

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Women in Enterprise

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 aim of the CPG on Women in Enterprise is to explore how women in business can be supported to make their potential contribution to the Scottish economy.

As it stands the contribution of women-led businesses contributes £5 billion to the Scottish economy with only 20% of businesses being run by women. If rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men-led business that contribution would increase to £13 billion. This equates to a 5.3% growth in the size of the Scottish economy. The aim of the CPG could be to identify best practice and initiatives that would encourage and support women in business to grow their businesses, and to encourage more women to start-up businesses.

While this proposed CPG deals with cross-cutting issues such as skills and colleges/universities, the focus on gender and business is unique to this CPG. Furthermore, as the explanation above highlights, the intersection of gender and business has important effects on the Scottish economy.

In the forthcoming 12 months, the group plans to discuss how women in further/higher education can be supported to start businesses and to discuss the current state of statistics/information about women in enterprise. The group will also hold sessions to bring together women who are starting their own businesses and CPG members.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Gillian Martin MSP, Scottish National Party

Jackie Baillie MSP, Scottish Labour Party

Clare Haughey MSP, Scottish National Party
 Daniel Johnson MSP, Scottish Labour Party
 Ivan McKee MSP, Scottish National Party
 Monica Lennon MSP, Scottish Labour Party
 Andy Wightman MSP, Scottish Green 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	Laura Galloway, Heriot Watt University
Organisations	Fraser of Allander Institute; Federation of Small Businesses; Business Gateway; Skills Development Scotland; Royal Bank of Scotland; CoSLA; Social Enterprise Scotland Women's Enterprise Scotland

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	Gillian Martin MSP
Deputy Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP
Secretary	Anne Meikle, Women's Enterprise Scotland
Treasurer	Anne Meikle, Women's Enterprise Scotland

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.

None

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 Women in Enterprise is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Gillian Martin
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Date	12/10/16
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