

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Skills
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date 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.)
28 th June 2011
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
28 th May 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.
<p><u>26th September 2013</u> – (MSP = 2, Non-MSP = 22). The Group received a presentation from Patrick Watt and Nicola McLelland of Skills Development Scotland.</p> <p>Patrick Watt provided an overview of the role of SDS in the generation of Labour Market Information and the services they provide to support the wider work of SDS.</p> <p>Nicola McLelland delivered an interactive presentation which asked the Group to vote on the answers to a number of questions related to skills.</p> <p>The Group also received a presentation from Simon Warr from Barnardo's Works Edinburgh on the work of the organisation.</p> <p>Scottish Apprenticeship Week – Margaret McCulloch MSP agreed to sponsor an SDS event in the Garden Lobby.</p>
<p><u>28th November 2013</u> - (MSP = 2, Non-MSP = 29). The Group received a presentation from John Robertson, Head of Corporate Affairs at Skills Development Scotland on the success of Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2013.</p> <p>He also raised the issue of Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2014 and welcomed ideas and suggestions.</p>

27th February 2014 : (MSP = 1, Non-MSP = 30). The Group received a presentation from Irene Bell from Economic Development Association Scotland.

Irene Bell presented the views of Economic Development Association Scotland's members – emphasising that there were differences for public and private sector but also different interpretations of success.

John Robertson and David Moroney from Skills Development Scotland provided a brief update on Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2104 which is taking place between the 19-23 May.

8th May 2014 (MSP = 4 , Non-MSP = 18). This meeting incorporated the AGM including the election of office bearers.

The Group received a presentation from Peter Cannell from Open University and Martyn Ware from SQA.

Peter opened the presentation by giving an overview on widening access – emphasising that there was a shift to working with partners to support routes from informal to formal learning.

Martyn Ware then continued on the theme of Open Education and talked about the Government's aspiration for a smarter Scotland.

Dates of the future meetings and presenters were given to the Group.

Throughout the year the Group had been supported with lunch and refreshments and also provided information about the work their organisations are undertaking in the skills arena.

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.

Margaret McCulloch

Gavin Brown

Marco Biagi

Margaret McDougall

Rhoda Grant

Liam McArthur

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	Gordon Reid
Organisations	A&M Community Training/ Aplus Training, A4E, Application Recruitment, Association of Accounting Technicians, Barnardo's Scotland, Big Lottery Fund, Bio Reliance, Castle Douglas Community IT Centre, Chartered Banker Institute, City and Guilds, Close the Gap, CMI, Cogent SCC, Construction Skills Scotland, Creative Scotland, Economic Development Association, Education Scotland, Education Scotland/Foghlam Alba, Employment Enterprise, Federation of Small Businesses, Fife Council – Enterprise & Protection Services, GCU Directorate of External and Community Relations, GO Skills, ICS Ltd, Improve Limited, ITC Academy , Institute of Research and Innovation in Social Services, Institute of Physics, Investors in People Scotland, JHP Training, Lantra, Learning Link Scotland, Lifeskills, Lifeskills Centres, Loch Lomond & Trossachs Community Partnership, NFU, NHS Education for Scotland, NSCC and Independent Roof Training Association, OPITO, Pearson Workbased Learning, Proskills, Proskills UK, Queen Margaret University, Rathbone, Remploy Ltd, Scotland IS, Scottish Building, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Scottish Countryside Alliance, Scottish Decorator's Federation, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Investment Operations, Scottish Land and Estates, Scottish Qualifications Authority, Scottish Renewables Forum, Scottish Retail Consortium, Scottish Screen, Scottish Training Federation, Scottish Youth Parliament, SCQF, SCVO, SECTT, SELECT, SEMTA, Skills Development Scotland, Skills for Justice, Skills for Logistics, SQA Accreditation, STUC, STUC – Skills and Learning Team, The Institute of the Motor Industry, The Open University in Scotland, The Scotch Whisky Association, Unite the Union, Universities Scotland, University of Abertay, Dundee, Women's Enterprise Scotland, Working Links.

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	Gavin Brown MSP, Margaret McCulloch MSP
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	SCQF Partnership
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.

Ryan Reed and Anthony O'Reilly of the Scottish Credit & Qualification Framework Partnership, Secretary to the CPG on Skills until 31st May 2014.

Estimated time spent supporting the work of the CPG = 40 hours p/a, approx. value of £959.00.

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

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