

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Tackling Islamophobia
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.)
Tuesday 15 th March 2018
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Tuesday, 22 January 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
21/02/19
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]
Tuesday, 22 January 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.
30th January 2018 – First initial meeting of the CPG. Chair and Deputy Conveners elected to position. Position of Secretary of the CPG also elected. Presentations were delivered by Professor Peter Hopkins, Newcastle University and by Iman Abou Atta from TellMAMA with Fiyaz Mughal.

Future actions

Anas Sarwar then presented future actions focusing on:

- Further research
- Legislative framework
- Police Scotland/reporting
- Media monitoring
- Employability
- Education

52 – Individuals.

7 - MSPs

27th March 2018

47 – Individuals

3- MSPs

The group has now been formally established and everyone was thanked for their contribution to making this happen.. Police Scotland presentation by Shaheen Baber
Chief Inspector Shaheen Baber presented on behalf of Police Scotland providing an overview of the Equality and Diversity Unit and the broader work of Police Scotland in relation to Islamophobia. Shaheen Baber provided an overview of divisional community engagement emphasising that Police Scotland believe in multiple communities rather than only one 'Muslim community' or one 'Asian community'

9th May 2018

32- Individuals

6 - MSPs

Anas Sarwar summarised the focus of the last meeting, which was about engagement with Police Scotland and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

The education sub-group had an initial meeting in Glasgow. The focus here is on creating a charter for schools, issues of bullying, and training of staff. The education sub-group will report to the CPG in September.

The rest of the meeting included presentations from some of the academics involved in editing and writing a new book 'No problem here': understanding racism in Scotland.

27th November 2018

32 – Individuals

1 – MSP

Anas Sarwar provided an update about the work streams of the CPG. This includes our work with respect to Islamophobia in the media; the CPG has entered into a joint

partnership between National Union of Journalists and Newcastle University to draw up guidance about Islamophobia for journalists. A position is due to be advertised to take this work forward. Additional points noted are in the introduction:

- Anas Sarwar introduced the invited speakers who then reflected upon their experiences of Islamophobia and anti-semitism in Scotland.

Jan 2019 –

4 – MSPs

29 – Individuals.

Presentations from UWS staff, students on number of BAME teachers in education institutions, senior management. Members of the CPG shared their thoughts on Education numbers in teaching and other educational institutions.

Feb – 2019

3 – MSPs

50 – Individuals.

Anas Sarwar welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined some of the activities that the CPG has been involved in to date. The CPG are in the process of putting together some guidelines for journalists about reporting about Islam and Muslims.

It was noted that education is an important vehicle for challenging racism and Islamophobia and that this was one of the reasons for the focus today. A presentation was given by Action for Children to members of the CPG regarding the new Education Charter Mark

Anas Sarwar thanked everyone for their contributions and opened the floor to questions

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Anas Sarwar (Labour)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat)

Annie Wells (Conservative)

John Finnie (Green)

Fulton MacGregor (SNP)

Monica Lennon (Labour)

Neil Bibby (Labour)

Mark Griffin (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

Junaid Ashraf
Shahid Razaq
Samena Dean
Khalida Hussain
Zahra Hussain
Tabah Khan
N Rahmatulla
Muhammed Abdul Aziz-Khan
Dr Hosney Yosef
Khursheed Iqbal Shad
Zara Mohammed
Bashir Malik

Organisations

Newcastle University - secretary
Muslim Council of Scotland
Glasgow Central Mosque
Scottish Afghan Human Rights Foundation
Scottish Communities Initiative
CEMVO
Islamic Educational Trust (Cumbernauld)
Kirkcaldy Central Mosque and Community Centre
Madrasa Taleem ul Islam
Al Farooq Mosque
TellMAMA
Falkirk Muslim Forum
Amina MWRC
Council of British Pakistanis Scotland
Police Safer Communities

Scotland Against Criminalising Communities (SACC)
Pakistan Association
CSREC
Scottish Iraqi Association
SACRO
Muslim Women's Association of Edinburgh
The Ark
BAMK
Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
Islamic Human Rights Committee
Muslim Council of Britain
Dunfermline Central Mosque
University of West of Scotland and SAMEE
Scottish Muslim Scouts
Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
Fife Centre for Equalities
Action for Children
NFRN
Dunfermline Central Mosque
Al-Mahdi Foundation
Edinburgh Interfaith
Show Racism the Red Card
Active Life Club
West of Scotland Regional Equality Council
SEPHWA
Ahl-Albait Society
Edinburgh women Association
Scottish Association of Minority Ethnic Educators
Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)
Awaz FM

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	Anas Sarwar MSP
Deputy Convener	Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP Annie Wells MSP John Finnie MSP Fulton MacGregor MSP
Secretary	Newcastle University - Secretary
Treasurer	NONE

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.

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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

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