

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Skills

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.)

27 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1 November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

tbc November 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]

3 November 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.

3 November 2023

Topic: Apprenticeships.

Description: Presentations were heard from Terry Dillon, Skills Development Scotland; Donella Beaton, Robert Gordon University; and Jon Vincent, Glasgow Clyde College. This meeting included the AGM. Pam Gosal MSP was re-elected as Convener, Stephen Kerr re-elected as Deputy Convener, and Colleges Scotland re-elected as Secretariat.

MSP Attendees: Pam Gosal MSP; Stephen Kerr MSP

Non-MSP Attendees: Joanne Buchan, Colleges Scotland; Andy Witty, Colleges Scotland; James McKean, Colleges Scotland; Sean Mosby, Enginuity; Robert Bruce, Enginuity; Stuart Farmer, Institute of Physics; Chris Walker, CITB; Marie Hendry, CDN; Dr Sanjana Mehta, ISC2 Inc; Dr Liz Barron-Majerik MBE, Lantra Scotland; Geoff Campbell, Nithcree Training Services; Yemi Omeihe, University of the West of Scotland; Shona Matthews, Chartered Banker Institute; Tommy Breslin, STUC; Wendy Burton, STUC; Keith Robson, The Open University; George Brown, SQA; Rachel Cook, Federation of Small Businesses; Gregg Cullen, ITC Training Academy; Stuart McKenna, Scottish Training Federation; Lauren Pennycook, CITB; Helen Bolland; Anne Galbraith, SECTT; Sheila Dunn, SCQF Partnership; Helen Murdoch-Wilson, SCQF Partnership; Fiona Harper, Snipef; Dale Thomson, Snipef; Aimee Logan, Universities Scotland; Lauren Wards, Universities Scotland; and Frankie Walker, Jisc.

19 April 2024

Topic: Qualifications

Description: Presentations were heard from Val Innes, Head of Next Generation Qualifications and Standards, SQA; Shona Barrie, Director of Admissions, University of Stirling; and Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College.

MSP Attendees: Stephen Kerr MSP; Paul Sweeney MSP; Beatrice Wishart MSP

Non-MSP Attendees: Joanne Buchan, Colleges Scotland; Tom Hall, Colleges Scotland; Claire Vekic, Colleges Scotland; Kirsty Gemmell, CLD Standards Council; Fiona Harper, Sectt; Gordon Nelosn, Federation of Master Builders; Robert Bruce, Enginuity; Ashley McLean, Nesta; Georgia Marks, UCAS; Stuart McKenna, Scottish Training Federation; Dr Yemi Omeihe, University of the West of Scotland; Shona Matthews, Chartered Banker Institute; Tanya Retter, Chartered Banker Institute; Marissa Lippiatt, SCQF Partnership; Fiona Garry, SCQF Partnership; Jo Edkins, Nithcree Training Services; Emma Slavin, Skills Development Scotland; Claire Bannister, Universities Scotland; Aimee Logan, Universities Scotland; Lauren Wards, Universities Scotland; Lauren Pennycook, CITB; Kenneth Flemming, ECITB; Sinead Griffin, Scottish Funding Council; Dr Liz Barron-Majerik MBE, Lantra Scotland; George Brown, SQA; Greg Cullen, ITC Training Academy; and Mark Roberts, CITB.

1 November 2024

Topic: The innovative delivery of Apprenticeships from independent training providers

Description: Stuart McKenna, Chief Executive, Scottish Training Federation; Caroline McFarlane, Director, Limelight Careers; and Anneliese Archibald, Managing Director, XTRA-MILE.com. This meeting included the AGM. Pam Gosal MSP was re-elected as Convener, Stephen Kerr re-elected as Deputy Convener, and Colleges Scotland re-elected as Secretariat..

MSP Attendees: Pam Gosal MSP; Stephen Kerr MSP; Miles Brigg MSP; Alexander Stewart MSP; Paul Sweeney MSP

Non-MSP Attendees: Stuart McKenna, Scottish Training Federation; Caroline McFarlane, Limelight Careers; Anneliese Archibald, XTRA-MILE.com; Anastasia Kourtis, Scottish Parliament; Isabella Williams, Scottish Parliament; Stuart Stevenson, Scottish Parliament; Lynne Currie, Scottish Parliament; Jonas Laurson, Scottish Parliament; Joanne Buchan, Colleges Scotland; Claire Vekic, Colleges Scotland; Aimee Logan, Universities Scotland; Claire Bannister, Universities Scotland; Kirsty Summers, Scotch Whisky Association; Lauren Pennycook, CITB; Dr Sanjana Mehta, ISC2; Dr Liz Barron Majerik MBE, Lantra Scotland; Sinead Griffin, Scottish Funding Council; Sharon Drysdale, Scottish Funding Council; Calum McNairney, Scottish Funding Council; Shelia Dunn, SCQF Partnership; Graeme Hendry, Skills Development Scotland; Helen Allison, Skills Development Scotland; Ashley McLean, Nesta; Dr Alix McDonald, University of Strathclyde; Frankie Walker, Jisc; Robert Bruce, Enginuity; Keith Robson, The Open University; Dale Thomson, Snipef; George Brown, SQA; William Hardie, Robert Gordon University; Donella Beaton, Robert Gordon University; Georgia Marks, UCAS
Tommy Breslin, STUC; Sheila Dunn, SCQF Partnership; Kevin Kelman, NHS Education for Scotland; Steven McLennan, CLD Standards Council; Geoff Campbell, Nithcree Training; Kenneth Flemming, Engineering Construction Industry Training Board.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Pam Gosal MSP

Stephen Kerr MSP

Clare Adamson MSP

Paul Sweeney MSP

Beatrice Wishart MSP

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

Organisations

Barnardo's Scotland
Bio Reliance
British Psychological Society
Building Engineering Services Association [BESA]
Castle Douglas Community IT Centre
CECA Scotland
Chartered Banker Institute
CITB
City of Glasgow College
Civil Engineering Contractors Association (Scotland)
Close the Gap
CLD Standards Council
College Development Network
Colleges Scotland
Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS)
Energy & Utility Skills
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB)
Enginuity
Essential Skills Plus Ltd
Federation of Small Businesses
Fife College
Homes for Scotland
Improve Limited
Institute of Physics
IPPR Scotland
ITC Training Academy
JBM
Jisc
Lantra Scotland

Lifeskills Centres
Loch Lomond & Trossachs Community Partnership
National Trust for Scotland
NESTA
NHS Education for Scotland
Nithcree Training and Scottish Road Haulage Group
UHI Perth
Robert Gordon University
Scottish Building
Scottish Contractors Group
Scottish Decorators' Federation
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Funding Council
Scottish Land and Estates
Scottish Qualifications Authority
Scottish Retail Consortium
Scottish Schools Education Research Centre
(SSERC)
Scottish Training Federation
SCQF Partnership
SELECT
Servelec
Skills Development Scotland
SNIPEF
SQA Accreditation
STUC
The Open University in Scotland
The Scotch Whisky Association
UCAS
Universities Scotland
University of Strathclyde

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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	Pam Gosal MSP
Deputy Convener	Stephen Kerr MSP
Secretary	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.

N/A

Convener Contact Details

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