

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session 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.)

4/10/2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

7/11/2018

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

4/12/2018

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]

1/11/2017

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

1 November 2017: 3 MSPs 8 Non-MSPs
Helen Dennis, Policy and Advocacy Manager spoke about “Brexit, Certification and the Future of Fairtrade – the challenges and opportunities”. She spoke about new Fairtrade products and commitments, Fairtrade gold, the continued importance of Fairtrade, Sainsbury’s and their ‘fairly-traded’ tea pilot, the potential effect of Brexit on trade with the global South and the UK Government’s White Paper on trade.

There were a number of questions asked and discussion about the availability of Fairtrade gold, Cadbury and Cocoa Life, Brexit and Sainsbury's changes to tea certification.

7 March 2018: 7 MSPs and 12 Non-MSPs

Bernard Kaunda and Christopher Gondwe, who were viting Scotland as guestd of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum for Fairtrade Fortnight, spoke about their work at the Mzuzu Coffee Growers' Co-operative Union in Malawi. They answered questions on the history and development of Mzuzu Coffee, the importance of Fair Trade, business development and diversification, the global coffee market and the Fairtrade coffee market.

16 May 2018: 3 MSPs and 11 Non-MSPs

Ewan Reid of Glasgow based coffee roasters, Matthew Algie Ltd: gave a presentation entitled: "Fairtrade: enabling sustainable, quality coffee from small-holder value chains". The presentation and discussion covered the Fairtrade coffee market and the challenges and opportunities of the Fairtrade coffee system.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claudia Beamish MSP (Labour)
 Neil Bibby MSP (Labour)
 Finlay Carson MSP (Conservative)
 Willie Coffey MSP (SNP)
 Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Lib Dem)
 James Kelly MSP (Labour)
 Gordon Lindhurst MSP (Conservative)
 Colin Smyth MSP (Labour)
 Rona Mackay MSP (SNP)

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	
Organisations	Scottish Fair Trade Forum Scotmid Dumfries Fair Trade Group

	Hadeel/Palcrafts City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh Livingston Fair Trade Group Co-operative Party British Medical Association Scotland Equal Exchange Melrose and District Fair Trade Group Bala Sport Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group Silver Stag of Scotland Queensferry Fair Trade Group
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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	Colin Smyth MSP
Deputy Convener	Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Secretary	Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum
Treasurer	None

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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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