

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament
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.)
16 th December 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
26 th October 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
20 th 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]
19 th November 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.
Record of Activities of Nuclear Disarmament CPG in 2020
Due to social distancing measures in place since the outbreak of Coronavirus in the UK in March 2020, the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament held virtual meetings rather than in-person throughout the course of this year. Nonetheless, there has been a lot of work

accomplished in the Scottish and international nuclear disarmament community, which has been engaged with by the CPG membership over the course of this year.

March 2020: The full MSP membership of the Nuclear Disarmament CPG added their signatures to a letter to the judge over the Kingsbay Ploughshares case in the United States. This letter urged for a postponement of sentencing for the protestors, many of whom were in the medically 'vulnerable group,' on grounds of outbreaks of coronavirus in U.S. prisons. Sentencing was delayed until later in 2020.

April 2020: Bill Kidd MSP (CPG convenor) spoke about nuclear disarmament in the UK and Scottish Independence at a CND hosted virtual side event, taking place at the time of the cancelled NPT Conference, with Dr Rebecca Johnson (Director of the Acronym Institute), Jeremy Corbyn MP, and UK Ambassador Aidan Liddell. This virtual event was watched by over 6000 people. This event was chaired by Dave Webb (CND Chair).

June 2020: Windows for Peace Campaign- members of the CPG participated in the 'Windows for Peace' campaign for raising awareness of Nuclear Disarmament and at-home activism whilst in lockdown

June 2020: Formal launch of the 'Assuring Destruction Forever' UK Chapter publication at the 17th June 2020 Nuclear Disarmament CPG meeting. The UK chapter was written by Janet Fenton, secretary of the Nuclear Disarmament CPG, and was published by Reaching Critical Will in tandem with Scottish CND. The CPG meeting was quorate. MSP in attendance included Bill Kidd MSP (Convenor), Sandra White MSP and Ruth Maguire MSP.

August 2020: Parliamentarian members of the group were very supportive of Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversary events, with over 20 taking place in Scotland. Some of these were socially distanced and others were online. August 2020 marked 75 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which took place respectively on the 6th and 9th August 1945.

October 2020:

-Socially distanced demonstration outside of the Scottish Parliament with one representative of each organisation of the CPG present. Parliamentarian members Bill Kidd MSP (Convenor) and Alison Johnstone MSP met with the organisations and Janet Fenton (secretary) to celebrate the 50th ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which came on the 24th October from Honduras.

-AGM of the Nuclear Disarmament cross party group. The 50th ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was welcomed by CPG members and we heard an update on the progress of this treaty. The members were joined by guest Sean Crewe TD from the Irish legislature who kindly presented an overview of Ireland's position on nuclear weapons, their own ratification of the TPNW and early passing of legislation to become compliant with the treaty ahead of the January 2021 deadline. Sean Crewe TD, who has worked in a diplomatic/international capacity, noted that the Irish legislation was adopted with unanimous support. He advised that Ireland will continue to advocate for nuclear

disarmament internationally, including encouragement of other states to sign and ratify the TPNW.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Bill Kidd MSP- Scottish National Party
Ross Greer MSP- Scottish Green Party
Andy Wightman MSP- Scottish Green Party
Ruth Maguire MSP- Scottish National Party
Gail Ross MSP- Scottish National Party
Richard Leonard MSP- Scottish Labour
Neil Findlay MSP- Scottish Labour
John Finnie MSP- Scottish Green Party
Bob Doris MSP- Scottish National Party
Patrick Harvie MSP- Scottish Green Party
Mark Ruskell MSP- Scottish Green Party
Sandra White MSP- Scottish National Party
Elaine Smith- Scottish Labour
Claudia Beamish- Scottish 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	Janet Fenton
Organisations	Scottish CND WILPF (Scotland) Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) UN House Scotland United Nations Association Scotland (UNA Scotland) TP (Scotland) Nukewatch (Scotland) Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) Scotland International Volunteer Service (IVS) MEDACT Soko Gakai International

	ICAN (Scotland) Peace Education Scotland Secure 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	Bill Kidd MSP
Deputy Convener	Ross Greer MSP
Secretary	Janet Fenton
Treasurer	NA

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.

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