

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Tackling Islamophobia
<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>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>Tuesday, 29th January 2020</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>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]</b>
<b>Tuesday. 22<sup>nd</sup> January 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>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>  MSPs - 3 Non MSPs - 26

First anniversary year since the formation of the Cross Party Group.  
AGM done.

Progress review set out on work done to date and where further progress is required.  
Round table discussion re CPG racial equality for joint work and re Women's event in March.

Presentation was then given by Khadija Mohammed on diverse learners, with a discussion on learning from both a teacher and student perspective.

### **27th February 2019**

**MSPs – 3**

**Non MSPs- 50**

Round table discussion on work to date, updating a number of new members of the group. Discussion on progress of work on media guidelines for journalists about reporting about Islam and Muslims.

The CPG on 20th March will focus on gender and Islamophobia.

Paul Carberry, the Action for Children Director for Scotland provided a presentation on the Charter Mark.

Nikhat Yusaf of Edinburgh Council discussed the importance of cultural proficiency and the cultural proficiency continuum (cultural destructiveness, cultural incapacity, cultural blindness and cultural pre-competence, cultural competence, cultural proficiency).

Lively round table discussion on experiences of children and young people, keeping young women engaged and discussing Islamophobia in the classroom.

### **Wed 20th March 2019**

**MSPs- 5**

**Non MSPs - 24**

Reported to meeting that funding had been secured to enable the CPG to produce guidelines on the media reporting of Islam and Muslims. Focus groups are being held to support this work including: a CPG focus group in the Scottish Parliament; a children only focus group supported by Action for Children and Bellahouston Academy; a student focus group in Dundee; a women's focus group; and a focus group with journalist and editors. The plan to publish this in June.

The APPG on British Muslims have produced a working definition of Islamophobia. No date has yet been confirmed when APPG members will attend the CPG.

Presentation was then given by AMINA Muslim Women's Group followed by round table discussion.

**20th June 2019**

**MSPs - 4**

**Non MSPs - 33**

Group attended by large number of representatives from Scottish media – round table discussion on the importance of media and there was recognition and thanks to the entire journalist group who do hard job in reporting the news in an increasingly negative environment with the media.

Lively round table questions and debate on impact of news on minority communities, what lessons could be learned from previous media reporting. Media representatives discussed their own background and experiences.

Topics from members ranged from the specific wording of several news items, which seemed negative to ethnic minorities. Young members shared their experience. There was also a discussion on what the media plans to do to increase diversity in media organisations – how to increase more from the ethnic minority communities.

**29th January 2020**

**MSPs – 3**

**Non MSPs - 14**

Anas Sarwar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Election of office bearers

Anas Sarwar re-elected as the Chair of the group.

Fulton McGregor, Alex Cole-Hamilton and Annie Wells were each elected as Vice-Chairs of the group.

Peter Hopkins was elected as the Secretary for the Group.

Update on public inquiry

Peter Hopkins provided a summary of emerging findings from the inquiry about Islamophobia

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Anas Sarwar (Labour)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat)

Fulton MacGregor (SNP)  
 Annie Wells (Conservative)  
 Monica Lennon (Labour)  
 Neil Bibby (Labour)  
 Mark Griffin (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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Junaid Ashraf          Shahid Razaq          Samena Dean          Khalida Hussain          Zahra Hussain          Tabah Khan          N Rahmatulla          Muhammed Abdul Aziz-Khan          Dr Hosney Yosef          Khursheed Iqbal Shad          Zara Mohammed          Bashir Malik          Mohammed Asif          Jawad Khursheed</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Newcastle University - secretary          Muslim Council of Scotland          Glasgow Central Mosque          Scottish Afghan Human Rights Foundation          Scottish Communities Initiative          CEMVO          Islamic Educational Trust (Cumbernauld)          Kirkcaldy Central Mosque and Community Centre          Madrasa Taleem ul Islam          Al Farooq Mosque</p>

TellMAMA  
Falkirk Muslim Forum  
Amina MWRC  
Council of British Pakistanis Scotland  
Police Safer Communities  
Scotland Against Criminalising Communities (SACC)  
Pakistan Association  
CSREC  
Scottish Iraqi Association  
SACRO  
Muslim Women's Association of Edinburgh  
The Ark  
BAMK  
Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights  
Islamic Human Rights Committee  
Muslim Council of Britain  
Dunfermline Central Mosque  
University of West of Scotland and SAMEE  
Scottish Muslim Scouts  
Glasgow Jewish Representative Council  
Fife Centre for Equalities  
Action for Children  
NFRN  
Dunfermline Central Mosque  
Al-Mahdi Foundation  
Edinburgh Interfaith  
Show Racism the Red Card  
Active Life Club  
West of Scotland Regional Equality Council  
SEPHWA  
Ahl-Albait Society  
Edinburgh women Association  
Scottish Association of Minority Ethnic Educators  
Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)  
Awaz FM

## 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	Anas Sarwar MSP
Deputy Convener	Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP Annie Wells MSP Fulton MacGregor MSP
Secretary	Peter Hopkins, Newcastle University
Treasurer	NONE

## 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).

The CPG researched and published a report titled: Media Guidelines on the Reporting of Muslims and Islam, in partnership with the University of Newcastle and the National Union of Journalists, the costs of which were met by the University of Newcastle, who paid Uzma Mir-Young £3000 for the work.

The in kind support received from Newcastle University for the Group is £889.20

An inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland was announced last year and is ongoing. The University of Newcastle has committed to meet these costs. These costs will be included in next year's declaration.

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

None

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