

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Poland
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.)
5th October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
8th October 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
4th 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]
25th 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.
8 th October 2020 3 MSPs in attendance 14 Non-MSP attendees AGM business with reappointment of conveners and secretary.

The meeting focus on the impact of coronavirus on the Polish communities' mental health and the support services that are available. There were speakers from FENIKS, BEMIS and PKAVS, Polish Consulate, Polish Association Aberdeen and Police Scotland.

16th June 2020

2 MSPs in attendance

16 non-MSP attendees

A themed meeting on Business with speakers from the Polish Consulate, Scotland Poland ++, British/Polish Chamber of Commerce, PB Link, Scottish Government Trade Envoy to Poland, CEO Continuum Industries and Scotland Poland. Questions and discussion on how to strength links followed.

25th February 2020

1 MSP in attendance (meeting inquorate)

26 non MSP attendees

A themed meeting on education with presentations from Dr Thomas Bak, and Louise Glen from Education Scotland. The focus was the importance of language learning and where Polish could fit into the curriculum. There followed an report from the sub-group on education which provided an update on activities to bring Polish to schools in Scotland.

3rd December 2019

4 MSPs in attendance

19 non-MSP attendees

The CPG was joined by the Consul-General of the Republic of Poland Mr Ireneusz Truszkowski. He talked about the work of the Consulate in Scotland and about significant future dates. Questions and discussion followed including the impact of changes to immigration. Sub groups on culture, education, health and business provided reports.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claire Baker MSP Scottish Labour

Joan McAlpine MSP SNP

David Torrance MSP SNP

Fulton McGregor MSP SNP

Maurice Golden MSP Conservative 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.

Individuals	n/a
Organisations	Polish Consulate General Fife Migrants Forum Scottish Polish Cultural Association Polish Cultural Festival Association Polish Social and Educational Society in Glasgow FENIKS

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	Claire Baker and Joan McAlpine (co-conveners)
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	Zosia Fraser
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).

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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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