

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on LGBTI+ (The LGBTI+ Cross-Party Group)

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 and discuss issues of importance to the LGBTI+ community in Scotland with a view to helping make their lives better.
- 2) When I joined the Scottish Parliament I was surprised to learn that no such group already existed. Many people said the same and as a result I felt that it would be a unique opportunity to bring together various MSPs, third sector people and charities into one place to discuss a wide umbrella of issues which affect this community specifically. With a view to helping promote their individual causes and looking at pending legislation in the Parliament with a view to ensuring it fully considers matters of importance to this community.
- 3) There is a little overlap with any CPG which currently looks at issues of public health, inclusive education, equality, blood born viruses, women and minorities. It is our intention to see which other established group we can work with to help mutually, but avoid repetition. We are also taking on some of the functions of other groups which no longer exist in S5, such as the Blood Borne Virus group. This group will instead focus only on the LGBTI+ community.
- 4) HIV prevention, treatment
Inclusive education
Youth LGBTI+ issues
Trans issues
Rural LGBTI+ problems
Geriatric care
Bullying in schools
Homophobia in the workplace
Teacher training
Religious education and sex education

How political parties become more inclusive
Mental health in this community
Funding for public health care campaigns
Inclusive sport and homophobia in sport
Helping employers become more LGBTI+ friendly
And much more!

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Jamie Greene – C
Annie Wells – C
Ross Thomson – C
Ben Macpherson – SNP
Patrick Harvie – G
Kezia Dugdale – L
Mary Fee – L

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

Terrence Higgins Trust
HIV Scotland
Stonewall Scotland
Equality Network
LGBT Youth Scotland
TIE (Time for Inclusive Education)
Waverley Care
LGBT Consortium
Pink Saltire
LGBT Health and Wellbeing
Fearless

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	There are 4 co-conveners Jamie Greene MSP Patrick Harvie MSP Kezia Dugdale MSP Ben Macpherson MSP
Deputy Convener	none
Secretary	Tim Hopkins of the Equality Network We would request that for official secretariat correspondence Mr Hopkins is included in any parliamentary correspondence relating to the group . email: Tim@equality-network.org
Treasurer	None

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.

Estimated value of secretarial support provided by the Equality Network: 4 days per year at £200 cost to the Equality Network per day = £800 value

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 at present

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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