# **Cross-Party Group Registration Form**

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Poland

#### Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

- 1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
- 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
- 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To facilitate political, cultural and economic links between Scotland and Poland including building links with regional assemblies; recognise the positive contribution of Poles who choose to live, work, and study in Scotland; promote our shared heritage in the interests of fostering positive relationships; and discuss all aspects of modern society in Scotland and Poland.

2. The group is to recognise the historic and contemporary relationship between Scotland and Poland in economic, cultural and social terms. The group is in the public interest as it reflects the number of Poles choosing to live in Scotland to contribute to our economy and society and is an opportunity to promote common interest and shared heritage.

3. There is no overlap with other Cross Party Groups

4. The group will focus on migration and settled status, health services, economic and business links between Scotland and Poland, education and promoting cultural heritage of Poles in Scotland

### MSP Members of the Group

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

Claire Baker - Labour

David Torrance - SNP

Dean Lockhart – Conservatives

Siobhian Brown – SNP

John Mason - 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	Zosia Fraser
Organisations	Polish Consulate
	Fife Migrates Forum
	Belvedere Forum
	FENIKS

#### **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.

Convener	Claire Baker Co-Convener David Torrance Co-Convener
Deputy Convener	N/A

Secretary	Zosia Fraser
Treasurer	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.

N/A

## Subscription Charged by the Group

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

# **Convener Contact Details**

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## Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Poland is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Claime Bather

Date	05/10/2021	
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