

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment

Purpose of the group

The Cross-Party Group 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.

Agenda

Tuesday 5 December, 18.00-20.00, Fleming Room, CR3, Scottish Parliament

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the AGM and meeting held on 12 September 2017.
4. 'Education of visually impaired pupils - a teaching perspective'.
 - Anne Marie Fleming, RNIB Scotland
 - Elaine Brackenridge, Royal Blind School
5. Matters arising.
6. Dates of next meetings – the following have been booked:
 - 6 February 2018, 13.00 - 14.30, Fleming Room, CR3
 - 8 May 2018, 18.00 – 19.30, Clerk Maxwell Room, CR4
 - 11 September, 13.00 – 14.30, Fleming Room, CR3
7. Reception to mark both Christmas and the 100th anniversary of the Scottish Council on Visual Impairment (SCOVI)
 - Introduced by Stuart McMillan MSP
 - Brian Gallagher, President of SCOVI

Annex 1:

Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 06/09/2017 Motion S5M-07517: Stuart McMillan, Greenock and Inverclyde Happy 10th Birthday, Haggeye

That the Parliament extends its best wishes to Haggeye on reaching its 10th birthday; notes that Haggeye is the award-winning forum that gives young people with sight loss aged 12 to 25 a voice; further notes that it is a regular contributor to the Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment; commends the excellent work of all the members of Haggeye over the last decade, and for winning a Young Scot Award and Diana Award, as well as a Philip Lawrence Award for "establishing an atmosphere of trust between generations and cultures"; notes that, in 2010, it was one of only three organisations chosen to promote civic participation by the Parliament; considers that it has been a campaigning organisation and champion for change, and wishes it many happy returns and every success for the future.

Supported by: Gail Ross, Joan McAlpine, Bill Kidd, Stewart Stevenson, Rona Mackay, Richard Lyle, Bob Doris, David Torrance, Jenny Gilruth, Bruce Crawford, Fulton MacGregor, Colin Beattie, Ben Macpherson, Monica Lennon, Tom Arthur, Ivan McKee, Clare Adamson, Maree Todd, Gillian Martin

Annex 2

1. Reply from the SNP on accessible voting – sent separately.
Note that the date of the letter reverts to today's date when you open it.
2. Reply/query to the CPG on the accessibility of PDFs from Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business – sent separately.