

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
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.)
24 April 2012
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
4 February 2016
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]
5 February 2015
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
25 February 2016
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.
16 June 2015: A meeting took place to receive a presentation on a report that had been released that day by the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Scotland's Gas Future. The main presentation was by Professor Rebecca Lunn of the University of Strathclyde, who had chaired the working group which had written the report. 15 people attended the meeting including five MSPs.
29 September 2015: A joint meeting was held with the Medical Research Council, to

discuss the medical research taking place in Scotland funded by either the Medical Research Council or medical research charities. 16 people attended including 4 MSPs.

11 November 2015: The annual Science and the Parliament event took place at Our Dynamic Earth. This was not a formal meeting of the CPG, however all members of the CPG were invited and five of the MSPs attended the event at some part of the day. Attendees at the event were drawn from across the scientific community in Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Science also attended.

4 February 2016: A meeting took place to conduct AGM business only. Five attended including four MSPs.

15 March 2016: A final meeting before the elections has been arranged for 15 March to enable a debate on science policy for the next Scottish Parliament. Professor Lesley Yellowlees of the University of Edinburgh will chair it. Dr Alasdair Allan MSP; Mark Griffin MSP; Liam McArthur MSP; and Murdo Fraser MSP will speak. This will be held at 1800 in Committee Room 5 of the Parliament.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

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

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	
Organisations	Royal Society of Edinburgh Royal Society of Chemistry

	Institute of Physics Royal Society of Biology Universities Scotland Association for Science Education SSERC Selex Galileo
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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	Co-Conveners: Dr Elaine Murray MSP; Clare Adamson MSP.
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP; Iain Gray MSP.
Secretary	Bristow Muldoon (RSE & RSC).
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.

Support was received from the RSE and RSC for catering and secretarial support. The total value of this support was £1200.

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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