

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Poverty

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.)

23rd November 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

4th December 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

9th January 2024

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]

16th December 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.

27th February 2023 – 2 MSPs, 86 Non-MSPs

Launch of report on inquiry into poverty-related stigma and launch of next inquiry focusing on rural poverty.

Report here: <https://www.povertyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Report-of-the-inquiry-into-stigma-CPG-on-Poverty.pdf>

28th April 2023 – 2 MSPs, 56 Non-MSPs

Evidence Session on an overview of poverty in rural Scotland.

26th June 2023– 3 MSPs, 44 Non-MSPs

Evidence session focusing on health and child poverty in rural Scotland.

6th September 2023 – 3 MSPs, 40 Non-MSPs

Evidence session focusing on income in rural Scotland, specifically focused on hospitality workers, the minimum income guarantee and the rural poverty premium.

29th November 2023 – 7 MSPs, 15 Non-MSPs

Discussion event between people with lived experience of poverty in rural Scotland and MSPs

4th December 2023 – 3 MSPs, 44 Non-MSPs

Evidence Session focusing on childcare, housing, mental health and food access in rural Scotland and the AGM ft. re-election of office bearers.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Paul O’Kane, Scottish Labour

Beatrice Wishart, Liberal Democrats

Monica Lennon, Scottish Labour

Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative

Collette Stevenson, SNP

Bob Doris, SNP

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour
Carol Mochan, Scottish Labour
Alex Rowley, Scottish Labour
Ben MacPherson, 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

Kim Dams
Amanda Foster
Janice Connelly
Katie Brown
Michael Simpson
Michael Heffernan

Organisations

Aberdeenshire Council
Aberlour
abrdn Financial Fairness
Advocard
Age Scotland
Alcohol Focus Scotland
ALLIANCE
Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
Barnardos
Bridgeton CAB
Bute Advice
Cancer Research
CAP
Capital City Partnership
Carers Scotland
CAS Scotland
Chair Friends
CHAP
Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
Children in Need
Children in Scotland
Children's Panel
Citizens Advice Scotland
Clackmannanshire Council
Close the Gap
Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
Coalition of Care and Support Providers Scotland

Community Renewal Trust
Community Transport Association
Connected by Nature
CPAG in Scotland
Cranhill Development Trust
Crisis
Curiosity Collective
CYCPS
Dalkeith CAB
Dark Wood Crew
David Hume Institute
Diabetes Scotland
Dundee Bairns
Early Years Scotland
East Lothian Council
EBI Unite
Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home
EIS
Energy Action Scotland
Engage Renfrewshire
Engender
Evangelical Alliance
Families Outside
FARE Scotland
FEDCAP
Ferguslie Community Development Trust
Financial Fairness Trust
Food Aid Network
Food Standards Scotland
Fraser of Allander
Friends CIC
Fuel Bank Foundation
Glasgow Centre for Population Health
Glasgow Disability Alliance
Glasgow South East Foodbank
Govan Community Project
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Homeless Network Scotland
Houston and Killellan Kirk
Includem
Inclusion Scotland
Independent Age
IPPR Scotland
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Let's Talk
LifeCare Edinburgh
Marie Curie
Mayfield & Easthouse Development Trust
MECOPP Carers Centre
Metal Health Foundation

Migration Policy Scotland
Moray Food Plus
MS Society
NASUWT
National Lottery Community Fund
Newton Primary (Head Teacher)
North Ayrshire Council
NSPCC Scotland
One Parent Families Scotland
Open University
Oxfam Scotland
Parenting Across Scotland
Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service
Poverty and Inequality Commission
Public Health Scotland
Quakers
RNIB
Robert Gordon University
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
SAMH
Save the Children
Scottish Community Safety Network
Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Scottish Pensioners Forum
Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit
Scottish Refugee Council
Scottish Womens Convention
Shelter Scotland
SIAA
Sikh and Punjabi Junction Social Enterprise Project
Social and Public Health Sciences Unit - Glasgow
University
Social Justice and Fairness Commission/The SNP
Soul Food Edinburgh
South Uist and Benbecula Free Church
SRUC
STAF
Stobswell Forum SCIO
Student - Glasgow University
SURF - Scotland's Regeneration Forum
The Health Agency
The Larder
The Poverty Truth Community
The Pyramid at Anderston
The Robertson Trust
The Wise Group
Trussel Trust
Trussel Trust
Turning Point Scotland
UN House Scotland
University of Glasgow

	University of Stirling University of West Scotland Voluntary Health Scotland Welfare Scotland Women's Enterprise Scotland XAVS Youthlink 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.

Convener	Paul O’Kane MSP
Deputy Convener	Beatrice Wishart MSP
Secretary	The Poverty Alliance
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

Convener Contact Details

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