

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 that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition)
16 th November 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
15 th May 2013
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.
1st Meeting 16th November 2011 – initial meeting, election of office bearers. Joe Fitzpatrick appointed as convenor. 2nd meeting – 8th March 2012. Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open discussion on issues affecting the Games Industry in Scotland• Future work programme discussed• Consideration of submission to the Treasury regarding tax breaks for the industry Attendees: 5 MSPs, 1 MSP member of staff on behalf of an MSP and 44 non-MSPs attended. Full minutes of the meeting available online/ 3rd meeting – 14th May 2013 Attendees: 4 MSPs and 30 non-MSP attendees. Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the developments in the Scottish games industry, as well as

major issues facing the industry.

- Issues affecting the industry, including visibility of the Scottish industry, the need for more business expertise, and trying to engage more women in the industry.
- An update on the proposed tax break from the UK Government
- Election of new office bearers.

Full draft minute to be made available online.

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.

Jenny Marra MSP

Mary Scanlon MSP

Gordon MacDonald MSP

Marco Biagi MSP

Clare Adamson 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 scottishgames.net 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	
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.

£502 from TIGA to pay for catering provided to the group for the meeting on 8th

March 2012. Invoice attached.

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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