

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN OCTOBER 2019

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Cuba
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.)
September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
2nd October 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]
24th October 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
31 st October 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.
25th March 2018 This meeting covered the usual Agenda points including current issues in Cuba and across Latin America. Guest speakers were: Yelena Gómez: a member of Provincial Tourism Trade Union (SNTHT) in Matanzas - (Paid Official)

Yuniel Espinosa Reyes: Regional Secretary of the Energy and Mining Trade Union (SNTE) in Ciego de Avila province and is also member of the SNTE National Executive. The speakers gave an excellent insight into working conditions in Cuba, Trade Union activities and responded to group questions.

Attendees included; Elaine Smith MSP, Sandra White MSP, Neil Findlay MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP and 15 others

2nd October 2019 AGM

Meeting and AGM. This meeting covered the usual Agenda points including current issues in Cuba and across Latin America along with Office Bearers being elected. Guest Speaker: Sean McLaughlan, former researcher in parliament; currently press and public affairs officer with NUS. Sean gave an excellent presentation on his experience before and after his visit to Cuba as a Unite delegate with the Young Trade Unionists Brigade.

MSP's in attendance Elaine Smith, Neil Findlay, 14 others in attendance

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Elaine Smith - Labour
Sandra White - SNP
Neil Findlay - Labour
Murdo Fraser - Conservative
Colin Beattie - SNP
John Finnie – Green
Rhoda Grant – 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.

Individuals	Kath Campbell Liz Elkind Vince Mills Pauline Bryan Stuart Hyslop
-------------	--

	Neil Anderson
	Pauline Boyle
	Kevin Carroll
	Peter Clifford
	Kath Bateman
	Tommy Kane
	Dougie Kerr
	Simon McFarlane
	Valentina Montoya Martinez
	Ronnie Moran
	Cllr Gordon Munro
	Dot Sharkey
	Arthur West
	Ian Parsons
	Elsbeth Parsons
	Margaret McGregor
	Frieda Park
	Gerry Corbett
	Pamela Holmes
	Dr Joan Cutting
	Marlyn Glen
	Ray Newton
	Adrienne Chalmers
	Jan Pietrasik
	Colin McCulloch
	Richard Le Sueur
	Paul Harding
	John Quinn
	Margaret Cameron
	Charlotte Kedslie
	Geraldine Rooney
	Craig Munro
	Sean Smith
	Alan Hobbett
	Antonio Aguila

	Avril Vera Leon Craig Munro David Sharpe; Geraldine Rooney Murray Swan Pol de Vos James Robertson Craig Munro; Sean McLaughlan Phil McGarry Keith Stoddart Jimmy Greenan Callum Baird Aaron Kelly Janet Bungener Alan Grant Fergus Brown
Organisations	Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign Scottish medical aid for Cuba Scottish Venezuela Solidarity Campaign STUC
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Elaine Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Sandra Whyte MSP, Neil Findlay MSP
Secretary	Kath Campbell
Treasurer	n/a

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

Name	Elaine Smith MSP
Parliamentary address	M1.21 Scottish Parliament
Telephone number	Ext: 85824 Regional Office 01236 423555