotland. Furthermore, Ireland is the only country to share a land border with the UK, and remains our largest trade partner.
- 6. No Existing Overlaps.
- 7. We expect to discuss the Irish language and Scottish Gaelic, St Patricks' Day celebrations, the Six Nations Rugby Championship, post-Brexit trade solutions, migrant network opportunities, traditional music festivals, amongst other topics that may arise within the next 12 months.

#### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

- 1. James Dornan MSP (SNP)
- 2. Finlay Carson MSP (Conservatives)
- 3. Pauline McNeil MSP (Labour)
- 4. Ross Greer MSP (Greens)
- 5. Bill Kidd MSP (SNP)
- 6. Fulton MacGregor MSP (SNP)
- 7. Sharon Dowey MSP (Conservatives)

#### 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	Rob Byrne Isabella Gabrovsky Evin Downey
Organisations	Conradh Na Gaeilge Glaschú Comhatlas (Scottish Region) Ceann Creige Hurling and Camogie Club

#### 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
Deputy Convener	Finlay Carson MSP
Secretary	Evin Downey
Treasurer	Evin Downey

#### 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.

n/a

#### 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.

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#### Convener Contact Details

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Name	James Dornan MSP	
Parliamentary address	M4.05 The Scottish Parliament, EH99 1SP	
Telephone number	0131 348 5683	

#### Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

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

Signed	Jon's Dan
Date	06/10/2021

#### Name of Cross-Party Group

#### Cross-Party Group on Long Covid

#### Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

- 8. Please state the purpose of the Group.
- 9. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The group aims to elucidate the impacts that Long-Covid has on the people living with the condition, and seeks to ensure that they have a strong voice within the Scottish Parliament. We believe those voices should be at the heart of every cross-party meeting and recognise that Long-Covid affects people of all age groups, including children. Long-Covid has significant educational, social, economic, and cultural impacts for people living with Long-Covid

We will aim to

- Promote the rights of people living with Long-Covid to be actively involved at all stages – in all policy and decision-making processes that impact their lives.
- Bring to the attention of the Scottish Parliament significant health, educational, social, economic, and cultural impacts for people living with Long-Covid
- Advocate that their needs and their participation are considered by the Scottish Parliament, public policymakers, researchers and influencers, service providers, and other relevant agencies.
- Liaise with academics, lived experience communities, parliamentarians and other agencies with a view to improving provision of services and support for people living with Long-Covid in all relevant areas including health, social care, education, employment and financial security.
- Influence policy decisions of the Scottish Government, local authorities and other appropriate agencies to ensure that adequate resources are deployed to address the chief issues

We do not consider there is any overlap with other existing Groups.

Topics in the next 12 months will include: Employment and Social Security; Children and Education; Access to Healthcare and Rehabilitation

#### MSP Members of the Group

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

Jackie Baillie MSP (LAB),

Paul O'Kane MSP (LAB),

Alex Cole Hamilton MSP (LD),

Jim Fairlie MSP (SNP),

Beatrice Wishart MSP (LD),

Sandesh Gulhane MSP (CON)

#### 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	Lived Experience members, carers, supporters
	Kate McLachlane
	Stuart McIver
	Susan Hedgely
	Samantha Tully
	Sheena Alalami
	Dorothy Grace Elder
	Paula Lally
	Jennifer Syme
	Esperanza Miyake
	Jane Ormerod
	Jasmine Mailley Sarah Marshall
	Sheeran Smith
	Shaun Qureshi
	Amy Small
	Freja Lundberg
	Shaben Begum
	Moira Newiss
	Christina Moriarty
	Caroline Macdonald
	Morag Connell

	Jackie Baxter
	Emma Davies
	Barbara Melville
	Joanna Leszczuk
	Miranda Curry
	Leanne Mitchell
	Helen Goss
	Conor Walker
	Lesley Walker
	Ben Finch
	Maria Timoney
	Jenny O'Boyle
	Ramsay Meldrum
	Elizabeth Ritchie
	Helen Gibson
	Alison Love
	Kyla Johnson
	Callum O'Dwyer
	Chris White
	Kevin Bell
	Sarah Jayne Marshall
	Academic Members
	David Blane
	Gail Carson
	Prof. Kay Cooper
	Dr Tracy Ibbotson
	Eddie Duncan
	Nicholas Sculthorpe
Organisations	Long Covid Scotland
	Long Covid Support Group: Scotland
	Long Covid Kids Scotland
	Long Covid Support (UK)
	The ALLIANCE
	British Association for Music Therapy

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland (CHSS)
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child health (RCPCH Scotland)
The Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
ZeroCovid

#### Group Office Bearers

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Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP (LAB)
	Alex Cole Hamilton MSP (LD),
	Sandesh Gulhane MSP (CON)
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Long Covid Scotland
Treasurer	Long Covid Scotland

