

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

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| NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP |
| Cross-Party Group on Kurdistan |
| 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.) |
| 27/10/18 |
| DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM |
| 07/11/18 |
| DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED |
| 20/12/18 |
| 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] |
| 27/10/18 |
| 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. |
| In March we held a meeting focussing on the role of women in the Kurdish liberation movement and Kurdish society as a whole, with a particular focus on the revolutionary situation in Rojava. |

CPG members engaged with the Kurdish community throughout the year on issues of domestic concern such as relations with Police Scotland as well as international issues, largely pertaining to events in Kurdistan itself, including the actions of the governments of Turkey, Iraq and Iran, as well as the Assad regime and other actors in the Syrian civil war.

At our 2018 AGM we heard from Sarah Glynn, a Scottish activist who had travelled to Rojava & the wider DFNS earlier in the year to witness the revolution first hand. We also heard from members of the community on recent developments in Turkey, related to the government's increased persecution of Kurds and others in the democratic opposition, as well as Turkey's increasing aggression against the DFNS.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Bob Doris - SNP

John Finnie - Green

Ross Greer – Green

Ruth Maguire – SNP

Pauline McNeil – Labour

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.

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| Individuals | |
| Organisations | Scottish Solidarity with Kurdistan |

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.

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| Convener | Ross Greer & Ruth Maguire |
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| Deputy Convener | |
| Secretary | Scottish Solidarity With Kurdistan |
| Treasurer | |

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).

No financial or equivalent support received at all.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Nil

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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