

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on The Armed Forces and Veterans Community
Date Group Established
30 June 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
22 June 2022
Date Annual Return Submitted
24 June 2022
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]
22 June 2022 is the first AGM of this Group in the current Parliamentary Session.
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.
30 June 2021: An inaugural meeting; the main purpose of the meeting was to reconvene the Group for the duration of the new

Parliamentary session. This included the election of Office Bearers and confirmation of membership of the Group. Future topics for discussion were identified and the Group received an update on the Covid Pandemic and the affect it has had on veterans and veterans' charities.

10 MSP's attended and 30 other members.

22 Sep 2021: Topics included: a Covid update; discussion around the Impact of the withdrawal from Afghanistan; and Housing.

2 MSP's attended and 37 other members.

25 Jan 2022: Topics included: An update on the Strategy for our Veterans by Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; a Covid update; Veterans Homelessness prevention Pathway; other business included information about The Scottish Men's Sheds Association; the role of VAPC's; the potential benefits of SPARKO TV and Solicitors for the Armed Forces Community (Scotland).

5 MSP's attended and 47 other members.

16 March 2022: Topics included: A Local Authority Perspective; The Deliverables of the Cross party Group and the work of the association of Service Drop in Centres (ASDIC).

3 MSP's attended, 1 was represented, and 41 other members, of whom 10 were Local Authority Champions.

22 June 2022: Topics included: Issues relating to Female Veterans; Female Veterans' Health; and Military Sexual Trauma. This was also the AGM of the Cross Party Group, all office bearers were re-elected and Willie Rennie MSP agreed to join the Group and be a Deputy Convenor.

4 MSP's attended and 36 other members.

All meetings held in the year were on MS Teams.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Jackie Baillie; Scottish Labour
Jackson Carlaw; Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Katy Clark; Scottish Labour
Maurice Golden; Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Mark Griffin; Scottish Labour
Stephen Kerr; Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Douglas Lumsden; Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Gordon MacDonald; Scottish National Party
Edward Mountain; Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Willie Rennie MSP; Scottish Liberal Democrats (from 22 June 2022)
Paul Sweeney; Scottish Labour

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	Mr Maurice Corry TD MBA
Organisations	51 Infantry Brigade; Action on Hearing Loss Scotland; ADES National Transitions Officer; Age Scotland; Armed Services Advice Project; Army; Army Families Federation; Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services; BFBS The Forces Station; BLESMA; Business in the Community Scotland; Career Transition Partnership; Defence Transition Services; Scotland Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee; Edinburgh Napier University; Erskine; FirstLight Trust; Forces in Mind Trust; Garelochhead Station Trust; Give Us Time; Glasgow Caledonian University; Glasgow's Helping Heroes; Help for Heroes; Housing Options Scotland; Local Authority Armed Forces and Veterans Champions; Lothian Armed Forces and

Veterans Project; Lothian Veterans Centre; Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association; Naval Families Federation; NHS Scotland; Officers Association Scotland; Poppyscotland; RAF; RAF Association; RAF Benevolent Fund; RASC and RCT Association; Reading Force; Recruit for Spouses; RFEA The Forces Employment Charity; Royal Air Force Families Federation; Royal British Legion Scotland; Royal Caledonian Education Trust; Royal Naval Association; Royal Navy; SACRO - Veterans Mentoring Service; Salute My Jobs; SAMH; Scotland & NI RAF Association; Scotlands Bravest Manufacturing Company (RBLI); Scottish Prison Service; Veterans Housing Scotland (Scottish Veterans Garden City Association); Scottish Veterans Residences; Sight Scotland Veterans (Scottish War Blinded); Seafarers UK; Skills Development Scotland; Soldiers off the Streets; SSAFA; Stand Easy Productions; The Coming Home Centre/Community Veterans Support; The Officer's Association Scotland; The Royal Regiment of Scotland; The Scottish Veterans Commissioner; The Veterans Foundation; Thistle Foundation; University of Edinburgh; University of Glasgow; Venture Trust; Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committees; Veterans Community Café; Veterans First Point Highland; Veterans First Point Scotland; Veterans for Independence; Veterans Housing Scotland; Veterans Scotland; Veterans Welfare Services; Walking with the Wounded; War Widows Association. Other organisations have attended from time to time

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	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP Gordon MacDonald MSP Willie Rennie MSP (from 22 June 2022)
Secretary	Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
Treasurer	Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).	
Subscription Charged by the Group	
Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
Nil	
Convener Contact Details	
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