

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Poland
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
13 <sup>th</sup> September  3 MSPs in attendance 20 non-MSP members

AGM business completed. An additional Co-convenor elected as Joan McAlpine joined Claire Baker. A new secretary in post. Agreement over the dates of meetings throughout the year. It was agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary Michael Russell to a future meeting, and have a meeting focused on the Consul General. It was agreed to alternative lunchtime and evening meetings.

The meeting discussed the areas we wished to focus on this year. Reports were received from our sub-committees on Brexit, education, support, business links and culture.

14<sup>th</sup> December  
1 MSP in attendance  
11 non MSPs in attendance

Unfortunately, this meeting only had one MSP in attendance so cannot be recognised as a formal meeting. The meeting did hear from a guest speaker about the Word Polishers Literary Club, a flagship project of the Culture Affairs Project which promotes greater appreciation of Polish Literature.

The past year has been challenging for the group. Two co-convenors had to resign, Maree Todd and Ivan McKee, as they become Ministers. The secretary also changed during the year but there were difficulties with availability. There had been attempts to hold a meeting before summer recess but it was difficult to book a room and accommodate diaries. To address these problems, the CPG have now booked rooms for the year ahead, the new secretary is having regular contact with the Co-convenors, greater notice will be given of upcoming meetings and their content, and efforts will be made to encourage other MSPs to take an interest.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Claire Baker Scottish Labour  
Joan McAlpine SNP  
David Torrance SNP  
Alexander Stewart Conservative  
Fulton McGregor 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	Marta Brus Magdalena Czarnecka Krystyna Szumelukowa Sacha Ponniah
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Organisations	Polish Consulate General Fife Migrants Forum Scottish Polish Cultural Association Polish Cultural Festival Association Polish Social and Educational Society in Glasgow
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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	Claire Baker and Joan McAlpine
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Deputy Convener	
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Secretary	Marta Brus
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Treasurer	
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**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.

N/A

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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