

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

'The Cross-Party Group for the Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences'

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. Working towards the Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

2. Childhood experiences of all types have a huge impact on health, wellbeing and future opportunities. Traumatic and negative experiences in childhood (known as ACEs) affect people across the country and have implications across policy areas from justice and housing to healthcare and education.

The purpose of this group – to prevent and heal such experiences – is therefore a vital aim in improving the lives of children and adults across the country. As the Scottish Government's Programme for Government states 'we now know through research and experience that preventing adverse childhood experiences where we can and tackling their impact where they do happen, can change a child's life and, importantly, their life chances.'

3. The areas of greatest cross-over with other groups are with the CPG on Adult Survivors Of Childhood Sexual Abuse and the CPG on Children And Young People.

The purpose of the Adult Survivors Group is, among other things, to 'establish a forum to debate the issue of childhood sexual abuse' and the long term effects of this abuse. As childhood sexual abuse is one of many potential adverse childhood experiences, there is some limited cross-over in relation to this aim.

The purposes of the Children and Young People CPG include 'to ensure issues affecting children and young people are recognised'. The negative effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences will be a key issue affected those children and young people who have experienced them.

Such overlap should not prevent the establishment of this group. This CPG will aim to tackle the specific issues of adverse childhood experiences, how to prevent them, and how to heal them once they have occurred, rather than the narrower issues of childhood sexual abuse or the broader demographic of Children and Young people. Whereas the CPG on Childhood Sexual Abuse focusses its efforts on the knock-on effects of specifically sexual abuse, the CPG on adverse childhood experiences will consider the effects of all negative childhood experiences.

I have already discussed the purpose of this group with representative of both the above CPGs and how we can work together to ensure that we avoid undue cross-over but collaborate where appropriate.

4. Over the next 12 months, we plan to explore how ACEs can be better tackled in different institutional settings starting with ACEs in education, where we will discuss how we can better ensure that teachers are well-informed about childhood trauma and how those in education can better deal with children who have experienced child trauma. After this, we will carry out work in relation to other institutions such as the justice system and the healthcare system.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Emma Harper, SNP

Jenny Gilruth, SNP

Rona Mackay, SNP

Gillian Martin, SNP

Liam Kerr, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Liam McArthur, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

Suzanne Zeedyk, Gary Broadway, Anne Macdonald, James Docherty.

Organisations

WAVE Trust, 70/30 Campaign, The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Barnardos Scotland, Wholistic Life - Coaching for Kids, Horseback UK, With Kids, Rossie Young People's Trust, Children 1st, The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Scotland ('NSPCC Scotland'), Social Finance, Wellbeing Scotland, The Salverson Mindroom Centre.

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

Gail Ross MSP

Deputy Convener

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Secretary

WAVE Trust

Treasurer

Chloe Riddell (Children 1st)

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

N/A

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Gail Ross MSP
Parliamentary address	M 5:13, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5927

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group for the Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	
Date	05/07/2018