

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade
<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.)
04/10/2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
01/11/2017
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
22/11/2017
<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]
04/10/2016
<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.
04/10/2016  <b>In attendance:</b> 6 MSPs and 4 non-MSPs. <b>Topics discussed:</b> The election of office bearers and the terms of the CPG, and a report on Fair Trade in Scotland.

**17/01/2017**

**In attendance:** 4 MSPs, 20 non-MSPs

**Topics discussed:** The Fair Trade market in Scotland and the challenges and opportunities facing Fair Trade business.

**17/05/2017**

**In attendance:** 2 MSPs, 17 non-MSPs

**Topics discussed:** Fair Trade, schools and the curriculum, with presentations from Sally Romilly of the One World Centre and the Stonelaw High Fairtraders.

**01/11/2017**

**In attendance:** 3 MSPs, 8 non-MSPs

**Topics discussed:** Election of office bearers, followed by a discussion on Brexit, Certification and the future of Fairtrade.

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

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

Claudia Beamish (Labour)

Neil Bibby (Labour)

Finlay Carson (Conservative)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Lib Dem)

James Kelly (Labour)

Gordon Lindhurst (Conservative)

Colin Smyth (Labour)

Rhona Mackay (SNP)

Willie Coffey (SNP)

### **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

Organisations

Scottish Fair Trade Forum  
Scotmid Co-operative

	Dumfries Fair Trade Group Hadeel/Palcrafts City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Group University of Edinburgh Livingston Fair Trade Group Co-operative Party British Medical Association Scotland Equal Exchange Co-operative Education Trust Scotland Melrose and District Fair Trade Group Bala Sport Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group Silver Stag of Scotland Queensferry Fair Trade Group
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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	Colin Smyth MSP
Deputy Convener	Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Secretary	Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum
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).

### **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

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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