

Cross-Party Group on Human Trafficking Meeting Minutes

Date/Time & Venue

6.00 pm, Wednesday, 26th of October 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Attending

Rhoda Grant MSP
Bill Kidd MSP
Jeremy Balfour MSP
Alison Raybould, The Salvation Army
Ann Hayne
Bronagh Andrew, TARA
Jillian McBride, Scottish Refugee Council, Scottish Guardianship Service
Anushya Kulupana, JustRight Scotland
Fil Capaldi
Gari Donn, UN House Scotland
Hana Shono, UN House Scotland
Hannah Lawrence, UN House Scotland
Janice Wilson
Jenny Olson
Joy Gillespie, SOHTIS
Katie Lang, Soroptimists International Scotland North
Laura, Glasgow Anti Slavery Group - Anti Slavery International
Lauren Agnew
Margaret Mowat, Soroptimists International Scotland South
Megan Farr, CYPES
Pat Black, UN House Scotland, Soroptimists International
Paul Rigby, University of Stirling
Rebecca Wallace
Sarah Stanger, SOHTIS
Sheila Murie
Steve Rawbone
Susan McKellar, Scottish Women's Convention
Wojtek Krakowiak, UN House Scotland

2. Apologies

Shoba Galloway
Daljeet Dagon
Jacci Stoye
Kirsty-Louise Hunt
Viv Wright
Jim Laird

Alexa Anderson
Healy Stephen
Emma White
Tina Chapman

3. Election of the office-bearers

- a. Convenor
 - i. Jeremy Balfour MSP nominates Rhoda Grant MSP
 - ii. Gari Donn (UNHS) seconds
- b. Deputy Convenor
 - i. Rhoda Grant MSP nominates Bill Kidd MSP
 - ii. Gari Donn (UNHS) seconds
- c. Secretariat
 - i. Rhoda Grant MSP nominates United Nations House Scotland (Wojtek Krakowiak, Hannah Lawrence, Gari Donn)
 - ii. Joy Gillespie seconds

The nominated and seconded individuals were duly elected.

4. Membership confirmation

- a. Rhoda Grant MSP
- b. Bill Kidd MSP
- c. Katy Clark MSP
- d. Foysol Choudhury MSP
- e. Jeremy Balfour MSP
- f. Sarah Boyack MSP
- g. Jim Laird
- h. Rebecca Wallace
- i. Stephanie Beard
- j. Hana Shono
- k. Pat Black
- l. Jacci Stoye
- m. The TARA Service
- n. SOHTIS
- o. CARE for Scotland
- p. UN House Scotland
- q. Soroptimist International Scotland North Region
- r. Glasgow Anti Slavery Group - Anti Slavery International
- s. The Scottish Women's Convention
- t. Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership
- u. JustRight Scotland
- v. Scottish Refugee Council
- w. Scottish Guardianship Service
- x. Soroptimist International Scotland South Region
- y. Children and Young People's Commission of Scotland
- z. NHS Lanarkshire
- aa. Paul Rigby

- bb. The Salvation Army
- cc. Jacci Stoye
- dd. Soroptimist International Scotland South Region
- ee. Steve Rawbone
- ff. Soroptimists International Crieff

5. Confirmation of the purpose of the group

- a. Taking forward the human trafficking agenda in Scotland

6. Decision on the dates of next meetings

- a. Tuesdays, 6pm.
 - i. 14 December 2021
 - ii. 22 February 2022
 - iii. 17 May 2022
 - iv. 6 September 2022
 - v. 1 November 2022 (AGM)

7. Suggestions on future topics

- a. Bill Kidd suggested we should be proactive and not have meetings for the sake of meetings
 - i. Could invite representatives from communities who suffer from human trafficking
 - 1. Someone that has been trafficked who might feel comfortable speaking
- b. Ann Hayne brought up the national push for health boards to enact duty to notify (notify if they're concerned about an individual) - this has been put off because of the pandemic
 - i. Ann Hayne will be reaching out to someone who we could invite to speak
- c. Bronagh Andrew suggests discussion for new Nationality and Borders Bill
 - i. Part Four contains changes that will apply in Scotland
 - ii. It's currently going through Committee stage at Westminster
 - iii. TARA Service looking to identify a speaker
 - iv. Potentially a topic for the next meeting because of the time sensitivity
- d. Jillian of the Scottish Refugee Council suggests discussion of the criminalisation of potential victims of trafficking
 - i. Numbers going missing from those trafficked
 - ii. Low rate of conviction of traffickers in Scotland
- e. Joy Gillespie emphasises the low level of identification of potential victims
 - i. Improving understanding of what trafficking is - across all sectors
 - ii. Look at regional partnerships with similar sized areas - could potentially get someone to speak and collaborate with?
 - 1. She can look into getting someone to speak on that topic
 - iii. How to embed training at the beginning of people's professions
 - 1. She can look into speakers for this as well

- f. Paul Rigby and Megan Farr suggest understanding the criminalisation of children in this context (age assessment procedures, etc)
 - i. Paul Rigby further suggests devolved decision-making pilots for the NRM (National Referral Mechanism) for children (Scotland has a representative in Glasgow so it would be good to keep up to speed with that)
- g. Anushya suggests focusing also on criminalisation of adults who are trafficked
 - i. Perhaps consider submitting anonymous case studies instead of getting a victim of trafficking to speak.
- h. Rhoda Grant emphasises that survivor inclusion is important if someone is willing and able to speak

8. Date of next meeting

- a. 14th December, 2021 (*postponed until 22 February 2022*)