

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
Date Group Established
26 October 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
24 October 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
22 November 2023
Date of Preceding AGM
25 October 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.
25 October 2022 This meeting was the AGM and covered the reconstitution of the CPG - including the election of office bearers and confirming the purpose of the group, topics to priorities for future meetings. This meeting also looked at the cost-of-living crisis, with the secretariat sharing a survey with members to create a summary document with the evidence

shared by members. In attendance were 41 non-MSP members and 3 MSPs.

MSPs in Attendance

Michael Marra MSP

Fulton MacGregor MSP

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Non MSPs in Attendance

Martin Canavan, Aberlour

Laura Miller, Fife Gingerbread

Salena Begley MBE, Family Fund

Jennifer Ba, SCOREscotland

David Mackay, Children in Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland

Leah Duncan-Karrim, Children in Scotland

Arran Goodfellow, Children in Scotland

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Ben Hall, Shared Lives Plus

Brian Magee, COSCA

Caitlin Forrest, Together Scotland

Cat Malone, With Kids

Finlay Allmond, Magic Breakfast

Fiona O'Sullivan, Edinburgh Children's Hospital

Fionnuala Contier-Lawrie, The Promise Scotland

Ghzala Khan, WSREC

Helen Forrest, Children's Health Scotland

Jennifer Forsyth, Obesity Action Scotland

Joan Mowat, Strathclyde University

Judi Martin, Together Scotland

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust

Kirsten Shield, Salvensen Mindroom Centre

Kirsty-Louise Hunt, Barnardos

Lauren Murray, Salvensen Mindroom Centre

Meg Thomas, Includem

Megan Farr, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

Rosie Moore, Celcis

Ruairidh Smith, Generations Working Together
Sarah Anderson, LGBT Youth Scotland
Todd Henshaw, FCSS
Toni Groundwater, Families Outside
Ashley Cameron, Families Outside
Alice Pelan, YouthLink Scotland
Charlie Dexter, Michael Marra MSP Office
Eddie Nisbet, YouthLink Scotland
Glen Reynolds, Karen Adam MSP Office
Sarah Robertson, YouthLink Scotland
Toni Valbonesi, One Parent Families Scotland
Kevin Kane, YouthLink Scotland

30 January 2023

This meeting focused on the challenges in the delivery of early learning and school age childcare. The meeting acted as an evidence gathering session which contributed to a report which was sent to the Cabinet Secretary and COSLA. In attendance were 40 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

MSPs in Attendance

Karen Adams MSP
Meghan Gallacher MSP

Non MSPs in Attendance

Jane Brumpton, Early Years Scotland
Andrew Shoolbread, Scottish out of School Care Network (SOSCN)
Alison Hay, Access to Childcare Fund
Nicola Kelly, SupERkids
Chris Ross, Children in Scotland
David Mackay, Children in Scotland
Dana Vreeswijk, Children in Scotland
Arran Goodfellow, Children in Scotland
Lizz Curley, Children in Scotland
Leah Duncan-Karrim, Children in Scotland
Katherine Anderson, Children in Scotland
Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland
Sarah Robinson Galloway, YouthLink Scotland

Marielle Bruce, YouthLink Scotland
Angus Maclean, Befriending Networks
Helen Forrest, Children's Health Scotland
Jessica Smith, Children's Parliament
Brian Magee, Confederation of Scottish Counselling Agencies (COSCA)
Sue Palmer, Upstart Scotland
David Ashford
Kelly Munro, Carers Trust Scotland
Kirsty McKechnie, Child Poverty Action Group
Lorna Kettles, Early Years Scotland
Toni Valbonesi, One Parent Families Scotland
Todd Henshaw, Flexible Childcare Services Scotland
Steffi Keir, Save the Children Scotland
Marguerite Hunter Blair, Play Scotland
Megan Farr, The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
Ruairidh Smith, Generations Working Together
Susan McGhee, Flexible Childcare Services Scotland
Gemma Richardson, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
Florence Burke, BBC Children in Need
Joan Mowat, University of Strathclyde
Lynne Gilmour, University of Stirling
Sarah McClarey, Mindroom Centre
Mili Shukla, Skills Development Scotland
Ryan Bowie, Quarriers
Sameeha Rehman, Ubuntu Scotland
Cat Malone, With Kids
Jacinta Sheerin, Early Childhood Ireland

24 April 2023

This meeting covered the Education Reform in Scotland, with members hearing from Ruth Jays and Neil Cardwell – representatives from the Directorate for Education Reform, Kirsty Anderson from the Scottish Government Review of Qualifications and Assessment Team, Olivia Brown MSYP, and Marielle Bruce from YouthLink Scotland. In attendance were 42 non-MSP members and 4 MSPs.

