

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Germany

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.)

22 June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

13 June 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

1 September 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]

17 May 2023

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

Attendance: 2 MSP's, 6 Non-MSPs, 3 Invited Guests

Guest Speakers Ian Donaghy and Carole Robertson from Bishopbriggs Academy and Marie Donald from East Dunbartonshire Council provided an overview of Languages and cultural exchanges within Bishopbriggs Academy and East Dunbartonshire Council overall. Discussion on the issues with language learning in Scotland.

28 February 2023

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 9 Non-MSPs

Members discussed future topics to be explored at future CPGs

19 April 2023

Attendance: 1 MSP, 10 Non-MSPs, 23 Invited Guests

Guest speaker, the Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate, Malu Dreyer. Discussed several aspects of in the Rhineland-Palatinate and its relationship with Scotland such as the wine trade, the success of scientific research in the state, higher education, climate change and energy production and Brexit.

13 June 2023

Attendance: 3 MSPs and 16 Non-MSPs

Held AGM followed by presentation and questions on the subject of on Fritz Bauer and how he has featured in the cultural memory of Germany over the last couple of decades led by Dr Paul Leworthy of the University of Edinburgh

MSP Members of The Group

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

Colin Beattie [SNP]

Roz McCall [CON]

Clare Adamson [SNP]

Jackie Baillie [LAB]

Murdo Fraser [CON]

Mark Griffin [LAB]

Graham Simpson [CON]

Paul Sweeney [LAB]

Michelle Thomson [SNP]

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


Douglas Lyons – Secretary
Catherine Reeves
Anita Deppe
Anke Hilt
Anne Simms
Annette Gotzkes
Bill Rodger
Brian Bannatyne-Scott
Buettner SM (Stefan)
Cameron Buchanan
Catriona Mactaggart - Scottish Enterprise
Consul Christoph Crepaz
Consul Peter Mueller-McDougall
Eleoma Bodammer
Gillian Renwick
Hanna Dede
Hartwig Pautz
James Trolland
Jeannette Rissmann
John Clifford
Julia Pohlmann
Karen Freel
Maximilian Münch
Oliver St John
Peter Friedrich
Petra M. Wetzel
Sigrid Rieuwarts

	Sheila Dickson Valeria Borta
Organisations	Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany - Deputy-Convener Goethe-Institut Scottish Enterprise Visit Scotland
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Colin Beattie
Deputy Convener	Roz McCall MSP Dr Andreas Zimmer
Secretary	Douglas Lyons
Treasurer	N/A
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
N/A	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
 (Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	1 st SEPTEMBER 2023

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