

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Cuba

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.)

Thursday 28 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

Friday 24 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]

Thursday 15 December 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.

Wednesday 7 June 2023

CPG was attended by Cuba's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Her Excellency Barbara Montalvo Alvarez. After an address from Her Excellency, a discussion was held on the effects of the blockade of Cuba and the US's inclusion of Cuba on the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism (4 MSPs present, 8 non-MSPs, 3 invited guests)

Wednesday 22 November 2023

CPG discussed Cuba's recent contributions on Palestinian issues at the United Nations, as well as updates on Cuba Solidarity Campaign campaigning, the economic and humanitarian situation enforced by the blockade. Date agreed for vigil outside Parliament. (3 MSPs present, 7 non-MSPs present)

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Elections were held to the offices of the group. (3 MSPs present, 7 non-MSPs present)

MSP Members of The Group

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

Green Party:

Maggie Chapman MSP (Vice-Convener)

Labour Party:

Katy Clark MSP

Carol Mochan MSP (Convener)

Mercedes Villalba MSP

Scottish National Party:

Colin Beattie MSP

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

Adrienne Chalmers

Alan Hobbett

Antonia Aguila

Arthur West

Avril Vera Leon

Cllr Gordon Munro

Colin McCulloch Craig Munro

David Sharpe

Dot Sharkey

Dougie Kerr

Frieda Park

Geraldine Rooney

Gerry Corbett

Helen Martin

Ian Parsons

Jenny James

Dr Joan Cutting

Tommy Kane

Kath Bateman

Kevin Carroll

Kevin Leetion

Lindsey McArthur

Liz Elkind

Margaret McGregor

Margaret Cameron

Marlyn Glen

Murray Swan

Neil Anderson

Pamela Page

Pau Harding

Pauline Bryan

Pauline Boyle

Prof Sean Smith

Rev Graham McGeoch

Richard Le Sueur

Ronnie Moran

Scott Lamond

Stuart Hyslop

Valentina Montoya Martinez

Kath Campbell

Lesley Dobbin

Elaine Smith

Kate Arnott

Matt Kerr

Andrew Bustard

Christopher Barbour

Chris Costello

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| Organisations | Scottish Cuba Solidarity, STUC, Scottish Medical Aid for Cuba, Scottish Venezuela Solidarity, |
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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.

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| Convener | Carol Mochan MSP |
| Deputy Convener | Maggie Chapman MSP |
| Secretary | Kath Campbell |
| Treasurer | |

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.

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 Cuba, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

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

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| Signed | Carol Mochan MSP |
| Date | 24.11.2023 |