

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
Cross-Party Group on Future of Football in Scotland
<b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.</li><li>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</li><li>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.</li><li>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</li></ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To create a platform with key stakeholders, to discuss how football (and community football clubs) can help support the population being more active, linked to the overall National Active Framework.</li><li>• To highlight and promote the 'Value of Football' and how local communities using the Scottish FA/UEFA SROI work to help influence Government Policy.</li><li>• Affordability – To debate and make recommendations on the issues of affordability for local community clubs accessing facilities.</li><li>• Accessibility (Community) – To debate and make recommendations on the issues facing local community clubs in relation to the accessibility of local facilities (for example, Schools lets, Community Asset Transfer).</li><li>• Accessibility (National) – To debate the accessibility of all Scottish football stadiums, highlighting best practice and make any suitable recommendations.</li><li>• To create, a platform that highlights best practice in Scottish Football, which will enable the game to be driven forward at a national, grassroots and community level.</li></ul>

Football is Scotland's most popular sport and as such, this group will seek to make Scotland's most popular sport more affordable, more accessible, more inclusive, and more engaging for all. The group will seek to discuss ways in which to grow the game from a grassroots level as well as discuss how fans can get the most from the sport at the highest level. This group will cover both the men's and women's game at all age levels including variants such as 5-a-side, walking football etc.

The most obvious crossover would be the proposed CPG on sport; however, this CPG is specific to football across all levels which will allow football-specific issues to be discussed in depth. As it is the most popular sport in Scotland, the proposed group feel that it is justified in re-establishing a CPG exclusively for football.

There are other potential crossovers such as the proposed CPGs on: Mental Health, Children and Young People, Outdoor Education, and Long Covid however while these issues may be topics discussed by the group, they would not be the sole focus for the remit of the proposed group.

- Women in Football
- Football's recovery from the pandemic
- Football and racism
- Football and accessibility
- Facilities access for grassroots teams

### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Fulton MacGregor (SNP)

Jeremy Balfour (Con)

Colin Smyth (Lab)

Paul McLennan (SNP)

James Dornan (SNP)

**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	
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Organisations	Scottish Football Association Scottish Professional Football League SPFL Trust Scottish Women's Football Scottish Disabled Supporters' Association Scottish Football Supporters' Association Supporters' Direct Police Scotland FIFPro Professional Footballers' Association Sportscotland
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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	Fulton MacGregor MSP
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Deputy Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP
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Secretary	Paul McNeil (Scottish Football Association)
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Treasurer	Andy Gould (Scottish Football Association)
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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	Fulton MacGregor
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**Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

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

Signed	Fulton MacGregor MSP
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Date	28/10/2021
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