

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Nordic Countries

### 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. To promote political, cultural, educational and environmental links between Scotland and Nordic Countries; and to foster ties between Scottish and Nordic politicians.
2. To help foster closer ties with Nordic countries and promote active dialogue between the Scotland and the Nordic region countries. This will encourage collaboration and help the Scottish public and the Nordic community living in Scotland deepen cultural and political ties.
3. The group has a geographical focus and this is unique however where particular issues or themes, on occasion, link to other CPGs we will coordinate activities to minimise overlap.
4. Examples of Nordic policies in areas such as agriculture, environmental, social and health care, trade, digital economy, and culture and their links to Scotland

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Maurice Golden MSP  
Angus MacDonald MSP  
Finlay Carson MSP  
Mark Ruskell MSP  
Jamie Greene MSP  
Maree Todd MSP  
Ivan McKee MSP

**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	Harry Nimmo, Honorary Consul of Finland Amy Rice, MSP Staff
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Organisations	N/A
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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.

Convener	Maurice Golden MSP
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Deputy Convener	Angus Macdonald MSP; Mark Ruskell MSP
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Secretary	Amy Rice, MSP Staff
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Treasurer	Amy Rice, MSP Staff
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**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**

Name	Maurice Golden MSP
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#### **STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Signed [maurice.golden.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:maurice.golden.msp@parliament.scot)

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