

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Outdoor Education

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

30 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

9 November 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

29 November 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]

10 November 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.

Meeting 28 March 2023

3 MSP attendees, 27 non-MSP attendees from member organisations.

Liz Smith MSP provided an update on Schools Residential Outdoor Education Scotland Bill before Nick March, Chair of AHOEC Scotland, led a varied discussion on third sector outdoor provision, building good relationships with schools, and benefits to young people.

Presentations were provided by:

- Paul Bayton and Rachel Luxton of SU Scotland discussing the benefits of and challenges facing third sector outdoor education provision.
- Nick March and Ann Moore, Former Head Teacher at Canalview Primary School, discussing how to build good relationships with schools.
- Freda Fallon of Outward Bound and pupils from Liberton High School, discussing benefits of residential outdoor education to young people.

Meeting and AGM 9 November 2023

2 MSP attendees, 17 non-MSP attendees from member organisations and 4 guests.

Liz Smith led a wide-ranging discussion on seizing the outdoor education opportunity before Scouts Scotland chaired the group's AGM. Presentations were provided by:

- James Ferguson of Outward Bound on the launch of the Let Us Out campaign to support right to outdoor residential legislation currently progressing through the Scottish, Welsh and UK parliaments.
- Phil Thompson of Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre on how Ardroy is harnessing residential outdoor education to teach sustainability skills.

During the AGM Liz Smith was re-elected as the Group's convenor, Daniel Johnson was re-elected as the group's vice convenor and Scouts Scotland was reappointed as secretariat.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Brian Whittle MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Rachael Hamilton MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour)
Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Fulton MacGregor MSP (Scottish National 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

Rob Bushby
Professor Peter Higgins

Organisations

Scouts Scotland - Secretariat
Duke of Edinburgh Award
Education Scotland
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE)
Youthlink
The Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC)
Scottish Adventure Activities Forum (SAAF)
John Muir Trust
Ardentinny
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
Paths for All
Scottish Outdoor Education Centres (SOEC)
The Outward Bound Trust
Rock UK
Craikhope Outdoor Centre
Mountaineering Scotland

	Scripture Union (SU) Scotland Munro Society OutLET Public Health Scotland Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre
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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	Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP
Secretary	Scouts Scotland
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.

- Secretariat support from Scouts Scotland
- Occasional visits to outdoor education settings which may include transport, meals and/or light refreshments.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	15/11/2023