

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Social Science
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.)
28 February 2017
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
21 March 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
27 March 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]
N/A
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.
21 June 2017: (MSPs Attending: 1; Others Attending: 4) The Group heard presentations from Profs Rebecca Kay (Glasgow) and David Bell (Stirling). Prof Bell provided an overview of statistics relating to migration and answered questions about the impact of migrants on public services and how that could be measured.

Prof Kay discussed her research into the social support offered to migrants in Scotland and answered questions on the same topic.

20 September 2017: **(MSPs Attending: 3; Others Attending: 12)** The Group heard presentations from Profs Glen Bramley (Heriot Watt) and Kenneth Gibb (Glasgow) into issues relating to poverty and housing in Scotland. Prof Bramley discussed the political and policy climate in Scotland for addressing poverty and housing pressure and current definitional models. Prof Gibb highlighted that policy errors, such as the bedroom tax, had coincided with a reduction in analytical capacity in government. He gave members details of the new UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence, which he leads and which aims to improve the evidence base

13 December 2017: **(MSPs Attending: 1; Others Attending: 10)** The Group heard presentations from Prof Joyce Tait (Edinburgh) and Dr Anne Smith (Glasgow Caledonian). Dr Smith discussed the role of the individual and community in creating cultures of innovation and answered questions about how Scotland could better encourage communities to learn from good practice. Prof Tait discussed the impact of regulatory frameworks on emerging industries and how these, in turn, relate to engendering innovation.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jackie Baillie MSP (Labour),
Alex Cole Hamilton MSP (Liberal Democrat),
Kezia Dugdale MSP (Labour),
Daniel Johnson MSP (Labour),
Richard Leonard MSP (Labour),
Andy Wightman MSP (Green)

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	Mark Difley
Organisations	Campaign for Social Science Centre for Remote and Rural Studies Centre for Energy Policy

	SKaPE – Centre for Science Knowledge and Policy Academy of Government Centre on Constitutional Change Fraser of Allander institute Institute for Social Policy Housing and Equalities Research International Public Policy Institute Ipsos MORI Scotland Joseph Rowntree Foundation Policy Scotland Public Service and Governance Research Group Royal Society of Edinburgh Scottish Funding Council Scottish Graduate School on Social Science SRUC Rural Policy Centre ScotCen Understanding Inequalities Universities Scotland What Works Scotland Young Academy of Scotland
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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	Daniel Johnson MSP
Deputy Convener	Andy Wightman MSP
Secretary	Campaign for Social Science (Nick Bibby)
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.

Nick Bibby's time is donated by his employer, the University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science at £162/day.

Nick Bibby has provided 10 day's work in the last year, equivalent to £1,620.

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

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