

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
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.)
5 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
12 November 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
16 November 2020
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]
5 December 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.
The CPG on Colleges and Universities is a forum to discuss issues relating to the further and higher education sectors in Scotland. The group provides an opportunity for MSPs, students and staff within both sectors, stakeholders, and the general public to engage with the work of colleges and universities. December 5 2019 – Meeting 13 Topic: Presentation from Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board

MSP attendance: 3

Non-MSP attendance: 26

Speakers: Ms Nora Senior, Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board

March 5 2020 – Meeting 14

Topic: Apprenticeships

MSP attendance: 3

Non-MSP attendance: 27

Speakers: Frances Ratcliffe, Lead Consultant for Bridges and Structures, Roads and Transport Services, Fife Council; Mr Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland; Mr Graeme Hendry, Senior Partnership and Delivery Manager, Skills Development Scotland; and Grant Ritchie, Principal, Dundee and Angus College.

November 12 2020 – Meeting 15

Topic: COVID-19 recovery: upskilling and reskilling through flexible learning

MSP attendance: 3

Non-MSP attendance: 42

Speakers: Professor Liz Hancock, Vice Principal (Academic Development and Student Experience) & Ms Donella Beaton, Associate Vice Principal (Business and Economic Development), Robert Gordon University; Ms Marie Hendry, Depute Director (External Engagement & Partnerships), The Open University in Scotland; Professor Chris O’Neil, Principal and Chief Executive, Inverness College UHI; and Ms Jackie Galbraith, Principal and Chief Executive, West Lothian College

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Ms Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Member for Mid Scotland and Fife)

Mr Iain Gray MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for East Lothian)

Mr Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party: Member for Lothian)

Ms Pauline McNeill MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for Glasgow)

Ms Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour: Member for Central Scotland)

Mr Liam McArthur MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats: Member for Orkney Islands)

Mr Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party: Member for Highlands and Islands)

Ms Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats: Member for Shetland)

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	<p>Professor Matthew Maclver Mr Terry Brotherstone Ms Carolynne Hunter</p>
Organisations	<p>Universities Scotland - secretary Colleges Scotland - secretary Abertay University Architecture & Design Scotland City of Glasgow College Dundee & Angus college Educational Institute Of Scotland (EIS) Edinburgh Napier University Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA) Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow Clyde College Heriot-Watt University Higher Education Academy in Scotland LEAD Scotland North East Scotland College NUS Scotland Open University in Scotland Pagoda PR Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh Robert Gordon University Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Scotland China Education Network (SCEN) Scottish Development International Scottish Enterprise Scottish Funding Council Skills Development Scotland (SDS) sparqs - Student Participation in Quality Scotland Thorntons Law LLP UCU Scotland Unite the Union University of Aberdeen</p>

	University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of the Highlands & Islands University of St Andrews University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of the West of Scotland West College 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	Ms Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Mr Iain Gray MSP
Secretary	Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland
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

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