

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Video Games Technology

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

16 November 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

12 June 2014

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

14 May 2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

27 June 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

Meeting of 11th December 2013 –

The Group discussed skills and training and their resourcing in the video games industry with presentations from:

David Martin of Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Mili Shukla (SDS)

Alasdair Smith, Creative Skillset

Gina Jackson, Skills Investment Fund (SIF)

The group also received an update on the creation of the Scottish Games Network from Brian Baglow.

Attendees: 3 MSP's and 26 non-MSP attendees.

Meeting of 12th June 2014 – is the AGM and will focus also on implementation of tax breaks for the industry and enhancing engagement with developers in the industry.

Future meetings are scheduled for 20th August 2014 and 18th November 2014. Themes to be agreed at the AGM.

Attendees: 2 MSP's and 17 non-MSP attendees.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Clare Adamson MSP

Jenny Marra MSP

Gordon MacDonald MSP

Marco Biagi MSP

Mark Griffin 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

Dr. John Sutherland

Organisations	Abertay Prototype Fund Black Company Studios Brightsolid/4J Studios Channel 4 Commissioning Editor City Development, Dundee City Council Cobra Mobile Creative Scotland Denki Dundee College Dynamo Games Education Scotland French Duncan LLP Imigea Ludometrics Me and the Giants Metaforic Napier University NESTA North East One Thumb Mobile Outplay Entertainment Polybius Games Scottish Enterprise Scottish Games Network Skills Development Scotland Tag Games Tayscreen TIGA TPLD Tudocs UKIE University of Abertay Dundee University of Highlands and Islands University of Strathclyde University of West of 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	Clare Adamson MSP & Jenny Marra MSP
Deputy Convener	Scottish Games Network

Secretary	
Treasurer	

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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The provision of secretariat does not exceed the £500 limit as virtually all communication is electronic and there has been no other expenditure from this organisation.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

n/a

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