

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Men's Violence against Women and Children
Date Group Established
29 th September 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
8 th November 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
5 th December 2023
Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]
26 th October 2022
Group Meetings and Activities Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
8th February 2023 Attendance: 2 MSP, 14 non-MSP members, 2 non-member visitors Topics discussed - The theme of the meeting was the Cost of Living Crisis.

- This was followed by member updates.
- Under AOCB, there was some discussion about the delivery of the 70/30 report, work through the Justice Committee on Bail and Release, No recourse to public funds, the ratification of the Istanbul Convention.

14th June 2023

Attendance: 4 MSP, 18 non-MSP members, 1 non-member visitor

Topics discussed

- The theme of the meeting was the ratification of the Istanbul Treaty.
- This was followed by member updates.
- There was no AOCB.

13th September 2023

Attendance: 3 MSP, 18 non-MSP members, 1 non-member visitor

Topics discussed

- The theme of the meeting was the Violence against Women and Girls Strategic Funding Review.
- This was followed by member updates.
- Under AOCB there was discussion of the Istanbul Shadow Report.

8th November 2023

Attendance: 2 MSP, 17 non-MSP members, 0 non-member visitors

Topics discussed

- The Cross Party Group AGM business.
- An update on the Istanbul Shadow Report.
- The Fund to Leave.
- Follow-up on Bail and Release from Custody Act.
- 16 Days activities.
- Edinburgh Women's Aid Legal Aid Legal Services Project.
- The impact of the situation in Gaza and Israel on women and children.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Audrey Nicoll, Scottish National Party

Claire Baker, Scottish Labour

Katy Clark, Scottish Labour

Natalie Don, Scottish National Party

James Dornan, Scottish National Party

Sharon Dowey, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

Rona Mackay, Scottish National Party

Tess White, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Beatrice Wishart, Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

Gillian Baker

Nikki Dillon

George Eckton

Liz Gilchrist

Christine Gray

Lily Greenan

Alice Jackson

Kelly Johnson

Nancy Lombard

Stephen Madill

Kallia Manoussaki

Carlene McAvoy

Dr Melanie McCarry

Mhairi McGowan

David Morran

Anne Robertson Brown

Richard Whitecross

Organisations

Amina Muslim Women Resource Centre
ASSIST
Caledonian System
Central Advocacy Partners, Falkirk
Church of Scotland
City of Edinburgh Council, Community Justice
Clinical Psychology Division of the Forensic Mental Health and Learning Disability Service of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS
Close the Gap
COSLA
Edinburgh Women's Aid
Engender
The Evangelical Alliance
GEMAP
Girlguiding Scotland
Includem
NHS Lanarkshire Gender-Based Violence Services
NUS Scotland
Pilton Community Health Project
Rape Crisis Scotland
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross
SafeLives
SAY Women
Scottish Association of Social Workers
Scottish Women's Aid
Thriving Survivors
UN House Scotland

	White Ribbon Scotland Women's Support Project The Young Women's Movement Zero Tolerance
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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	Rona Mackay MSP
Deputy Convener	Beatrice Wishart MSP
Secretary	Scottish Women's Aid
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.

Scottish Women's Aid provided secretariat support to the CPG (e.g. preparing and distributing meeting papers, liaison with members and invited speakers, taking minutes at the meeting etc.). The cost to the organisation, for an estimated 45 hours over the year, is assessed to be around £750.

Total value of financial and material benefit provided by Scottish Women's Aid was £750

Convener Contact Details

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