

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

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.)

23/5/12

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

20/5/15

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]

4/6/14

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

19/6/15

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.

4/6/14 – AGM including discussion of Fair Trade Nation status and report on progress – 3 MSPS and 4 non-MSPs

28/10/14 – meeting – presentation by Bala Sport on Fairtrade sportsballs. 3 MSPs and 10 non-MSPs in attendance. The meeting discussed the difficulties of supply of Fairtrade footballs, the setting up of Bala Sport, the companies links with Fairtrade

football producers in Pakistan and their plans for future business development.

26/11/14 – meeting – presentation by Hadeel on Fair Trade producers in Palestine. 2 MSPs and 6 non-MSPs present. The meeting discussed the range of Fair Trade producers in Palestine including food and non-food products such as olive oil and crafts, the history and structure of Hadeel and Palcrafts, the problems for Fair Trade producers associated with the recent and ongoing political and security situation in Palestine.

4/3/15 – CPG hosted Parliamentary reception for Fairtrade Fortnight. Speakers included the Cabinet Secretary and Fair Trade representatives from Mauritius, Malawi and Palestine. 10 MSPs present and about 70 non-MSPs. The Cabinet Secretary spoke about the importance of Scotland's Fair Trade Nation status. Each of the Fair Trade representatives gave short presentations explaining the positive impact Fair Trade has had on their lives and the lives of their communities

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alison Johnstone (Green)

Alison McInnes (LD)

Claudia Beamish (Labour)

Drew Smith (Labour)

George Adam (SNP)

Gordon MacDonald (SNP)

James Kelly (Labour)

John Mason (SNP)

Linda Fabiani (SNP)

Murdo Fraser (Conservative)

Neil Bibby (Labour)

Patricia Ferguson (Labour)

Sarah Boyack (Labour)

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	
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Organisations	Scottish Fair Trade Forum Camglen Fairtrade Group Scotmid BMA Scotland Co-operative Educational Trust Scotland Co-operative Membership Livingston Fair Trade Group Selkirk Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Group Fair Trade 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.

Co-convener	George Adam
Co-convener	Patricia Ferguson
Secretary	Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum
Treasurer	None

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).

£1,286 paid by Scottish Fair Trade Forum to Scottish Parliament for catering at parliamentary reception on 4/3/15.

Secretariat support (estimated value £200) was given by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum.

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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