

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Racial Equality in Scotland

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.)

29th June 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

2nd December 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.

2nd October 2012

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 17 non MSPs

AGM –annual report for 2011/12 approved; Office Bearers elected (Bob Doris MSP Convenor, Hanzala Malik MSP and Jamie McGrigor MSP Vice-Convenors), Jatin Haria, CRER, Secretariat;

Guest Speaker: Paul Zealey, Glasgow 2014 – Paul provided a presentation on Glasgow 2014's work on community engagement and on legacy matters, which was followed up by a lively Q&A session;

General discussion on forthcoming legislation, including on self-directed support, the integration of health and social care, the independent living fund, procurement and on the proposed community empowerment bill.

22nd January 2013

Attendance: 1 MSP, 20 non MSPs. **Meeting not quorate. Informal meeting held.**

Guest speakers: Smina Akhtar (Amina MWRC), Mridul Wadhwa (Shakti Women's Aid) and Elaine McLaughlin and Sandra McArdle (Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid).

Each spoke about their own agencies' work in relation to race, ethnicity and domestic violence, and this was followed up by a wider discussion on the issues raised, including on the current Scottish definition of domestic violence.

Jennifer Glinski spoke briefly about Oxfam's Humankind Index.

5th June 2013

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 13 non MSPs.

Guest Speaker: Gary Christie, Scottish Refugee Council who spoke about refugee integration in Scotland and the development of a Scotland-wide strategy to support the integration of refugees in Scotland. This was followed up by a lively discussion including on the issues of access to health care for refugees, the difficulties experienced during the short transition period from being an asylum-seeker to being a refugee, on employment issues and on the processes and practices of 'integration'.

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.

Bob Doris
Hanzala Malik
Jamie McGrigor
Clare Adamson
Drew Smith
Jim Eadie
Patrick Harvie
Jackie Baillie
Claudia Beamish

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	n/a
Organisations	Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (Scotland) West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Frae Fife Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Black Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland Score Scotland Trust Housing Association EHRC Scotland STUC Black Workers Committee Thai Women's Association of Scotland SEMPER Scotland Stirling Multicultural Partnership MECOPP Migrants Rights Scotland Voices of Experience (VoX) Waverley Care African Health Project

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	Bob Doris MSP
Deputy Convener(s)	Hanzala Malik MSP Jamie McGrigor MSP
Secretary	Jatin Haria
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.

13th June 2012 £202.56; 2nd October 2012 £157.50; 22nd January 2013 £179.94
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Secretarial support from staff at CRER – estimate at 7 hours per meeting at an average cost of around £150 per meeting.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Nil

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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