

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on TOURISM

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To highlight and promote the Scottish tourism industry
2. To support the ambition of the tourist industry for Scotland to be a destination of first choice for travellers with an excellent customer experience. To provide a Parliamentary focus for wider tourism matters and discuss relevant topical issues to the continued growth and development of the tourism product and the creation of jobs in the industry.
3. Possible overlaps: Recreational & Marine Boating Tourism, Scottish Economy, Food, Golf, Scotch Whisky and Culture. The Tourism CPG should be established because it will take an overview of a variety of differing sectors within the tourism remit and also those outwith which benefit from an improved tourism sector.
4. Topics to include promoting Scottish Tourism Week, food and drink, transport, education, investment in tourism.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Bruce Crawford (SNP)
Gordon Macdonald (SNP)
Nigel Don (SNP)
Graeme Dey (SNP)
Dennis Robertson (SNP)
Mike McKenzie (SNP)
Stuart MacMillan (SNP)
Duncan McNeil (Labour)
Lewis Macdonald (Labour)
Cameron Buchanan (Conservative)
Jamie McGrigor (Conservative)
Tavish Scott (Lib Dem)
Jim Hume (Lib Dem)
Jean Urquhart (Independent)

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

Alison Laurie (Bruce Crawford MSP staff)

Organisations

Visit Scotland (Secretariat)

Initial meeting with MSPs only, other individuals/organisations have shown interest so likely that a significant amount of orgs/groups will join

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

Bruce Crawford MSP

Deputy Convener

Duncan McNeil MSP

Secretary

Leon Thompson, Visit Scotland

Treasurer

Alison Laurie, Bruce Crawford MSP staff

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

Services of Leon Thompson from Visit Scotland as secretariat support, approx. value of £250 per meeting, so circa £1,000 - £1,500 per annum

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

none

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Tourism is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date

26 January 2015