

# Cross-Party Group on Germany

Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 18:00

In Scottish Parliament and on Microsoft Teams Meeting

## Present

### MSPs

Colin Beattie MSP  
Clare Adamson MSP  
George Adam MSP

### Invited guests

Scott Lipinski  
Alice Welsh

### Non-MSP Group Members

Consul General Christiane Hullmann  
Maximilian Münch  
Judith Blum  
Scott Steele  
Jenny Gray  
Bill Rodgers – Online  
Gray Allan  
Consul General Peter Müller-McDougall

### Apologies

Hanna Dede  
Annette Gotzkes  
Anne Simms  
Arne Muus  
Anke Hilt  
Oliver John  
Valeria Bota  
Sheila Dickson  
Michelle Thomson MSP  
Murdo Fraser MSP  
Neil Bibby MSP  
Graham Simpson MSP  
Jackie Ballie MSP

## Welcome

CB welcomed the group.

## Item 1 – Approval of Previous Minutes

CB asked if there were any objections to the minutes of 28 February 2024. No objections were made. The previous minutes were approved.

## Item 2 – German Scottish Links in the Fashion Industry

### Guest Speaker Scott Lipinski, Fashion Council Germany CEO

Scott Lipinski introduced himself and detailed the Fashion Council Germany's work.

- SL discussed several of the Fashion Council's initiatives including their FCG/Vogue fashion fund competition for new talent, their work advocating for sustainability in fashion and their role in educating the next generation in partnership with local schools.

### Guest Speaker Alice Welsh, The Kings Foundation, Future Textiles Curriculum Manager

- Alice Welsh introduced herself and detailed the work of The Kings Foundation
- AW discussed their passion around sustainability, their programs aimed at addressing skills gaps within the local community and how they bring industry experts and graduates together.

## AOB

None