

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Science & Technology

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.

The purpose of the group is to promote opportunities for MSPs and the scientific community in Scotland to interact on issues of importance to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

The broad science community makes a major contribution to the economic and social wellbeing of Scotland. Many of our universities are highly ranked within the UK and internationally for the excellence of their research capacity.

Of the CPGs established so far in the current Parliament there does not appear to be extensive overlap, with the possible exception of the Renewable Energy CPG, where there could be some small overlap. This proposed CPG covers a far broader range of issues and would be likely to cover energy issues occasionally.

Among topics that it is likely that the CPG would cover in the coming year are:

The implications of Brexit on science

IT and the games industry

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Clare Adamson

Iain Gray

Murdo Fraser

Liam McArthur

Patrick Harvie

Daniel Johnson
Maree Todd
Ross Thomson
Tavish Scott
Elizabeth Smith

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

The Royal Society of Edinburgh
Royal Society of Chemistry
Royal Society of Biology
Institute of Physics
Cancer Research UK
Microbiology Society
Scottish Gas & Centrica
Scottish Funding Council
Edinburgh Mathematical Society

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

Clare Adamson

Deputy Convener

Iain Gray

Secretary

Bristow Muldoon (Royal Society of Edinburgh & Royal Society of Chemistry)

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.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh and Royal Society of Chemistry jointly provide secretariat support of the value of £750 per annum. These two organisations and others are likely to provide catering services at meetings of around £500 per annum. These costs will be monitored and updated if they are seen to be varying from these estimates.

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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	
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Date	
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