

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Cuba

### 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. The purpose of the Group is to promote links between Scotland and Cuba and to examine areas of common interest between Scottish and Cuban parliamentarians.
2. The group seeks to help promote cultural and economic relationships with Cuba along with gaining information on best practice with regard to Cuba's excellent health and education record. It also seeks to raise awareness and show solidarity about the continued unfair trade embargo imposed by USA which has a devastating effect on Cubans and also impacts on trade relations with UK
3. Unaware of any overlaps since the CPG on Cuba was started in 1999
4. Topics will include;
  - Updates from Scottish Cuba Solidarity on current campaigns
  - Information on Scottish/Cuba cultural projects
  - Information on Scottish/Cuba trade projects
  - Barriers to above such as banking issues
  - Information on matters of interest in the wider region
  - Presentations from the Cuban Embassy in London
  - Presentations from Cuban Visitors

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Elaine Smith – Labour

Sandra White –SNP

Neil Findlay –Labour

Murdo Fraser – Conservative

Colin Beattie – SNP

John Finnie – Green

### **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

Adrienne Chalmers, Alan Hobbett, Antonia Aguila, Arthur West, Avril Vera Leon, Cllr Gordon Munro, Colin McCulloch, Craig Munro, David Sharpe, Dot Sharkey, Dougie Kerr, Frieda Park, Geraldine Rooney, Gerry Corbett, Helen Martin, Ian Parsons, Jenny James, Dr Joan Cutting, Tommy Kane, Kath Bateman, Kevin Carroll, Kevin Leetion, Lindsey McArthur, Liz Elkind, Margaret McGregor, Margaret Cameron, Marlyn Glen, Murray Swan, Neil Anderson, Pamela Page, Pau Harding, Pauline Bryan, Pauline Boyle, Prof Sean Smith, Rev Graham McGeoch, Richard Le Sueur, Ronnie Moran, Scott Lamond, Stuart Hyslop, Valentina Montoya Martinez, Kath Campbell

Organisations

Scottish Cuba Solidarity  
STUC  
Scottish Medical Aid for Cuba  
Scottish Venezuela Solidarity

### **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

Elaine Smith

Deputy Convener

Sandra White

Secretary

Kath Campbell, Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Treasurer	n/a
<b>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS</b>	
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	
<b>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</b>	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
n/a	
<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
Name	Elaine Smith MSP
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<b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	