

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

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.

Terms of Reference of the Group will be:

- 1) We understand CSE to be a function of gender inequality, and a form of gender-based violence. We work to the Scottish Government's National Violence Against Women and Girls Approach, *Equally Safe*, and their definition of Violence Against Women, which includes prostitution, pornography, trafficking, lap-dancing, stripping, pole-dancing and table-dancing as forms of commercial sexual exploitation. We believe that these activities have been shown to be harmful for individuals involved and can have a negative impact on the position of all women through the objectification of women's bodies. It is essential to separate sexual activity from exploitative sexual activity.
- 2) We promote the pursuit of legislation which prevents and challenges demand for commercial sexual exploitation.
- 3) Therefore, we support a change in the current legislative balance of criminalisation, from prosecuting/penalising/criminalising those individuals who have been exploited in prostitution towards a challenge demand approach: penalising those who create the demand (purchasers).
- 4) We believe the law should support those involved in selling sexual activity in exiting/planning to exit prostitution.

Possible CPG overlaps could include either the Human Trafficking CPG or Men's Violence Against Women and Children CPG. This was discussed at the meeting and decided that while both are issues relating to CSE, human trafficking is a narrow part of CSE and we want to look at broader issues, and that MVAWC is too broad and while it will cover CSE, we want to primarily focus on that.

Programme of discussion for the next year will include a speaker from the Turn Off The Red Light Campaign from Ireland to advise on campaign strategy, the upcoming report on Trafficking expected from the Scottish Government – ensuring the recommendations are not overlooked, looking at ways to raise awareness of the CSE issues, how to engage

with the media on this issue and forming links with Westminster and Republic of Ireland equivalents of the CSE CPG.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rhoda Grant MSP

Ash Denham MSP

John Mason MSP

Annie Wells MSP

Johann Lamont MSP

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

Chris Hall

Ann Hall

Catriona Laird

Jacci Stoye

Ann Hayne

Gunilla Ekberg

Heather Russell

Trish Godman

Steve Rawbone

Marlyn Glen

Organisations

Scottish Women's Convention

LGBT Youth Scotland

The Salvation Army

Graduate Women Scotland

FiLiA

Women's Equality Party

The Free To Live Trust

Scotland North Soroptimists

	<p>Nordic Model Now</p> <p>ACTS – Anti-Trafficking Group</p> <p>Scottish Women’s Aid</p> <p>European Network of Migrant Women</p> <p>International Justice Mission</p> <p>Community Safety Glasgow</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The TARA Service</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Routes Out</p> <p>Women’s Support Project</p> <p>Scottish Trade Union Congress</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	Rhoda Grant MSP and Ash Denham MSP
Deputy Convener	n/a
Secretary	Jacci Stoyle
Treasurer	n/a

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.

Secretariat support offered voluntarily but estimated equal to £240 a year

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

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Rhoda Grant MSP
Date	26/01/2017