

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament**

**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.)

21st September 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

13 December 2023

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

29 January 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]

21 September 2022

**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<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 Meeting with special guest, Tuva Widskjold (Coordinator ICAN)

Norway) [Minute of meeting held 25 January 2023](#) is posted on the CPG page on the website

1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Bill Kidd MSP invited some MSPs to a closed door Parliamentary Round Table meeting with Senator Tom Clonan from Ireland, who was visiting Edinburgh as a guest of CPG member Secure Scotland. This was attended by several CPG members, including Bill Kidd and Maggie Chapman

8 – 11 March 2023 Oslo Bill Kidd MSP, Group Secretary Janet Fenton and a delegation of civil society representatives attended the ICAN Forum in Norway. Bill Kidd MSP participated in a Parliamentarians gathering hosted by the Norwegian Parliament

13 June 2023 special guest Clare Duncanson spoke on Nuclear Weapons in context of Scotland's approach to Feminist Foreign Policy [Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2023](#) is posted on the CPG page on the website

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Bill Kidd MSP, Group Secretary Janet Fenton and a delegation of civil society representatives attended the UN Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee in Vienna

26 Sep 2023 Special guests Sharon Dolev and Kiyaei from the Middle East Treaty Organisation – the minute is attached.

12 October 2023 Members of the CPG including Bill Kidd MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP and Ross Greer met representatives of Keep Space for Peace and Scottish CND outside Parliament for a vigil to protest spaceports in Scotland and commemorate nuclear testing on the Marshall Islands

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 The CPG welcomed a visit to Parliament by Melissa Parke, new Executive Director of ICAN, Melissa Parke had a private meeting with International Development Minister Christina McKelvie and was welcomed by her to the Parliament during Bill Kidd MSP's members motion debate.

4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Bill Kidd MSP and several other MSP and civil society members of the CPG participated in Scottish CND's Festival For Survival in Glasgow

26 Nov – 1 December 2023 Bill Kidd MSP, Group Secretary Janet Fenton and a delegation of civil society representatives attended the UN Treaty on The Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Second Meeting of States Parties in New York, participating in several side events at the Conference

13 December 2023 AGM

## **MSP Members of The Group**

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

Bill Kidd (Convenor) SNP

Ross Greer (Vice Convenor) Greens

**Maggie Chapman Greens**

**Katy Clark Scottish Labour**

**Richard Leonard Scottish Labour**

**Mercedes Villalba Scottish Labour**

**Ruth Maguire SNP**

**James Dornan SNP**

**Bob Doris SNP**

**Rona McKay SNP**

**Gillian McKay Greens**

### **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**

Janet Fenton (sec) ICAN Scottish Liaison

#### **Organisations**

Scottish CND (including SNP CND, Scottish Greens CND Network)

WILPF Scottish Branch

UN House Scotland

United Nations Association Scotland (UNA Scotland)

Trident Ploughshares

Peace and Justice Scotland

Nukewatch

MEDACT

Soka Gakkai UK

ICAN (Scotland)

Secure Scotland

Trident Ploughshares

Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA)

Quakers in Scotland

PAX Scotland

	Justice and Peace Scotland
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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.

<b>Convener</b>	Bill Kidd MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Ross Greer MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Janet Fenton
<b>Treasurer</b>	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.

NONE.

**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,

<b>this CPG has:</b>	
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 X	
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings X	
Provided minutes of all meetings X	
Signed	Bill Kidd MSP
Date	29/01/2024