

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice
Date Group Established
26 October 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
14 November 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
Date of Preceding AGM
25 October 2022
Group Meetings and Activities
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>
25 th October 2022 – election of office bearers; presentations about racism against Sikhs in Scotland with presentations from Sikh Sanjog and Scottish Chamber of Commerce 2 MSPs, 16 non-MSPs

13th December 2022 – discussion about discrimination in Scotland in relation to debates about sectarianism and anti-Catholic racism with a presentation from Nil by Mouth
1 MSPs, 18 non-MSPs

28th February 2023 – discussion about racism and religious discrimination against Scotland’s Jewish communities with presentations from SCOJEC and Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
2 MSPs, 22 non-MSPs

16th May 2023 – discussion about racism against refugee and asylum-seeking communities in Scotland with presentations from Maryhill Integration Network and Scottish Refugee Council
3 MSPs, 18 non-MSPs

MSP Members of The Group

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

Foysof Choudhury, Labour (Convenor)
Alex Cole-Hamilton, Liberal Democrats
Pam Gosal, Conservative
Fulton MacGregor, SNP
Anas Sarwar, Labour
Kaukab Stewart, 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	n/a
Organisations	Active Life Club Al Masaar Amina MWE Amina MWRC BEMIS Scotland Breathe Call it Out

Community Policy Forum
Council of British Pakistanis (Scotland)
CRER
Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation
Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community
Faith Matters and Tell MAMA
Garnethill Synagogue
Gathering the Voices Association
Glasgow Life
Interfaith Glasgow
Interfaith Scotland
MEND
Muslim Council of Britain
Muslim Council Scotland/Council of British
Pakistanis (Scotland)
NASUWT
Newcastle University
NFRN Federation of Independent Retailers
NUS Scotland
Scottish Ahlulbayt Society
Scottish Association of Mosques
Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)
Scottish Iraqi Association
Show Racism the Red Card
Sikh Sanjog
Socialist Educational Association Scotland
The University of Edinburgh
Turkish Consulate General in Edinburgh
University of St Andrews
University of Aberdeen
University of Glasgow
West Dunbartonshire Muslim Education Society
West of Scotland Regional Equality Council

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	Foyso! Choudhury MSP
Deputy Convener	Pam Gosal Fulton MacGregor Kaukab Stewart
Secretary	Peter Hopkins, Newcastle University
Treasurer	n/a
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
n/a	
Convener Contact Details	
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