MSPs in Attendance

Kaukab Stewart MSP
Fulton MacGregor MSP

Meghan Gallacher MSP

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Non MSPs in Attendance

Ruth Jays, Education Strategy and Recovery, Directorate for Education Reform

Kirsty Anderson, Scottish Government Review Qualifications and Assessment

Neil Cardwell, New Education Agencies, Directorate for Education Reform

Olivia Brown MSYP for Musselburgh and Midlothian North. Policy Trustee, Scottish Youth Parliament

Marielle Bruce, Youth Work and Schools Manager, YouthLink Scotland

Chris Ross, Children in Scotland

Arran Goodfellow, Children in Scotland

Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland

Gill Gracie, YouthLink Scotland

Brian Magee, COSCA

Joan Mowat, University of Stirling

Sarah McClarey, Salvesen Mindroom Centre

Fiona O'Sullivan, Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

Angus Maclean, Befriending Networks

Megan Farr, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

Todd Henshaw, Flexible Childcare Services Scotland

Laura Millar, Fife Gingerbread

Megan Burt, EVOC

Virginia Radcliffe, Licketyspit Theatre & Play Company

Sarah Rogers, Families Outside

Ryan Bowie, Quarriers

Maurice Frank

Judi Martin, Together Scotland

Amy Hall Gibson, Starcatchers

Jenny Wartnaby, Zero Tolerance Scotland

Kirsty-Louise Hunt, Barnardos

Ewan Carmichael

Kelly Munro, Carers Trust Scotland

Adam Crawley, LGBT Youth Scotland

Helen Forrest, Children Health Scotland

Michael Bettencourt, CELCIS

Michael McDaid, Skills Development Scotland

Yuying Ma, University of Edinburgh

Isla Baxter, Scottish Youth Parliament

Douglas Ross, Princes Trust
Vikki Carpenter, CLD Standards Council
Donna Marie Steel, Robertson Trust
Lily McGregor, Princes Trust
Michael Gregori, Princes Trust
Jaya Khasria, West-Dunbartonshire Council
Dylan Stevens, Fast Forward
Abigail Pollock, Girlguiding Scotland

14 June 2023

The meeting revisited the topic of early learning childcare and school-aged childcare that was previously discussed at the meeting in January 2023. With the information and evidence shared in this meeting and the January meeting, a summary paper was created and shared with members and the Scottish Government. Invitations were also extended to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Children and Young People to attend a future meeting. In attendance were 29 non-MSP members and 2 MSPs.

MSPs in Attendance

Meghan Gallacher MSP
Jeremy Balfour MSP

Non MSPs in Attendance

Sharon Fairley, Scottish Private Nurseries Association
Caitlin Logan, One Parent Families Scotland
Chris Ross, Children in Scotland
Arran Goodfellow, Children in Scotland
David Mackay, Children in Scotland
Julie Thomson, Children in Scotland
Sarah Paterson, YouthLink Scotland
Todd Henshaw, Flexible Childcare Services Scotland
Steffi Keir, Save the Children Scotland
Kirsten Shield, Salvesen Mindroom
Angus Maclean, Befriending Networks
Sarah Rogers, Families Outside
Leah Duncan-Karrim, Barnardos Scotland
Sophie Flemig, Cattanach
Lucinda Rivers, UNICEF UK
Andrew Shoolbread, Scottish Out of School Care Network

Finlay Allmond, Magic Breakfast
Georgiana Bugeag, United Nations House of Scotland
Elena Soper, The Young Women's Movement
Robyn Pattison, Forces Children Scotland
Jan Benvie, Peace & Justice (Scotland)
Anna Tulley, CCPS
Douglas Ross, Princes Trust
Zara Kitson, Princes Trust
Michael Gregori, Princes Trust
Kerry Reilly, YMCA
Ryan Bowie, Quarriers
Karen Freel, Perspectiva Consultants
Fatoumata Drammeh, UNICEF UK

MSP Members of The Group

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

Pam Duncan-Glancy, Scottish Labour Party

Karen Adam MSP, Scottish National Party

Colin Beattie MSP, Scottish National Party

Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative Party

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

Lynne Gilmour
David Ashford
Ewan Carmichael
Rozanne Chorlton
Bill Cook
Kirsty Craig
Gerry Croall

