

Cross Party Group on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice

26th October 2021 at 6.30pm on zoom

Attendance:

Dr Muhammad Adrees	Muslim Council of Scotland
Jordan Allison	Show Racism the Red Card
Shabir Beg	Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society
Ephraim Borowski	SCOJEC
Fiona Brodie	Scottish Council of Jewish Communities
Jennie Chinembiri	Church of Scotland
Foysol Choudhury MSP	Scottish Parliament
Nauman Dar	
Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP	Scottish Parliament
Paul Edlin	Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
Pam Gosal MSP	Scottish Parliament
Amaan Gilani	Scottish ahl e Sunnah Society
Faten Hameed	
Martin Hayward	Equality and Human Rights Commission
Peter Hopkins	Newcastle University (Secretary)
Philip Mendelsohn	Interfaith Glasgow
Debbi McCall	Midlothian Council
Nina Munday	Fife Centre for Equalities
Mohammed Razaq	West of Scotland Regional Equality Council
Kirsty Robson	Show Racism the Red Card
Raza Sadiq	Active Life
Anas Sarwar MSP	Scottish Parliament (Chair)
Mirella Yandoli	Church of Scotland

Apologies

Kaukab Stewart MSP	Scottish Parliament
Katy Clark MSP	Scottish Parliament
Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP	Scottish Parliament

Welcome & Introductions

Anas Sarwar MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Election of Office Bearers

Anas Sarwar MSP was nominated and seconded to serve as Chair of the CPG.
Pam Gosal MSP and Alex Cole-Hamilton were both nominated and seconded to serve as Vice-Chairs and it was agreed that a candidate would be sought to represent the Green Party as Vice-Chair.
Peter Hopkins was proposed and seconded to serve as the Secretary for the group.

Renaming and Purpose of the Group

Anas Sarwar MSP outlined the intention to widen the scope of the group given that racial and religious intolerance and prejudice is experienced by several different ethnic and religious minority groups. It was suggested that the group be named the Cross Party Group on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice. It was noted that Islamophobia would remain a key concern of the group and that there would be regular progress updates against the recommendations of the report of the inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland. Everyone supported this and no concerns were raised about this expanded focus for the group. It was noted that labour market disparities were raised as a

specific concern for Muslims and that the group should not lose sight of the specific challenges in relation to education and employment.