#### **Financial Benefits or Other Benefits**

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#### 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**

Name	Jackie Baillie
Parliamentary address	M1.13 The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5905

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.</subject>	
Signed	Jackie Baillie
Date	22 September 2021

#### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Outdoor Education

#### 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 Cross Party Group on Outdoor Education is a forum for debate and sharing of information on a wide range of issues affecting the outdoor education sector in Scotland, our schools and local government as they seek to provide opportunities for young people to experience outdoor education.
- It will provide an opportunity for MSPs, stakeholders, and people with an interest in matters concerning outdoor education to engage, to consider and raise awareness of the opportunities available, to provide support to our outdoor education sector as well as addressing the challenges facing them.
- 3. There is currently no equivalent group in the Scottish Parliament.
- 4. It will examine in particular the scope for wider opportunities in residential outdoor education and partnerships with outdoor education centres, schools and local authorities.

#### MSP Members of the Group

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

Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour)

Fulton MacGregor MSP (Scottish National Party)

Brian Whittle MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Rachael Hamilton MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Mark Ruskell (Scottish Greens)

#### 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.

Keir Bloomer
Mike Harvey
Rob Bushby
Duke of Edinburgh Award
Education Scotland
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE)
Youthlink
The Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres
(AHOEC)
City of Edinburgh Council
Scottish Adventure Activities Forum (SAAF)
John Muir Trust
Ardentinny
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
Scottish Outdoor Education Centres
The Outward Bound Trust
Rock UK
Craikhope Outdoor Centre
Scouts Scotland
Field Studies Council Scotland

#### **Group Office Bearers**

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Convener	Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Deputy Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour)

Secretary	Scouts Scotland and Field Studies Council	
Treasurer	N/A	
<b>Financial Benefits</b>	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.		
N/A		
Subscription Char	ged by the Group	
Please provide deta subscription is inten	ils of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the ded to be used.	
N/A		
Convener Contact E	Details	
Name	Liz Smith MSP	
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Telephone number	0131 348 6762	
Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct		
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Outdoor Education is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.		
Signed	Elizabeth J. Smith	

8 October 2021

Date

#### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Women, Families & Justice

#### Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

12. 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 the Group is to focus on every aspect of women and families experiences of the justice system.

10 years on from the Angiolini report the numbers of women in prison remains stubbornly high. The numbers of women on remand do not go on to receive a custodial sentence and many others are serving short term sentences. The disruptive effect on women and their children is detrimental: only 5% of children whose mother is imprisoned are able to remain within their family homes. The women caught up in the criminal justice system typically have a history of trauma, abuse and mental health problems. The use of community based alternatives to custody are more effective at reducing reoffending. It I therefore in the public interest that more is done to reduce the imprisonment of women and as an alternative invest in alternatives to custody that provide the support women, their children and families require.

The families of people held in prison are often an unheard. There are a number of Scottish Government and Scottish Prison Service strategies and policies which affected families such as the Scottish Government's Prison Visitor Centre policy and SPS Family Strategy in place to provide required support. The Scottish Government estimate that between 20,000 and 27,000 children are affected by imprisonment every year. The strong cross-party support for incorporating the UNCRC in to domestic law has positive implications for children and young people affected by imprisonment and will be considered by this CPG.

The proposed CPG on Women Families & Justice is a merger of 2 CPGs that operated previously, namely the CPG Women & Justice and the CPG for Families Affected by Imprisonment. The shared agendas of both CPGs were recognised and members of both CPGs supported the merger.

The initial meeting to agree the merger of the CPGs and create a single CPG for Women, Families & Justice included a discussion on priority areas . A wide range of priority areas were identified. If the establishment of the CPG for Women, Families & Justice it is likely the topics for discussion in the next 12 months will include: the continued high numbers of women in prison, especially those on remand and serving short term sentences; community alternatives to Remand and Short Term Prison Sentences; the incarceration of children under the age of 18 in adult prisons; the need to divert women with mental health problems and learning difficulties from prison; the impact on children when a mother goes to prison; the conclusions of the Independent Review in to the Response to Deaths in Custody; the upcoming renewal of the SPS Family Strategy and the development of the new custodial estate for women.

#### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Rona Mackay SNP Miles Briggs Conservative Katy Clark Labour Michelle Thompson SNP Collette Stevenson SNP Audrey Nicol SNP Maggie Chapman Scottish Green Party

#### 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	Anne Pinkman
	Carol Dearie
	Elyse Brown
	Tamara Jones
	Janice Wilson
	Amy McMonagle
	Kevin Miller
Organisations	Her Majesties Inspectorate for Scotland
	Justice for Women
	Partners in Advocacy
	Social Work Scotland
	Mental Welfare Commission
	Fife College for Learning & Skills (Scottish Prison Service)
	Shine
	Circle
	Community Justice Scotland
	University of Strathclyde
	Public Health NH Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Families Outside
Sacro
Apex Scotland
Phoenix Futures Scotland
Angus Community Justice Partnership
Tomorrows Women
Soroptimist International Scotland South Region
Criminal H Justice Voluntary Sector (CJVSF)
Access to Industry
University of Stirling
Phoenix Futures Scotland
St Marys Kenmure
Turning Point Scotland
Scottish Prison Service

#### Group Office Bearers

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Convener	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Collette Stevenson MSP
Secretary	Anne Pinkman
Treasurer	n/a, The CPG Women, Families & Justice has no funds

#### 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.

Anne Pinkman provides the secretariat support for the CPG on a voluntary basis. There are no costs involved in printing of agendas and minutes as all papers are shared electronically.

#### 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.

No subscriptions are required	
Convener Contact Details	
Name	Rona Mackay
Parliamentary address	Room m3.02
Telephone number	07825 242480

#### Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Women, Families & Justice 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
Date	11/10/21

#### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Culture and Communities

#### **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**

13. Please state the purpose of the Group.

- 14. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

#### **Group Purpose**

To encourage the exchange of knowledge and understanding between the Scottish Parliament and arts, culture, heritage, and historic environment communities.

The group has a focus on widening access and highlights the social impact of the sector.

#### Public Interest

It is in the public interest to work together to highlight the value of the culture sector and to protect the eco-system of the arts, heritage, culture and historic environment for the common good.

#### Overlaps

The Cross-Party Group on Culture and Communities will focus on the impact of the public sector, for example the social, health and educational impact of access and participation in the arts, heritage, libraries and museums. Whereas the Creative Economy Group will focus on for example industrial support, entrepreneurship, economics, investment, private sector, international working.

#### **Indication of Topics**

The group may consider topics such as place; planning; sector sustainability; access and participation; infrastructure and future generations.

#### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Conservative:

Sue Webber MSP

Labour:

Sarah Boyack MSP

Michael Marra MSP

**Claire Baker MSP** 

Foysol Choudhury MSP

SNP:

Clare Adamson MSP

Jenni Minto MSP

#### 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	Bryan Beattie
	Laura Black
	Matt Brennan
	Steve Byrne
	John Cairns
	Jean Cameron
	Amanda Catto
	Rebecca Finkel
	Chantal Guevara
	Donna Heddle
	Jane Humphries
	Yvette Jelfs
	Kirsty Keay
	Ariel Killick
	Ullrich Kockel
	Orchid Liu
	Jen McGregor
	Lyndsey McLean
	David Nicholson
	Brian Ó hEadhra

	Emma Jayne Park
	Francis Shennan
	David Stevenson
	Archippus Sturrock
	Jean Urquhart
	Matthew Whiteside
	Grant Williams
Organisations	Art 27
	Artlink Central
	Carey Tourism
	CollinsandGoto Studio
	Community Archives Heritage Group Scotland Network
	Community Leisure UK
	Creative & Cultural Skills
	Creative Scotland
	Culture Collective
	Cutting Edge Theatre
	Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival
	Dundee Contemporary Arts
	Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society
	Edinburgh International Festival
	Engage Scotland
	Festivals Edinburgh
	Historic Environment Scotland
	Horsecross Arts (Perth Theatre & Concert Hall)
	Industrial Museums Scotland
	Live Music Now Scotland
	Making Music
	Museums Galleries Scotland
	National Trust for Scotland
	Nevis Ensemble
	Newcastle University, Live Music Exchange
	One Dance UK
	OnFife

Queen Margaret University
Rothesay Pavilion
Royal Society of Edinburgh
Scene Stirling (Place Partnership)
Scottish Artists Union
Scottish Council on Archives
Scottish Opera
SENScot
Skills Development Scotland
The Scottish Stained-Glass Trust
The Village Storytelling Centre
Traditional Music Forum
Tricky Hat Productions
UK Theatre
Vocal
WHALE Arts
Youth Theatre Arts Scotland

#### 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	Sarah Boyack MSP (Labour)
Deputy Convener	Sue Webber MSP (Conservative)
Secretary	Jennifer Hunter (Culture Counts)
Treasurer	N/A

#### **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.

Culture Counts (secretariat) is a project hosted by the Federation of Scottish Theatre. The project receives funding from Creative Scotland and from membership subscriptions from members across culture and creative industries, to undertake the work of the Culture Counts project.

Funding allocated to Culture Counts which will be assigned to this Cross-Party Group in 2021/22 is approximately £1495.00. This includes staff time, artists fees, speakers' fees, room hire and refreshments.

#### 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.</subject>	
Signed	Sach Baynell
Date	21.09.2021