	<p>Jackie Doig Susan Elsley Mairi Ferris Margot Gillon Tracy Griffen Michael Heffernan Fiona Henderson Mark Hutchison Clare Lally Kenny Lindsay Katy MacFarlane Kirsteen MacKay Donna Mackie Louise Marryat Vicky McGraw Robert McHarg John McKinney Martine Miller Carol Robinson Pat Salter Jayne Scotland Neil Seaton Carolyn Wilson Mark Wong Kit Wyeth</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Children in Scotland – Secretariat YouthLink Scotland – Treasurer</p> <p>A & M Training Aberlour Action Duchenne Action for Children Scotland Action for Children’s Arts Action for Sick Children Scotland) Afasic Scotland Alcohol Focus Scotland The ALLIANCE Article 12 in Scotland Association of Family Therapist in Scotland The Barn Youth Centre Barnardo’s Scotland Beat Befriending Networks</p>

Bellenden
Big Lottery Fund
BMA Scotland
British Association for Adoption and Fostering
British Psychological Society Division of Clinical
Psychology in Scotland
Caledonia Consulting
Central Scotland Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse
Centre
CAHRU - University of St Andrews
CALL Scotland
Camphill
Capability Scotland
Carers Trust
CCPS
Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in
Scotland
Changing Faces Scotland
CHAS
Child Brain Injury Trust
Child Poverty Action Group
Children 1st
Children's Health Scotland
Children's Hearings Scotland
Children in Need
Children's Parliament
Church of Scotland Committee on Education
Circle
Clan Childlaw
CLD Standards Council Scotland
CLIC Sargent
Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership
College of Occupational Therapists
Columba 1400
Common Thread
Contact a Family Scotland
COSCA
Covey Befriending
Crossroads Youth and Community Association
Diabetes UK
Division of Forensic Psychology - Scotland
DofE
Downs Syndrome Scotland

Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
Enable
Engender
Enquire
Families First St Andrews
Families Need Fathers
Families Outside
Family Fund
Feeling Strong
Fife Gingerbread
Firsthand
The Fostering Network
Foursquare
Generations Working Together
Girlguiding Scotland
Grounds for Learning
GYP Borders
Highland Children Forum
Home Link Family Support
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In train
Intercultural Youth Scotland
Justice and Peace Scotland
Keys to Inclusion
Kibble
Kids VIP
KIND (Scotland)
Kinship Care Advice Service for Scotland
Legal Services Agency
LGBT Youth
Licketyspit
Living Streets
Lothian Autistic Society
Mindroom
National Autistic Society
National Deaf Children's Society
NewsDirect
NHS Health Scotland
The Notre Dame Centre
NSPCC Scotland
Obesity Action Scotland
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland

One Parent Families Scotland
Open Secret
PAMIS
Parenting Across Scotland
Partners in Advocacy
Partners in Play
Personalised Education Now
The Place 2Be
Play Scotland
PlayTalkRead
Plus Forth Valley
Prince's Trust
Quarriers
Rathbone
Real World Learning Scotland
Relationships Scotland
Resolve ASL
Rising Stars
RNIB
Roshni
RoSPA
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health
Royal College of Psychiatrists
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy
Samaritans
Save the Children
Sense Scotland
Scotcen
Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young
People
Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils
Scottish Child Law Centre
Scottish Child Psychotherapy Trust
Scottish Childminding Association
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
Scottish Children's Services Coalition
Scottish Council of Independent Schools
Scottish Division of Education Psychology
Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Parent Teacher Council

Scottish PNA
Scottish Pre-School Play Association
Scottish Sports Association
Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum
Scottish Women's Aid
Scottish Youth Parliament
Shared Lives Plus
Shelter Scotland
Sick Children's Hospital
Skills Development Scotland
Smart Play Network
Sound Lab
Spark of Genius
Strathcarron Hospice
STUC
TACT
Tartan Silk
The Salvation Army
The Spark
Together Scotland
UK ADHD Partnership
United Nations House Scotland
University of Edinburgh – CAHRU, CRFR, NSPCC
Centre
Vocal
West Lothian Youth Action Project
With Kids
Who Cares? Scotland
Working on Wheels
WSREC
YWCA Scotland
Young Scot
Your Voice
Youth Bus
Youth Scotland
Zero Tolerance

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	Kaukab Stewart MSP, Scottish National Party Meghan Gallacher MSP, Scottish Conservative.
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Deputy Convener	
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Secretary	Children in Scotland
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Treasurer	YouthLink Scotland
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Children in Scotland – time of one staff member £3,600

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Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

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