

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on the prevention and healing of adverse childhood experiences
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.)
13/06/2018
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
29/05/2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
N/A
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
26/06/2019
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.
13/06/2018 – The meeting was addressed by Deputy First Minister on the subject of whether Scotland should commission an ACE-study, similar to that carried out in Wales and England, to establish a baseline for ACE's in Scotland. The meeting also considered the value of promoting adoption of Trauma-informed schools in Scotland. The meeting also had a discussion on future topics.

MSP Attendees – Gail Ross MSP (Chair), John Swinney MSP, Elaine Smith MSP, Rona Mackay MSP, Mari Gougeon MSP, Liam Kerr MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Emma Harper MSP, Jenny Gilruth MSP.

There were 22 other attendees at the meeting.

27/09/2018 – This meeting heard presentations from Bailey-Lee Robb MSYP on the work of the Youth Parliament in relation to ACE's and he outlined a recent motion passed by the Youth Parliament on raising awareness of ACE's.

This was followed by Callum Lynch, Public Affairs Officer at Who Cares? Scotland who detailed his own experiences of the care system and the impact of ACE's on his own life.

This meeting also included a screening of the short film, 'Be That Person' produced by Fife Council to provide better support to children with the issue of ACE's repeatedly addressed in the film.

There then followed a question and discussion session among those attending, and a discussion on Trauma informed schools.

MSP Attendees – Gail Ross MSP (Chair), Rona Mackay MSP, Liam Kerr MSP, Emma Harper MSP

There were 23 other attendees.

21/11/2018 – The focus for this meeting was Trauma-informed communities.

The Group heard from George Hosking from WAVE Trust on the creation of a number of pilot trauma-informed communities across the UK, including 4 in Scotland.

This was followed by a presentation from Cllr Elspeth Kerr from Glasgow City Council who outlined the experiences of the community in Drumchapel/Anniesland which is one of the Scottish pilot areas.

The meeting then heard from Suzie Scott from the Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector who discussed the work of the GCVA and its role as a link between public sector and third sector in the city in tackling poverty levels and the wide attainment gap.

The final speaker at this meeting was Julia Morton from The Haven in Stonehaven who described her journey from delivering yoga in prisons to realising then need to help earlier in their lives which led to delivering yoga for children and pregnant mums. 'The Haven' has been set up as a centre for healing, and is the core of the trauma-informed community initiative in Stonehaven.

There then followed an open discussion on the topics presented.

MSP Attendees – Gail Ross MSP (Chair), Rona Mackay MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Emma Harper MSP.

There were 19 other attendees at the meeting.

27/03/2019 – The group heard from speakers on the topic - ACE's and Mental Health.

Professor Thanos Karatzias, Professor of Mental Health at Edinburgh Napier University outlined research on ACE prevalence in different populations and compared the impact of adult trauma versus childhood trauma

Susan McKellar, Parenting Network Scotland, described the work Parent Network Scotland are carrying out with parents who have challenging children, using the ACE recovery toolkit of Rockpool.

Sally Amor, Child Health Commissioner and Public Health Specialist, described the 2018 Annual report of the Director of Public Health for NHS Highland – *'Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience and Trauma Informed care: A public health approach to understanding and responding to adversity'*

Helen Minnis, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychology at the University of Glasgow, outlined some of the evidence from a meeting to discuss NICE guidelines on attachment and spoke of Reactive Attachment Disorder. She then went on to outline the ESSENCE concept in which early symptoms of problems elicit attention to neurodevelopmental issues.

There then followed an open discussion on the topics covered.

MSP Attendees – Gail Ross MSP (Chair) Rona Mackay MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Brian Whittle MSP

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Gail Ross MSP (SNP)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat)
Emma Harper (SNP)
Liam Kerr (Conservative)
Rona Mackay (SNP)
Jenny Gilruth (SNP)
Gillian Martin (SNP)
Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)

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	Suzanne Zeedyk Gary Broadway Anne Macdonald James Docherty Callum Lunch Baillie-Lee Robb
Organisations	WAVE Trust Children First 70/30 Campaign The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Barnardos Scotland Wholistic Life – Coaching for Kids Horseback UK With Kids Rossie young Peoples Trust NSPCC Social Finance Wellbeing Scotland The Salverson Mindroom Centre
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	Gail Ross MSP (SNP)
Deputy Convener	Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat)

Secretary	George Hosking, WAVE Trust
Treasurer	Mark Ballard, Children 1st

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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