

## 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 2022

### Date Annual Return Submitted

24 June 2022

**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]

23 June 2021 (meeting to reconvene the CPG)

### 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.

**23 June 2021 – 5 MSPs, 26 other attendees**

## **Discussion about the importance of Fair Trade**

Rain Morgan of Turqle Trading, a Fair Trade business based in South Africa, spoke about the importance of being a Fair Trade business; Lewis Ryder-Jones, the Deputy Chief Executive, Scotland's International Development Alliance, outlined a policy perspective on why Fair Trade was important for policy coherence; Sue Milne of Gavin's Mill in Milngavie, gave her thoughts from the point of view as a retailer; and Jim Lister of Glasgow Fairtrade Co-operative, outlined his interest in Fair Trade as a campaigner.

## **9 November 2021 – 4 MSPs and 25 other attendees**

### **Discussion on Climate Change with Fair Trade delegates to COP26.**

The speakers were Muniraju Shivanna, a sugar farmer from India and Board member of the Fairtrade Network of Asia and Pacific Producers (NAPP); Jenipher Sambazi, a coffee farmer and the Vice-chair of the Mount Elgon Agroforestry Communities Co-operative Enterprise (MEACCE), a co-operative of over 3,000 farmers in Uganda; and Bismark Kpabitey a cocoa farmer from the Kuapa Kokoo Farmers' Union in Ghana.

## **2 March 2022 – 5 MSPs and 21 other attendees**

### **Meeting during Fairtrade Fortnight.**

The meeting heard from Fair Trade producers who had visited Scotland in Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 and 2020. The speakers were Nduzani Zaya and Aubrey Meki of the Kasinthula Cane Growers' Association in Malawi and Taysir Arbasi and Cathi Pawson of Zaytoun. They talked about the challenges posed by Covid-19 and various restrictions impacting production and consumption. They also commented on the further problems caused by climate change that have worsened since they last spoke to the CPG.

## **18 May 2022 – 3 MSPs and 14 other attendees**

### **Public Procurement panel discussion**

A panel of Tracy Mitchell of JTS- Just Trading Scotland; Kiera Wilkins of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum and Maggie Deane of City of Edinburgh Council discussed the challenges and opportunities for increasing the amount of Fair Trade products bought through public sector procurement.

### **MSP Members of The Group**

Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour

Sue Webber MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Claire Baker MSP, Scottish Labour

Sarah Boyack MSP, Scottish Labour

Foysoil Choudhury MSP, Scottish Labour

Katy Clark MSP, Scottish Labour

Rona Mackay 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**

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  
Fair Trade Scotland Ltd  
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 Co-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

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

### **Convener Contact Details**

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