

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross Party Group on Disability

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.)

22 June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12 June 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

17 June 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]

27 July 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.

13 September 2023

2 MSPs – 26 Non MSP attendees

The Scottish Parliament Events Team updated the meeting on the Disabilities Summit for an International Day of People with Disabilities.

Jeremy Balfour MSP updated the group on his Private Members Bill on a Disability Commissioner and also on this year's visits and meetings with a number of the 34 Access Panels.

Kirstie Wilson, - from PurpleSpace, Learning, Development and Engagement Manager, made a presentation to the group on work at PurpleSpace around 'inner confidence' and the reasons why some disabled people take time to share information about their condition, or ask for a reasonable adjustment. Followed by a Q&A session.

It was agreed that the group would again advise if the preference is for hybrid meetings or to continue on line.

6 December 2023

3 MSPs – 29 Non MSP attendees

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, answered questions raised by members on Social Justice and Social Security.

Eilidh Dickson, Policy and International Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission:-discussed their report on the 'human rights of disabled people' and progress on the UN Committee's recommendations from its 2016 inquiry into disabled people's rights in the UK.

Peter Scott – ILF (Independent Living Fund) presented to the group some slides on a brief overview of ILF Scotland to open new applications in 2024.

The organisation Link, wished to share a link with the group as one of Scotland's largest providers of social housing and support services, as they have been awarded the Disability Confident Leader accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to a truly fair and inclusive workplace experience.

7 February 2024

2 MSPs – 37 Non MSP attendees

Dr Vikki McCall, Professor of Social Policy, CIHCM, Faculty of Social Sciences at Stirling University made a presentation that focused on how we future proof and tackle stigma related to ageing, disability and place through good, inclusive design in homes and the wider environment. Part of a wider programme working with key groups and community-peer researchers across the UK. The presentation introduced the project to the group and gave insight to some initial findings published on a 1 year overview of project activities, giving a good indication of the work being done with older disabled adults.

Jeremy Balfour MSP updated the group on his Disability Access Panel Report findings further.

Jeremy Balfour MSP advised the group his on the Disability Commissioner bill will be lodged in the Scottish Parliament on 9 February.

12 June 2024 – AGM

3 MSPs – 31 Non MSP attendees

Lorna Cameron, Chief Executive Officer from Horizon Housing Association, made a presentation with slides to the group. She spoke about promoting accessible inclusive homes for life. She included a video clip of an individual's lived experience story.

Debbie Horne, Scotland Policy & Public Affairs Manager from Independent Age, a charity for older people living in poverty, disabled people are among those who are more likely to live in poverty. She made a presentation with slides, focusing on their recent report '*homing in*' and the experiences of disabled people in relation to their housing and key points from the report.

Jeremy Balfour MSP – updated the group on the Disability Commissioner – Equalities committee are now taking evidence and the next session is on 18 June, and will engage with a disabled individual. Jeremy will be giving evidence at the end of Sept/early October.

Jeremy Balfour MSP - updated the group regarding the Neurological Commissioner, the consultation which is now closed and will reflect over the summer. Response is due early Autumn.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Jeremy Balfour MSP – Conservative

Tess White MSP - Conservative

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP – Labour

Jackie Baillie MSP – Labour

Gillian Mackay MSP – Green

Emma Harper MSP – SNP

Emma Roddick MSP – 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

Michael McEwan

Susie Glover

Wilma McLean

Hazel Kelly

James McLeod

Kayleigh O'Neill

David Nicholson

Peter Todd

Amanda Foster

Diana Winfield

Derek Kelter

John Grafton

Patricia Ferguson

Sue Bowen

	<p>Susan Webster Jacqueline Cowan Suzanne Ng Susan Chambers Caroline Gould Celia Sweeny David Nicholson Shona Scott Maureen Morrison Laura Gemmell Amanda Foster Maureen Curtin Alyssa Faulkner Jordon Anderson Dr Lisa O'Leary Stephan Tait</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>UK Owner Trained Assistance/Service Dogs Campaign for Change (OTCC) EKTG Leonard Cheshire Royal College of Psychiatrists The Stroke Association BDA Scottish Churches Disability Group Arthritis Care Scotland Upaid Carers / Carers Labour Network Scottish Personal Assistant Employers Network (SPAEN) SUSE Contact Sense Scotland</p>

Turning Point Scotland
Autism Rights
GCIL (Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living)
Edinburgh Access Panel
SCDG
PAMIS
Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance (SATA)
Edinburgh Access Panel
Action Duchenne
NLRP12 Advocacy Group
Fair Advice Scotland
The National Deaf Children's Society
The Thistle Foundation
PhoneAbility
Versus Arthritis
Individual
MECOPP (Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project)
Pasda
Volunteer Edinburgh
Genetic Alliance UK
Drake Music Scotland
Independent Living Fund Scotland
Lead Scotland
Camphill Scotland
The National League of the Blind and Disabled
Edinburgh Access Panel
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
Family Fund
SDS
TalkTime Edinburgh
Audio Description Scotland

ASH Scotland
Aberdeen Action on Disability
Cerebral Palsy Scotland
Renfrewshire Access Panel
Leonard Cheshire
ILIS
Parkinson's UK in Scotland
Glasgow Disability Alliance
Learning Disability Alliance Scotland
Disability Equality Scotland
Parent Carers of Additional Needs young people
Evoc
I Am Me Scotland
Dyslexia Scotland
MND Scotland (Motor Neurone Disease)
Public Affairs Manager - Headway
Carers in West Lothian
Volunteer Scotland
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Partners in Advocacy
Scottish Disability Sport
Scottish Orienteering Association
Advance Higher Education
Guide Dogs Scotland
Scottish Motor Sports
CCPS Scotland
Shared Lives
GIRFEC
Children's Health Scotland
MACS
The EC Partnership

CSP
RCOT
COP
ECAS
CIPD
ECAS
Visit Scotland
Purple Tuesday
See Around Britain
Family Fund
DG Voice
Police Scotland
Crown Office of Procurator Fiscal Scotland
Disability Equality Scot Gov
News Direct
National autistic Society Scotland
Euan's Guide
RNIB
STUC
Spinal Injuries Scotland
Salvesen Mindroom Centre
Inclusion Shetland
ALLIANCE
STUC
Inclusion Scotland
Scottish Post Polio Network
Dyslexia Scotland
MND Scotland (Motor Neurone Disease)
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	<p>ENABLE Scotland</p> <p>Coalition of Care and Support Providers Scotland</p> <p>Into Work</p> <p>Horizon Housing Association</p> <p>SAMH</p> <p>Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans</p> <p>ADC Assistance Dogs 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	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Deputy Convener	Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP
Secretary	Julia Shillitto
Treasurer	Mike Harrison

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.

£0.00

£91.14 in funds as at 12 June 2024 – to be allocated at future meetings.

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

Signed	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Date	17 June 2024