

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

### Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

**Date Group Established** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

23 June 2021

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

22 June 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

28 June 2023

**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

### 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.

**7 December 2022 – 2 MSPs and 12 non-MSPs in attendance**

## **Fair Trade Procurement in the Public Sector in Scotland**

At this meeting, the Scottish Fair Trade Forum presented their recently published report “Fair Trade Expenditure and Policy Commitments in the Public Sector in Scotland”. The report set out the expenditure on Fair Trade of public bodies in Scotland over the last three years along with their policy commitments. There was discussion about the challenges in understanding the data in the report due to differences in approaches to recording and reporting Fair Trade procurement and the need to increase procurement of Fair Trade products by public bodies.

## **7 March 2023 – 3 MSPs and 21 Non-MSPs in attendance**

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

A presentation was given by Bridget Cowan and Doha Asous of Zaytoun. Bridget Cowan is the Communications Manager of Zaytoun and Doha Asous is an olive farmer from Burin in Palestine. Bridget Cowan spoke about the history of Zaytoun as a business and its commitment to Palestinian farmers, bringing their products to the market. She outlined some of the problems faced by farmers in growing their produce, loss of land and difficulties getting their products to market. Doha Asous spoke about her life as an olive farmer. She outlined some of the problems faced by her and other olive farmers in the West Bank. Some farmers locally had lost 70% of their olive trees, either because they had been taken by people in the nearby settlements or through not being given access to cultivate the trees.

## **22 June 2023 – 2 MSPs and 9 non-MSPs in attendance**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The meeting carried out the business of the AGM including election of office bearers.

## **MSP Members of The Group**

Colin Smyth (Scottish Labour)

Sue Webber (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Claire Baker (Scottish Labour)

Sarah Boyack (Scottish Labour)

Foysool Choudhury (Scottish Labour)

Katy Clark (Scottish Labour)

Rona Mackay (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**

Peter Kennedy  
Arthur West  
Ailsa Henderson  
Sandra Burt  
Craig Sullivan  
Jane Forster  
Shirley Brown  
Martin Meteyard

#### **Organisations**

Scottish Fair Trade Forum  
Orkney Fair Trade Group  
Aberdeen for a Fairer World  
Linlithgow Fair Trade Group  
University of Edinburgh  
Stirling Fair Trade Group  
West Lothian Fair Trade Group  
Green City Wholefoods  
British Association of Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers  
Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group  
JTS (Just Trading Scotland)  
East Ayrshire Fair Trade Group  
Scotmid  
Edinburgh Fair Trade Steering Group  
Co-operative Party

	Hadeel/ Palcrafts Motherwell Fair Trade Group Glasgow Fairtrade C-operative North Lanarkshire Fair Trade Group Dundee Fair Trade Group North Ayrshire Fair Trade Group South Ayrshire Fair Trade Group Ayr Fair Trade Partnership Gavin's Mill Dumfries Fair Trade Group Rainbow Turtle Queensferry Fair Trade Group
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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.

<b>Convener</b>	Colin Smyth MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Sue Webber MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum
<b>Treasurer</b>	None

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).

The Group has not received any income and the secretariat support provided by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum is estimated to be of a

value below the £500 threshold.

### **Subscription Charged by the Group**

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

**None**

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