

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice

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.)

26th October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12th November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

20th December 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]

14th November 2023

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.

5th December 2023 – Review of Islamophobia Awareness Month and updates provided about the Islamophobia inquiry recommendations; 2 MSPs, 13 non-MSPs.

14th November 2024 – AGM & Discussion on riots and racial/religious prejudice and concerns regarding rising anti-semitism and islamophobia, various forms of discrimination and priority for Education - 2 MSPs, 28 non-MSPs

MSP Members of The Group

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

Foyso! Choudhury, Scottish Labour (Convenor)

Pam Gosal, Scottish Conservative (Deputy Convenor)

Fulton MacGregor, SNP (Deputy Convenor)

Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Anas Sarwar, Scottish Labour

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	n/a
Organisations	Active Life Club Al Masaar Amina MWE Amina MWRC BEMIS Scotland Breathe Call it Out Community Policy Forum Council of British Pakistanis (Scotland) CRER Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community Faith Matters and Tell MAMA Garnethill Synagogue

	<p>Gathering the Voices Association</p> <p>Glasgow Life</p> <p>Interfaith Glasgow</p> <p>Interfaith Scotland</p> <p>MEND</p> <p>Muslim Council of Britain</p> <p>Muslim Council Scotland/Council of British Pakistanis (Scotland)</p> <p>NASUWT</p> <p>Newcastle University</p> <p>NFRN Federation of Independent Retailers</p> <p>NUS Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Ahlulbayt Society</p> <p>Scottish Association of Mosques</p> <p>Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)</p> <p>Scottish Iraqi Association</p> <p>Show Racism the Red Card</p> <p>Sikh Sanjog</p> <p>Socialist Educational Association Scotland</p> <p>The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Turkish Consulate General in Edinburgh</p> <p>University of St Andrews</p> <p>University of Aberdeen</p> <p>University of Glasgow</p> <p>West Dunbartonshire Muslim Education Society</p> <p>West of Scotland Regional Equality Council</p>
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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	Foysof Choudhury MSP
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Deputy Convener	Pam Gosal MSP Fulton MacGregor MSP
Secretary	Foysol Choudhury MSP
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.

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, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	
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Provided minutes of all meetings		
Signed		
Date	19/12/2024	