

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Kurdistan

### 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.

1/2) The purpose of the group

*To promote and enhance understanding of Kurdistan, Scotland's Kurdish community and the wider Kurdish diaspora at cultural, social, political, academic and economic levels.'*

3) Any overlaps with other groups

*Kurdistan falls within the borders of Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran and so there is potential for overlap with CPGs on these topics but this CPG provides a clearly unique purpose in focussing on the Kurdish regions of these states, Kurdistan as a whole and on the Kurdish community in Scotland.*

4) An indication of topics the group will likely discuss over the next twelve months.

*The group will likely discuss the developing situation in the region, including the conflict against ISIS/Daesh in Syria & Iraq, the 'Rojava Revolution', the peace process in Turkey and developments within Iranian Kurdistan, current and future activities of the Kurdish communities in Scotland and across Europe and other relevant topics of interest to CPG members.*

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Ross Greer- Scottish Green Party

John Finnie- Scottish Green Party

Ruth Maguire- Scottish National Party

Ash Denham- Scottish National Party

Clare Haughey- Scottish National Party

Pauline McNeill- Scottish Labour

Bob Doris – Scottish National Party

James Dornan – Scottish National 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	Scottish Solidarity With Kurdistan Scottish Global Forum

### **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	Ross Greer
Deputy Convener	Ruth Maguire
Secretary	
Treasurer	

### **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.

None
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<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
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Name	Ross Greer MSP
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Telephone number	
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<b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Kurdistan 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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Signed	Ross Greer
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Date	07/11/2016
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