

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please state the purpose of the Group.2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<p>The Cross Party Group on Colleges and Universities is a forum for debate and sharing of information on a wide range of issues affecting the higher and further educations sectors in Scotland.</p> <p>Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for MSPs, students and staff within the further and higher education sectors, stakeholders, and people with an interest in matters concerning tertiary education to engage, consider and raise awareness of opportunities as well as the challenges which affect Scotland's colleges and universities.</p> <p>The CPG has a bank of potential topics which have been suggested by members. Potential topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The contribution of further and higher education to the creative industries.• A presentation from the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) on the implementation of its review into tertiary education.• Action taken by colleges and universities to address the climate emergency.• An update on progress to widen access to tertiary education.• How colleges and universities engage with their local communities.

- The new Turing Scheme and outward student mobility.

Members have been encouraged to submit ideas for future topics.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Kaukab Stewart MSP (Scottish National Party)

Michael Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)

Michelle Thomson MSP (Scottish National Party)

Maggie Chapman MSP (Scottish Greens)

Clare Adamson MSP (Scottish National Party)

Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

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

Professor Matthew MacIver

Mr Terry Brotherstone

Ms Carolynne Hunter

Organisations

Universities Scotland

Colleges Scotland

Abertay University

Architecture & Design Scotland

City of Glasgow College

Dundee & Angus college

Educational Institute Of Scotland (EIS)

Edinburgh Napier University

Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)

	<p>Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p>Glasgow Clyde College</p> <p>Heriot-Watt University</p> <p>Higher Education Academy in Scotland</p> <p>LEAD Scotland</p> <p>North East Scotland College</p> <p>NUS Scotland</p> <p>Open University in Scotland</p> <p>Pagoda PR</p> <p>Perth College UHI</p> <p>Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh</p> <p>Robert Gordon University</p> <p>Royal Conservatoire of Scotland</p> <p>Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)</p> <p>Scottish Development International</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Scottish Funding Council</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland (SDS)</p> <p>sparqs – student partnerships in quality Scotland</p> <p>Thorntons Law LLP</p> <p>UCU Scotland</p> <p>Unite the Union</p> <p>University of Aberdeen</p> <p>University of Dundee</p> <p>University of Edinburgh</p> <p>University of Glasgow</p> <p>University of the Highlands & Islands</p> <p>University of St Andrews</p>
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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.

Convener	Ms Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Ms Kaukab Stewart MSP
Secretary	Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

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.

N/A

Subscription Charged by the Group

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

N/A

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Liz Smith MSP
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Date	24 September 2021
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