

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise

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.)

26 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

4 February 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

25 February 2025

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]

21 November 2023

Please note: Our CPG was effectively inactive with no meetings for a period of time, as our previous Convener, Paul McLennan, stepped down to become Housing Minister. It took time to source replacement MSPs. We eventually found John Swinney as a replacement, who then also stepped down to become FM, meaning we had to then source other replacements.

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.

05/03/2024 – NSET IDBM report

There was a presentation from Neil McInroy on the report and how the Scottish Government could change Scotland's economy over the next decade by supporting social enterprises, cooperatives and employee owned businesses. **2 MSPs and 42 booked delegates.**

24/09/2024 – Community Wealth Building and NSET IDMB Report

The meeting was on this upcoming report on Inclusive Democratic Business Models with presentations from Pauline Smith of DTAS, Sam Blakeborough of the Employee Ownership Association and Caris Chutek from the Wellbeing Economy Alliance. With Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Community Wealth Building in attendance. **4 MSPs and 40 booked delegates.**

03/12/2024 – Funding and Finance

The meeting was based on the challenges and solutions to the funding issues we have in the sector. With presentations from Lara Porter from the Eskdalemuir Hub, Alex Richardson from Gladiators, Bayile Adeoti from Dechomai, Neil Ritch from the National Lottery Community Fund, Kiernan Daley from Social Investment Scotland and Morven Lyon from DTAS. **2 MSPs and 98 booked delegates.**

04/02/2025 – Business Support and AGM

Our AGM was held and we re-elected Ariane Burgess MSP and Emma Roddick MSP as our Co-Conveners and Social Enterprise Scotland was re-elected to provide secretariat support for the CPG.

The meeting theme was around the business support landscape for social enterprises across Scotland. We had presentations from Roddy Stewart of CEIS, Selina McMorran from Dumfries and Galloway TSI, Joanna Slater from InspirAlba and Margaret McSporrán of HIE. **2 MSPs and 68 booked delegates.**

MSP Members of The Group

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

Ariane Burgess (Scottish Greens)
Emma Roddick (SNP)
Michelle Thomson (SNP)
Rachel Hamilton (Scottish Conservatives)
Rhoda Grant (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	
Organisations	Social Enterprise Scotland, Social Enterprise Academy, Firstport, Impact Hub Inverness, Social Investment Scotland, Link Group Ltd, Hey Girls, Edinburgh Remakery, The Larder, Homes for Good, Invisible Cities, Talking Mats.

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

Ariane Burgess MSP

Deputy Convener

Emma Roddick MSP

Secretary

Andy Paterson – Social Enterprise Scotland

Treasurer

Duncan Thorp – Social Enterprise Scotland

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.

Secretariat support and catering costs are the only expenses for the CPG, currently paid for by Social Enterprise Scotland.

We estimate that total annual catering is around £800-£1000 and the total annual cost of Social Enterprise Scotland staff time will be around £1900 (estimate of 6 days a year based on calculated day rate).


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 Social Enterprise, 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 11-13 months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
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	
Date	26/2/25