

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and Children

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.)

28th September 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

30th November 2020

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

18th December 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]

18th September 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.

3 December 2019

Attendance: 1 MSP, 14 non-MSP members, 0 non-member visitors

Topics discussed:

- Thematic session on the true cost of VAW, including presentations about 'Recounting Women', by Linda Rodgers (Edinburgh Women's Aid); the End Not Proven campaign, by Brenna Jessie (Rape Crisis Scotland); and the Femicide report, by Dr. Marsha Scott (Scottish Women's Aid).
- Member updates, incl. the 2-phase roll-out (Caledonian System); the return of the Glass Walls exhibition to the Parliament (Rona Mackay); the publication of an article, written by a young member of Girlguiding Scotland, in the Scotsman; Helpline statistics and ongoing prevention work carried out by Amina.

26 February 2020

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 16 non-MSP members, 3 non-member visitors

Topics discussed:

- Thematic session on Sex and Power in Scotland 2020 and update from the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls by Emma Ritch (Engender).
- Discussion about dates and thematic sessions for 2020, including some ideas from the last meetings.
- Member updates, incl. two member resignations; Safe & Together training (Scottish Association of Social Workers); awareness-raising event at the University of Stirling (White Ribbon Scotland); the forensic medicine bill and ongoing prevention work (Rape Crisis Scotland); film screenings around International Womens Day (Amina); current focus on period poverty (Girlguiding Scotland, also Engender); the evaluation of the trauma-informed service (Caledonian System); PhD research focussing on how DA survivors are heard by the courts (Gillian Baker); Standing Safe Campaign at University of West Scotland (Kallia Manoussaki - individual); data gathering on access to legal aid services and European-funded project on Improving Just in Child Contact (Scottish Women's Aid).
- Confirmation of new members (2 individuals).

30 November 2020 - AGM

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 17 non-MSP members, 0 non-member visitors

AGM topics:

- Election of office bearers

Meeting topics discussed:

- Thematic session on the Impact of COVID on victims/survivors of VAWG and the services that support them, including: presentation about domestic abuse by Dr. Marsha Scott (Scottish Women's Aid); presentation about rape and sexual assault by Brenna Jessie (Rape Crisis Scotland)
- There was a discussion and decision about CPG possible follow-up actions after the presentations.
- It was confirmed that the subject of the February 2021 meeting would be to plan the themes for the Group for 2021.

- Member updates, incl.: Progress around the campaign to end the Not Proven verdict and the Survivors' Reference Group (Rape Crisis Scotland); funded PhD regarding the outcomes of MARAC (Edinburgh Women's Aid); 16 Days activity, the launch of the Research Integrity Framework, Children and Young People's webchat service launch, the launch by the Helpline of a new video about what it feels like to live with domestic abuse, Funding Report and DA Protection Orders legislation (Scottish Women's Aid); Work with Stirling University regarding the impact of Covid on Women across 12 EU countries (Lily Greenan); post traumatic growth programme and launch of restorative justice work (Thriving Survivors); National Caledonian update, continued work with perpetrators, and accreditation of 1-1 programme (City of Edinburgh Council Community Justice, Safer Families); Star Service, Glasgow (Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS).

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Claire Baker MSP- Scottish Labour
- Claudia Beamish MSP- Scottish Labour
- Gil Paterson MSP- Scottish National Party
- James Dornan MSP- Scottish National Party
- Johann Lamont MSP- Scottish Labour
- John Finnie MSP- Scottish Green Party
- Rhoda Grant MSP- Scottish Labour
- Rona Mackay MSP - Scottish National Party
- Sandra White MSP- Scottish National Party

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.

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| <p>Individuals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Gray • David Morran • George Eckton • Gillian Baker • Kallia Manoussaki • Kelly Johnson • Lily Greenan • Dr Melanie McCarry • Nancy Lombard • Nikki Dillon • Katy Proctor • Richard Whitecross |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Madill |
| Organisations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amina Muslim Women Resource Centre • ASSIST • Barnardo's Scotland • Caledonian System • Church of Scotland • City of Edinburgh Council, Community Justice • Clinical Psychology Division of the Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS • Close the Gap • COSLA • Edinburgh Women's Aid • The Empower Project Scotland • Engender • Girlguiding Scotland • NHS Lanarkshire – EVA Services • NUS Scotland • Pilton Community Health Project • Rape Crisis Scotland • Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross • Scottish Association of Social Workers • Scottish Women's Aid • SAY Women • Thriving Survivors • White Ribbon Scotland • Women's Support Project • YWCA Scotland • Zero Tolerance |
| <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 | Co-conveners: Claudia Beamish MSP & Rona Mackay MSP |
| Deputy Convener | John Finnie MSP |
| Secretary | Scottish Women's Aid |

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| Treasurer | None |
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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).

Ania Kinross, and then Nicola Gilbert, provided secretariat support to the CPG on behalf of Scottish Women’s Aid (e.g. preparing and distributing meeting papers, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting etc.). The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 45 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £750.

Total value of financial and material benefit provided by Scottish Women’s Aid was £750.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No subscription fee is charged

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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| Name | Co-Conveners: 1. Claudia Beamish MSP 2. Rona Mackay MSP |
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