

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

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| NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP |
| Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology |
| DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED |
| 22 February 2012 |
| DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED |
| 10 March 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 February 2013 and AGM: A presentation was received from the Chief Executive of the Science and Technology Facilities Council on the international work of the STFC, including the contribution to the Large Hadron Collider. This formed part of the week long exhibition at the Scottish Parliament of the LHC, which was attended by a large number of school students and members of the science community. Professor Peter Higgs, the renowned physicist participated in the main public event. Attendance at the CPG was 25 including 4 MSPs. |
| 8 October 2013. Eight people attended a meeting that received a briefing from Dr Neil Robertson of the University of Edinburgh on Transforming Scotland from Nuclear Energy. The meeting included two MSPs, Dr Elaine Murray and Clare Adamson. |
| 19 / 20 January 2014. Four MSPs who are members of the CPG attended a study visit to the CERN facilities in Geneva, Switzerland. Expenses for this were provided by a bursary from the Science and Technology Facilities Council, to the value of £350 per MSP. MSPs who attended this visit were Clare Adamson, Iain Gray, Drew Smith and Patrick Harvie. The Secretary to the group Bristow Muldoon also attended. |
| 6 February 2014. Three MSPs and an external member of the CPG attended an AGM business only meeting of the CPG. This meeting confirmed the office bearers for the year ahead and discussed possible themes for meetings. |

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.

Elaine Murray
 Claire Adamson
 Nigel Don
 Iain Gray
 Patrick Harvie
 Liam McArthur
 Nanette Milne
 Drew Smith

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.

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| Organisations | Royal Society of Edinburgh - Secretariat Royal Society of Chemistry - Secretariat Institute of Physics Society of Biology Universities Scotland Scottish Resource Centre for Women in STEM Association for Science Education University of Edinburgh SSERC Selex Galileo University of Glasgow Cogent |
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| Individuals | Fiona Selkirk Professor William Banks. |
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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.

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| Co-Conveners | Dr Elaine Murray; Claire Adamson |
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| Deputy Convener | Iain Gray; Liam McArthur |
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| Secretary | Bristow Muldoon |
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| Treasurer | None |
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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.

Secretarial support and catering costs were provided by the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Society of Chemistry that cumulatively would amount to around £500. Both organisations are charities and non-politically aligned. The first events were supported by the RSE and RSC in catering and terms. The costs were below £500.

As mentioned above a visit to CERN, Geneva was supported by funding from the Science and Technology funding Council for 4 MSPs and the Secretary. Total funding from the STFC was £350 per participant. The Royal Society of Edinburgh also supplemented the costs by just over £200 in total between the five participants. There was no cost attributed to the Scottish Parliament for this visit.

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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