

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities

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.)

5 October 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

1 April 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.

6 March 2013 – Meeting 10

Topic: Annual General Meeting

MSP attendance: 10

Non-MSP attendance: 21

6 March 2013 – Meeting 11

Topic: Scotland's educational links with China

MSP attendance: 10

Non-MSP attendance: 21

Speakers: Dr Judith McClure, Convener, Scotland China Education Network (SCEN), Mr Shengchun Yao, International Business Manager, City of Glasgow College, and Ms Frances Christensen, General Manager, The Confucius Institute for Scotland.

9 May 2013 – Meeting 12

Topic: Workplace learning and workforce development

MSP attendance: 4

Non-MSP attendance: 24

Speakers: Mr Jim Brown, Director, Energy Skills Partnership (Colleges Scotland), Mr Graeme Kirkpatrick, Depute President, NUS Scotland, Professor Alan Gilloran, Deputy Principal, Queen Margaret University Edinburgh, and Professor George Stonehouse, Dean of the Business School and Professor of International Strategic Management, Edinburgh Napier University.

19 September 2013 – Meeting 13

Topic: Economic impact of Scotland's universities and colleges

MSP attendance: 5

Non-MSP attendance: 26

Speakers: Mr Tony Jakimciw, Regional Lead for the Borders Region (Colleges Scotland), Ms Moira Gibson, Head of External Affairs, University of Edinburgh, and Mr Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland.

28 November 2013 – Meeting 14

Topic: Progress Report on the Wood Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce

MSP attendance: 8

Non-MSP attendance: 23

Speakers: Sir Ian Wood, Chair, Wood Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce and Mr Ken Milroy, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Regional Lead

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.

Elizabeth Smith MSP

Kezia Dugdale MSP

Drew Smith MSP

Hanzala Malik MSP

Liam McArthur MSP

Marco Biagi MSP

Stewart Maxwell 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

Jenny Bloomfield

Terry Brotherstone

	Kirsty Conlon
	Kenneth Fleming
	Colin Grant
	Moira Gibson
	Russell Gunson
	John Henderson
	Grant Jarvie
	Charlie Jeffery
	Simon Jennings
	Maggie Kinloch
	Susannah Lane
	Paul Little
	Malcolm MacLeod
	Steven Magee
	Anne McGilivray
	Matt McPherson
	James Miller
	Robin Parker
	Jennifer Ross
	Jane Scott
	Alastair Sim
	Charandeep Singh
	Laura Barjonas
	Heather Sloan
	Colin Taylor
	Philip Whyte
	James Wilson
	Grahame Wright
	Una Bartley
	David Belsey
	Anne Campbell
	Mandy Exley
	Geoff Fenlon
	Matthew Maclver
	Judith McClure

	<p>Peter Pringle Keith Robson Rob Wallen Petra Wend</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Colleges Scotland Edinburgh Napier University The Confucius Institute for Scotland University of Edinburgh Edinburgh College University of Aberdeen University of the Highlands and Islands Scotland China Education Network (SCEN) Scottish Enterprise Universities Scotland NUS Scotland City of Glasgow College Remploy UCU Scotland Open University in Scotland Lead Scotland Scottish Funding Council Scotland's Colleges University of Abertay Dundee Albyn School Skills Development Scotland University of Dundee Burn Stewart Distillers Ltd Ayr College Queen Margaret University sparqs Royal Society of Chemistry Society of Biology Royal Society of Edinburgh Holyrood Magazine</p>

	University of Strathclyde Commercialisation Scottish Enterprise Heriot-Watt University Pagoda PR (Scotland's Colleges) Edinburgh University Students Association (EUSA) University of Stirling University of the West of Scotland James Watt College ATL Scotland South Lanarkshire College Scottish Wider Access Programme East (SWAP East) Glasgow Caledonian University Jewel & Esk College Royal Conservatoire Scotland Lothians Equal Access Programme for Schools (LEAPS) University of St Andrews OU in Scotland University of Strathclyde Students' Association (USSA)
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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	Elizabeth Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Kezia Dugdale MSP
Secretary	James Wilson, Universities Scotland (Secretarial support provided by Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland)
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.

Date	Amount	Description
06.03.13	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by the Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)
09.05.13	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by Edinburgh Napier University
19.09.13	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by University of Edinburgh
28.11.13	< £500.00	Meeting lunch sponsored by Colleges Scotland

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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