

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Gaelic/ Buidheann Thar Phàrtaidh Gàidhlig

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.)

15th June 2016

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

17 September 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

16 October 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]

12 September 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.

12 September 2023:

Main Subjects discussed:

1. AGM

2. **Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills of Scotland**
3. **Recommendations from the Short Life Working Group for Economic and Social Opportunities for Gaelic**

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP

7 Non-MSP Group Members

19 Attendees

30 November 2023:

Main subjects discussed:

1. **Time for Reflection**
2. **Gaelic Convention on Climate Change**

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP

13 Non-MSP Group Members

6 Attendees

21 May 2024:

Main subjects discussed:

1. **Election of cross-party Group Office Bearers**

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP

1 Attendee

17 September 2024:

Main subjects discussed:

1. **Election of cross-party Group Office Bearers**

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP

4 Non-MSP Group Members

10 Attendees

MSP Members of The Group

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

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

Ariane Burgess, Scottish Green Party

Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Michael Marra, Scottish Labour

Dr Alasdair Allan, Scottish National Party (until 21 May 2024)

Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party (until 30/11/2023)
Kate Forbes, Scottish National Party (until 30/11/2023)

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	Carole Henderson
Organisations	An Comunn Gàidhealach Bòrd na Gàidhlig Cearcall Còmhairle Fìobha Cearcall Còmhairle Dhùn Èideann Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Comhairle nan Leabhraichean Comunn na Gàidhlig Fèisean nan Gàidheal Free Church of Scotland MG Alba Misneachd Sabhal Mòr Ostaig The Highland Council University of the Highlands and Islands University of Strathclyde

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	Rhoda Grant
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Deputy Convener	Ariane Burgess
Secretary	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
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.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig – secretarial support and simultaneous translation – all in-kind support estimated value £800 based on two 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 Gaelic 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	Rhoda Grant	
Date	16.10.24	