

## **CROSS PARTY GROUP: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**26 MARCH 2013**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 5, SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

**5.30PM – 6.30PM**

### **Attendees:**

Patrick Harvie MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Clare Adamson MSP, Siobhan McMahon MSP, Eilidh Naysmith, Billy Davidson, Laura Greig, Akiko Tomitaka, Tracy Johnston, Gillian Wilson, Dhanush Dinesh, Helen Pawelczyk, Blair Melville, Patricia Chale, Frances Johnston, Martyn Edelsten, David Stevenson, Lorna McDonald, Agnes N Holmes, Wendy Davies, Norman Chipakupaku, Njirambo Maggie Matinga, Kirsty Evans, Anthony Olowoyeye, Janey Andrews, Fatou Sidibeh, David Hope-Jones, Callum Henderson

### **Apologies:**

Jackie Baillie MSP, Margaret MacDougall MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP, Elaine Smith MSP, Bruce Crawford MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Hugh Henry MSP, Fiona Forsyth, Grant Davidson, Alina Armstrong, Carol Finlay, M.I. Aguilar, John Francis, Rob Crawford, Brian Smith, Pat Bryden, James Trolland, Alan Dixon, Robert England, David Kenvyn, Sean Walls, Rachel Campbell, Karen Garrott, Lakmal Kahawela, George Grubb, Claire Telfer, James EBB MacLean, Linda Todd,

### **Presentation from Eilidh Naysmith and Billy Davidson, Hutchesons' Grammar School following their visit to Malawi:**

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.

A video of their trip and resources for schools are available here: <http://www.sendmyfriend.org/resource/young-ambassadors-malawi/>

### **Presentation from Sarah Boyack MSP, following a visit to the Malawi National Assembly as part of the Commonwealth Technical Assistance Programme:**

In March 2013, Sarah Boyack MSP, Convenor of the Cross Party Group, visited Malawi as a Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Branch delegation. The visit marked the next stage of the second Technical Assistance Programme (TAP2) between the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly of Malawi and also coincided with the 200th anniversary of the birth of David Livingstone.

Sarah, Alex Fergusson MSP and a SPCB clerk ran a workshop with Malawi Assembly members on the financial scrutiny and audit processes across the Parliament. The Group also attended and spoke at a seminar on women's representation in the Malawi Assembly which was organised by the Malawi National Assembly's Women's Concerns at the Active Learning Centre (part of a Scottish Government funded project), along with other issues of developing democracy.

More information on the trip is available on Sarah's website:

<http://www.sarahboyack.com/?cat=32>

## **AOCB**

The minutes of the previous meeting (19 February 2013) were accepted unanimously.

The next meeting of the cross party group will be the AGM on the 18 June 2013, which will be held in conjunction with the Volunteering and the Voluntary Sector CPG. Details of the event and registration period will be announced shortly.

As the next meeting is the AGM, the Convenor welcomes members to consider topics they would like to suggest for the forthcoming agenda.