

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Industrial Communities

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. PROPOSED PURPOSE

1. Seek to understand and highlight the range of ongoing issues affecting Scotland's former traditional industrial communities who have experienced industrial decline over the last few decades. Ongoing issues are likely to include youth unemployment, town centre regeneration, health inequalities, low educational attainment, regeneration funding and poor environmental conditions. The term 'former industrial communities' covers a range of traditional industries including coal, steel, textiles and shipbuilding.
2. Liaise with appropriate agencies to consider and agree appropriate ongoing interventions for these communities.
3. Influence policy decisions of Scottish Government, local authorities and other appropriate agencies to ensure that appropriate levels of resources are deployed to former industrial communities in Scotland.
4. Liaise with Alliance Scotland and Alliance UK* representatives with regard to current relevant research and policy debates affecting industrial communities.
5. Develop links with appropriate officials within UK Government as appropriate.

*The Alliance is a UK wide, all party, lobbying organization that was established in 2007 to support the regeneration of former traditional industrial areas.

Membership was formed from members of the former Coalfield Communities

Campaign, Steel Action and Leading Action for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear.

NB. Alliance Scotland representatives would perform the role of Secretariat to the Cross Party Group

2. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE

The Group intends to examine the issues that affect Scotland's industrial communities and what can be done to revitalise them. This is in the public interest as such communities form a large part of Scottish society and revitalisation would have many substantial socio-economic benefits.

3. OVERLAP WITH OTHER GROUPS

There may be some overlap with the Towns and Town Centres CPG. However the Industrial Communities CPG does not focus specifically on towns but on communities in general.

4. PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Scotland's Industrial Strategy

Geothermal Energy – Scottish Government feasibility studies

Energy – renewables and energy supplies

A Manufacturing Future for Scotland

Regional Selective Assistance – 2015/16 Results

The current position of the Steel Industry and future possibilities

The future of Prestwick Airport

Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey 2015

Case Studies of success stories in Post Industrial Communities

Land Reform

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Welfare to Work

Coalfield Regeneration Initiatives

The Lottery and Communities

Scottish Council Elections in 2017 and potential impact on our agenda

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Clare Adamson [SNP]

Tom Arthur [SNP]

Colin Beattie [SNP]

Neil Bibby [Labour]
 Mark Griffin [Labour]
 Richard Leonard [Labour]
 Angus MacDonald [SNP]
 Fulton MacGregor [SNP]
 Ivan McKee [SNP]
 Stuart McMillan [SNP]
 John Mason [SNP]
 Alex Rowley [Labour]
 Tavish Scott [Liberal Democrats]
 Brian Whittle [Conservative]
 Andy Wightman [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 | |
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| Organisations | Industrial Communities Alliance - Secretary Argyll and Bute Council Clackmannanshire Council Coalfield Communities Federation Coalfields Regeneration Trust Dumfries and Galloway Council East Ayrshire Council East Dunbartonshire Council East Renfrewshire Council Fife Council Glasgow City Council Inverclyde Council Midlothian Council National Union of Mineworkers |

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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.

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| Convener | Colin Beattie |
| Deputy Convener | Neil Bibby |
| Secretary | Industrial Communities Alliance |
| 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.

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

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| Name | Colin Beattie |
| Parliamentary address | M3.05 |

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| STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT |
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| I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament. |
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