

# CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

## 1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have undertaken to comply with the rules on Cross-Party Groups may use the words *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament* in their title.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment

## 2. GROUP PURPOSE *Code of Conduct 6.2.3 and 6.4, Rule 1*

A brief statement of the main purpose of the group. Groups are reminded that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee will look very carefully at the proposed purpose of a group to satisfy itself that its purpose is Parliamentary in nature and of genuine public interest.

The XPG on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

The Group includes Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Orthoptists, Visual Impairment Charities, Disabled Charities, VI teachers, Civil Servants, Local Government Officers and moany other engaged with the sector.

## 3. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSP's name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

### MSPs

Neil Bibby MSP  
Stuart McMillan MSP  
Dennis Robertson MSP  
Nanette Milne MSP  
Richard Simpson MSP  
James Kelly MSP

### Non-MSP Individuals

Sam Brown  
Cindy Godfrey-Mackay  
David McKerral  
James O'Rourke  
Margaret O'Rourke  
Mary Rasmussen  
Susan Robinson  
Alex Scott  
Mhairi Thurston  
Allan Thurston

### Organisations

Audio Description Association (Scotland)  
British and Irish Orthoptic Society  
Community The Trade Union  
Eyecare Scotland  
Fife Society for the Blind  
Guide Dogs

	Haggeye Leonard Cheshire Disability National Federation of the Blind Scotland National League of Blind and Disabled North East Sensory Services Novartis Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind RNIB Scotland Royal Blind SAVIE (Scottish Association for Visual Impairment Education) Scottish Council on Visual Impairment Scottish Sensory Centre Scottish Vision Strategy Sight Action SITE (Support Integration Training Employment) Southern General Hospital STUC University of Edinburgh, Moray House School of Education VI Scotland Visibility
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**4. GROUP OFFICERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4**

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

<b>Convener</b>	Stuart McMillan MSP
<b>Vice-Convener</b>	Neil Bibby MSP/Nanette Milne MSP/Dennis Robertson MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	James Adams
<b>Treasurer</b>	James Adams

**5. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.7**

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
Not yet received	£10,000	Cost for the running of the Cross-Party Group, the secretariat, Parliamentary receptions and activity associated with the work of the Cross-Party Group.  The money is provided by Novartis <a href="http://www.novartis.com">www.novartis.com</a>
<b>6. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9</i></b>		
Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.		
Amount per group member per year	n/a	
<b>7. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS</b>		
If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.		
Staff name		
Title of post		
Name and address of employer organisation		
Type of employer organisation		
<b>8. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.5</i></b>		
Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.		
Name	Stuart McMillan MSP	
Parliamentary address	Scottish Parliament	
Telephone number	0131 348 5000	
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