

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities

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.)

19 September 2024

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

19 September 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

24 September 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]

4 October 2024

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.

4 October 2023

Colleges and Universities view on Withers report

MSPs: 4

7 December 2023

AI and the challenges and opportunities

MSPs : 1

7 March 2024

Impact of UK Government immigration policies on international students

MSPs: 3

6 June 2024

Legacy of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the student experience

MSPs: 2

MSP Members of The Group

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

Liz Smith

Michael Marra

Audrey Nicoll

Pam Duncan-Glancy

Beatrice Wishart

Clare Adamson

Maggie Chapman

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	Judith McClure Francis W. Hooton
Organisations	Abertay University Architecture & Design Scotland City of Glasgow College

Colleges Scotland
Dundee & Angus college
Educational Institute Of Scotland (EIS)
Edinburgh Napier University
Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA)
Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow Clyde College
Heriot-Watt University
Higher Education Academy in Scotland
Jisc
LEAD Scotland
North East Scotland College
NUS Scotland
Open University in Scotland
Pagoda PR
Perth College UHI
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
Robert Gordon University
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)
Scottish Development International
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Funding Council
Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
sparqs – student partnerships in quality Scotland
Thorntons Law LLP
UCAS
UCU Scotland
Unite the Union
Universities Scotland
University of Aberdeen

	University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of the Highlands & Islands University of St Andrews University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of the West of Scotland West College 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	Liz Smith MSP
Deputy Convener	Michael Marra MSP
Secretary	Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland
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.

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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	X
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
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Provided minutes of all meetings	X
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Signed	
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Date	24/09/2024
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