

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions

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.

To provide a forum to discuss issues which affect credit unions in Scotland. The CPG will also create a foundation for policy development relating to credit unions and help to form a network of good practice between credit unions and parliamentarians. Credit unions fall into a number of areas within the Scottish Government's programme for government, and increasingly being discussed in relation to a number of policy areas generally. The cross party group will provide a forum for the sector and parliamentarians to discuss how we can move this forward.

No other CPGs exist in this area at the moment and, according to the Scottish Parliament's website, none are proposed at this time.

The current draft programme for the first year includes meetings on

- How credit unions fit into the new Scottish Government's agenda.
- Where credit unions fit into the increasingly topical financial inclusion agenda.
- How credit unions can better engage younger customers, and a discussion to mark the end of the Credit Unions Junior Savers scheme currently underway.

This may change subject to policy developments.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Ruth Maguire MSP (SNP)

Claudia Beamish MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-op Party)

Alison Harris MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

James Kelly MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-op Party)

Johann Lamont MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-op Party)

Angus MacDonald MSP (SNP)

Ben MacPherson MSP (SNP)

Pauline McNeill MSP (Scottish Labour)

Andy Wightman MSP (Scottish Green Party)

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	Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (Scotland)

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	Ruth Maguire MSP
Deputy Convener	Claudia Beamish MSP
Secretary	Association of British Credit Unions (Scotland)
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.

Association of British Credit Unions (Scotland) covers the cost of teas/coffees for approximately 4 meetings per year. In the last session this cost £28.20 per meeting, so we anticipate a similar amount dependent on the cost of Scottish Parliament catering.

ABCUL Scotland also provides secretariat support for approximately 8 days per year, at an estimated market value of £2,400.

In previous years, the CPG has organised a reception in Parliament to mark International Credit Union Day, with financial support from CUNA Mutual for catering to the value of £2000. No such event will take place in 2016, and no arrangements are in place at this time to have one over the next 12 months. However, it is possible that we would look to have a similar event at some point over the course of this Parliament.

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.

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CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	Ruth Maguire MSP
Date	26/10/2016