

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CPG
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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 June 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
28 June 2013
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b> 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.
<b>19 June 2012</b> <b><u>AGM and Global Education and Global Learning</u></b> <u>Topic:</u> The meeting focused on the importance of international issues in the Scottish curriculum and how global teaching/learning can be improved. A number of interesting discussion points were raised including the importance of raising awareness of global issues in the Scottish curriculum, challenging students to engage more and the importance of links between Scottish schools and schools in developing countries. The meeting was also the election of the office bearers (Convenor: Sarah Boyack MSP, Deputy Convenor: Patrick Harvie MSP, Treasurer: Siobhan McMahan MSP) <u>Speakers:</u> Susan McIntosh (ScotDec) and Anne Kane (Oxfam) Attendance: 2: MSPs and 26 non-MSP attendees.

**18 September 2012**

**Bhopal Gas Disaster**

Topic: Two survivors of the Bhopal gas disaster led a discussion on the aftermath of one of the world's worst industrial disasters. The focus of the meeting drew upon the on-going situation and in particular the lack of progress on cleaning up the site and the local environment. Eurig Scandrett, of the Scottish Friends of Bhopal, helped to co-ordinate the meeting as part of the survivors tour of Britain and Ireland.

Speakers: Eurig Scandrett (Scottish Friends of Bhopal), Backrishna Namdev, Safreen Khan

Attendance: 5 MSPs and 22 non-MSP attendees.

**6 November 2012**

**Colombia**

Topic: Human rights activists from Colombia addressed the CPG, as part of a visit to the UK in association with the ABColombia coalition. The presentations focused on the key development challenges that Colombia faces; including land ownership issues, illegal drug trafficking, marginalisation of indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities and rights to truth and justice.

Speakers: Mark Camburn (SCIAF), Louise Winstanley (ABColombia), Robert Daza Guevara (spokesperson for the Nariño section of the Coordinador Nacional Agrario (National Agrarian Committee), Alex Guanga (Awá indigenous community leader and a member of UNIPA- La Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá (The Indigenous Unit of the Awá People)

Attendees: 5 MSPs and 22 non-MSP attendees.

**21 January 2013**

**Debt Justice**

Topic: Jubilee Scotland presented to the group and the meeting focused on their campaign efforts for global debt justice and to also raise awareness of the suffering the people of some of the world's poorest countries are subjected to. Jubilee Scotland is at the forefront of the campaign to make Scotland a seat of a fair and transparent arbitration process.

Speakers: Alys Mumford (Jubilee Scotland), Charlotte Snelling (Jubilee Scotland).

Attendees: 6 MSPs and 18 non-MSP attendees.

**19 February 2013**

**Scottish Government's International Development Policy**

Topic: The Minister for International Development and External Affairs addressed the group and provided an overview of the Scottish Government's International Development policy and projects that it supports throughout the world. The meeting acknowledged previous administrations' commitments to international development and the partnerships that have been formed since devolution in 1999.

Speakers: Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for International Development and External Affairs.

Attendees: 6 MSPs and 36 non-MSP attendees.

**26 March 2013**

**Malawi**

Topic: Global Campaign for Education Young Ambassadors, Eilidh and Billy of Hutchesons' Grammar, gave a presentation on their trip to Malawi to investigate the barriers to education faced by young people there. Sarah Boyack MSP also presented to the group following a visit to the Malawi National Assembly as part of the Commonwealth Technical Assistance Programme in March 2013. The presentation involved issues relating to developing democracy in Malawi, the role of women in Malawian politics and the financial security workshop that Sarah ran with Alex Fergusson MSP and an SPCB clerk for members of Malawi's National Assembly.

Speakers: Eilidh Naysmith and Billy Davidson (Hutchesons' Grammar) and Sarah Boyack MSP

Attendees: 4 MSPs and 23 non-MSP attendees.

**18 June 2013**

**AGM and Global Volunteering**

Topic: AGM of the Cross Party Group, including election of the office bearers and consideration for future meetings from September 2013 – June 2014. The meeting was held, in conjunction, with the Volunteering and Voluntary Sector Cross Party Group and included a presentation from VSO who spoke about their work on key development areas, in particular an emphasis on MDGs and what more can be done.

Speakers: Kate Cotton, Global Advisor, VSO

Attendees: 5 MSPs and 45 non-MSP attendees

**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.

Sarah Boyack	Patrick Harvie
Siobhan McMahon	David Stewart
Bruce Crawford	Jamie McGrigor
Hanzala Malik	Neil Findlay
Linda Fabiani	Patricia Ferguson
Neil Findlay	Margaret MacDougall
Rhoda Grant	

**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	Peter Griffiths
	Finlay Moir
	Dora Kollar
	Helen Martin
	Jenny Simons
	Michelagh O'Neil
	Bashir Malik
	Alison Cosgrove
	Dorothy Logie
	Roger Leakey
	J.K. Robert England
	Trish Hiddleston
	Pat Hiddleston
	Gerda Siann
	Abiodun Anthony Olowoyeye

	<p>Neil Robertson  Dr Callum Henderson (Incoming Hon Consul for Rwanda)  Tracy Johnston  Pat Bryden  Jim R Copland  David Stevenson  Rt. Rev Brian Smith  Mark Osnowitz  Manuela Coletti  Carol Morton  Agnes Ngulube – Holmes  Hamish Goldie-Scott</p>
Organisations	<p>UNA  Aid Effectiveness  ScotDec  Islamic Relief  MAF  CBM  Jubilee Scotland  The Salvation Army  University of Edinburgh  Centre for Ecology &amp; Hydrology  WDM  Heriot-Watt University  NIDOS  Scotland Malawi Partnership  The Leprosy Mission Scotland  Mercy Corps  The Vine Trust  Institute of Aquaculture</p>

	<p>UNESCO Scotland</p> <p>Institute for Energy Systems</p> <p>One World Development</p> <p>International Play Association</p> <p>Imani Development</p> <p>The Supoy chomphoo phuen foundation</p> <p>World Development Movement</p> <p>Sight Aid International</p> <p>VSO UK</p> <p>Challenges Worldwide</p> <p>Scotlanka Network</p> <p>SCIAF</p> <p>The Commandery of St. Clair, No. S1, Scotland - The Knights Templar in Scotland (Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani)</p> <p>Plan Vivo Foundation</p> <p>Justice and Peace Scotland</p> <p>ImpAcTAIDS</p> <p>Palcrafts / Hadeel</p> <p>Association of Teachers and Lecturers (Scotland)</p> <p>The James Hutton Institute</p> <p>Dunira Strategy</p> <p>Oxfam Scotland</p> <p>Church of Scotland World Mission Council</p> <p>Institute for International Health and Development (Queen Margaret University)</p> <p>Centre for the Study of Religion (CSRP), University of St. Andrews</p>
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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	Sarah Boyack MSP
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Siobhan McMahon MSP

**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.

N/A

**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 (balance remaining from pre-2011, used for catering at meetings).

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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