

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Racial Equality</b>
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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]
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> – Fulton MacGregor MSP conducted the meeting via zoom with Humza Yousaf MSP as speaker.  Humza Yousaf MSP spoke regarding the Hate Crime Bill and covered the topics of Statutory Aggravation and Stirring Up Offences.

Mr Yousaf took questions from the group and offered further room for conversation on the topic.

There was a group discussion and members agreed to send a group letter regarding the Hate Crime Bill.

Raza Sadiq asked the Convener for his thoughts on the evidence given by the public bodies during the Equality and Human Rights Committee's evidence gathering on the impact of Covid. The Convener stated that the committee is in the process of preparing a report that will be agreed upon by all committee members.

#### ATTENDEES

MSPs – 4 – Fulton MacGregor MSP, Jeremy Balfour MSP, Richard Lyle MSP & Humza Yousaf MSP (Speaker)

NON MSPs – 27

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

Fulton MacGregor MSP conducted the meeting via zoom with Isobel Ingham-Barrow – Head of Policy at MEND as speaker.

Isobel Ingham-Barrow presented on the subject of Islamophobia.

The group discussed the response received from Christina McKelvie MSP in her capacity of Minister for Older People and Equalities to their letter regarding the racial differences in the COVID-19 response and pandemic.

Date of next meeting agreed for February 2021.

#### ATTENDEES

MPS – 2 - Fulton MacGregor MSP, Richard Lyle MSP

NON MSPS- 29

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

#### AGM

Re-election of office bearers took place

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NON MSPS- 29

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP - Conservative

Emma Harper MSP - SNP

Richard Lyle MSP - SNP

Sandra White MSP - SNP

Pauline McNeill MSP - Labour

Jackie Baillie MSP - 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

Surfraz Yousaf

Mohammed Afzal Chaudhrey

Khalid Parveaz

Bright Amponsah

Anita Shelton

Desalina Gallery

Zahra Hussain

Baher Ibrahim

Fuad Alakbarov

Akhtar Khan

Jennifer Roberts

John Zamudio

Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru

Lord Apetsi McMensa

Organisations	<p>West of Scotland Regional Equality Council - secretariat  Aamer Anwar and Co.  Active Life  Action for Children  African/Caribbean Women's Association  Afreshe  BEMIS  CEMVO Scotland  CRER  Central Scotland Regional Equality Council  Children's Health Scotland  City of Edinburgh Council  Close the Gap  College Development Network  Crossroads Y + C Association  Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association  Education Scotland  Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council  EMCC  Equality Human Rights Commission  Ethnic Minorities Law Centre  West Pilton and West Granton Community Council  Waverley Care  Families Outside  GAMH  GCVS  Glasgow Afghans United  Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Refugees  Glasgow Caledonian University  Glasgow Gurdwar  Iranian Scottish Association  Irish Diaspora in Scotland Association  Jewish Leadership Council  Limaloka Entertainment  Linknet  MECOPP  Mental Health Foundation  Network Rail  North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance  NUS  Pakistan Association  Picodeliq Enterprises / EMCC  Mohammed Afzal PKAVS MEAD Project  Refugee Survival Trust  Score Scotland  Scottish Council of Jewish Communities  SIAA  Scottish Iraqi Society  SEMPER Scotl  Shakti Women's Aid</p>
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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	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Deputy Convener	Adam Tomkins MSP / Anas Sarwar MSP / Bob Doris MSP
Secretary	WSREC
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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