

Minutes
Initial meeting of a proposed CPG on Outdoor Education
30 September at 1pm

Present and wish to join

Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Brian Whittle MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Rachael Hamilton MSP (Scottish Conservatives)
Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour)
Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Mark Ruskell (Scottish Greens)

Absent but wish to join

Fulton MacGregor MSP (Scottish National Party)

Name of the group

CPG on Outdoor Education

Purpose of the group

The Cross Party Group on Outdoor Education is a forum for debate and sharing of information on a wide range of issues affecting the outdoor education sector in Scotland, our schools and local government as they seek to provide opportunities for young people to experience outdoor education.

It will provide an opportunity for MSPs, stakeholders, and people with an interest in matters concerning outdoor education to engage, to consider and raise awareness of the opportunities available, to provide support to our outdoor education sector as well as addressing the challenges facing them.

It will examine in particular the scope for wider opportunities in residential outdoor education and supporting partnerships with outdoor education centres, schools and local authorities.

Office bearers

Convener – Liz Smith MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Deputy Convener – Daniel Johnson MSP (Scottish Labour)

Secretary – Scouts Scotland and Field Studies Council

Prospective Non-MSP members of the group

Ardroy

Ardentinny

Ocean Youth Trust Scotland

Scottish Outdoor Education Centres

Scripture Union

Abernethy Trust

Outward Bound Trust

Youthlink

The Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC)

Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE)

Scottish Adventure Activities Forum (SAAF)

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)

Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES)

Education Scotland

John Muir Trust

Duke of Edinburgh

Learning Through Landscapes

Rock UK

Craikhope Outdoor Centre