

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Freedom of Religion or Belief
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.)
28th October 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
1 st December 2025
Date Annual Return Submitted
16 th December 2025
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]
25 th November 2024
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.

20/03/2025 – Analysis of FoRoB in the Central Asian Countries presented by John Kinahan from Forum 18. 2 MSPs & 12 Members.

06/10/2025 – Discussion around FoRoB in the Workplace with Dr Brian Grim from Religious Freedom & Business Foundation. 2 MSPs & 17 Members.

01/12/2025 – AGM & open group discussion on Religious Observance legislation in The Scottish Parliament. 3 MSPs & 20 Members.

MSP Members of The Group

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

John Mason MSP

Murdo Fraser MSP

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Stephen Kerr MSP

Katy Clark MSP

Clare Adamson MSP

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

Craig Horne
Oliver Lane
Daryl Watson
Brian Miller
Hajra Ilyas
Patricia Findlay
Nicola Frail
John Keogh
Ravinder Kaur Nijjar
Dr Andrew McKinnon
Ken McBain
Dr Brian Grim
Liz Manson

	<p> Alan Meldrum Sameer Hussain Carole Shaw Maureen O’Neil John Kinahan Rt Rev Rosie Frew Michael Veitch Malcolm MacLeod Ephraim Borowski Nicola Livingston Rev Bonnie Evans Hills James Fraser David Marsh David Cavanagh Fraser Sutherland Joseph Kelly Stephen Allison Susan Siegel Gary Dean Fiona Brodie Francis Hume Chris Ringland Joe Higgins </p>
Organisations	<p> Interfaith Scotland Ahmadiyya Community Open Doors MEND Muslim Community Interfaith Glasgow Baha’i Community Family Federation Faith and Belief Dundee Muslim Forum of Scotland Sikh Community Episcopal Church </p>

	Christian community Jewish Community General Assembly of the Church of Scotland Catholic Parliamentary Office Salvation Army Release International Care Jewish Community
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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	John Mason MSP
Deputy Convener	Murdo Fraser MSP
Secretary	John Mason Staff
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

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