

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Women in 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.)

September 2016

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12 November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

06 December 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]

15 November 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.

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Attendance - 4 MSP's 19 non MSP's

Guest Speakers – Rachel Jones, Alison Grieve, Lynne Cadenhead on behalf of Dr. Claudia Duffy

Topic – Intellectual Property and the Economic Impact on Women Owned Businesses:

Aiming to explore how intellectual property rights affect women entrepreneurs and their businesses and to understand the challenges and opportunities they face in the marketplace. It is important to recognise the unique hurdles that women-owned businesses come up against and discuss how different aspects of IP including patents, trademarks and copyrights can either aid in success or act as barriers. Speakers highlighted how women entrepreneurs can leverage their innovative ideas, protect their intellectual assets, and thrive in business by sharing insights, best practices, and lived experiences.

Tuesday 12th November 2024 (AGM)

Attendance - 3 MSP's 27 non MSP's

Guest Speakers – Gillian Fleming, Elizabeth Pirrie, Ana Stewart

Topic – What's next for Women-led Businesses? :

Spotlighting the evolving landscape for women entrepreneurs, focusing on how we can collectively overcome barriers, innovate, and expand opportunities for women in business. Only 1 in every 5 established businesses in Scotland is women-led which highlights a clear gap in enterprise participation. This session was an opportunity to share expertise, and actionable strategies to help create the diverse and thriving business ecosystems which will allow women to make their rightful contribution to the economy.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Michelle Thomson SNP

Claire Baker Scottish Labour

Liam Kerr Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Ivan Mckee SNP

Colette Stevenson SNP

Sue Webber Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

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

Allison	Harrison
Alison	Grieve
Amanda	Pickford
Angela	Prentner-Smith
Ann	Johnson
Anna	Bell
Anne	Jenkins
Ann-Maree	Morrison
Joyce	Campbell
Asma	Abdalla
Athena	Lamnisos
Ayse	Cinar
Belinda	Ngongo
Carol	Cooke
Carolyn	Jones
Christine	Esson
Caroline	Brown
caroline	Penman
Christina	Scott
Clare	Reid
Claudia	Cavalluzzo
Claudia	Duffy
Criona	Courtney
Claire	Seaman
Dawn	Shand
Dina	Nziku
Elaine	Jackson
Eleonora	Vanello
Elin	Williamson

Emily	McGowan
emma	reid
Emma	Sedgwick
Evelyn	McDonald
Fiona	Burns
Gabrielle	Blackburn
Gael	Drummond
Geraldene	Muir
Gillian	Fleming
Hannah	Dean
Hazel	Smith
heidi	carroll
Helene	Mullen
Sarah	Stephen
Asma	Abdalla
Helene	Rodger
Amanda	Pickford
Monica	Martins
Isabelle	Jarmin
Jane	Grant
Jackie	Brierton
Jennifer	Lindsay Finan
Jennifer	MacDonald-Nethercott
Jennifer	Robertson
Jennifer	MacKenzie
Jo	Macsween
Judith	Thorpe
Julia	Latif

	Julie	Hall
	Julie	Ashworth
	Karen	Hedge
	Kate	Hooper
	Kate	Powell
	Kathleen	Riach
	Kerry	Hammond
	Kirsten	Lord
	Kirsty	Thomson
	Kingsley	Omeihe
	Lyn	Batchelor
	Laura	Galloway
	Laura	Durand
	Laura	Pasternak
	Lesley	Landels
	Lisa	Wardlaw
	Lisa	Thomson
	Julie	Grieve
	Nancy	Lungu
	Louisa	Macdonnell
	Mairi	Spowage
	Mairi	MacDonald
	Mairi	Macleod
	Mandy	Bailey
	Martha	Walsh
	Hermine	Kinkela
	Melanie	MacIntyre
	Miura	Lima
	Michelle	Smith

	Moira	Wilson
	Morna	Simpkins
	Miriam	Smith
	Nathalie	Agnew
	Olivia	Carson
	Ola	Amroush
	Owen	Kelly
	Pamela	Stevenson
	Pat	Armstrong
	Paula	Ritchie
	Paula	Schutt
	Pauline	Reay
	Pheona	Matovu
	Poonam	Gupta
	Lyndsey	Greer Phillips
	Reham	Nasr
	Rachel	Cook
	rebecca	huber
	Roseanne	Grant
	Ruth	McElroy
	Sarah	Chew
	Sacha	Woolham
	Shona	Blakeley
	Susan	Love
	susan	harkins
	Tayo	Lasisi
	Bonnie	Lawson-Brown
	Tope	Osikoya

Winnie	Johnstone
Wendy	Edie
Wendy	Crawford
Monica	Martins
Yvonne	Greeves
Wendy	Pring
Elizabeth	Gammie
Bayile	Adeoti
Jill	Arnold
Clare	Reid
Claudia	Duffy
Gill	Lawrie
June	Geyer
Lucy	Sumsion
Matt	Debrowski
Amanda	Goncalves
Dora	Handrea
Tiani	Matovu
Ana	Vuin
Alexa	Green
Anne	Meikle
tanya	Wilson
louise	lawson
Artemis	Pana
Yvette	Hopkins
Ellie	Koeplinger
Stacey	Dingwall
Robbie	Mcgregor
Annabelle	Beckwith

	Norin	Arshed
	Katharine	Mathison
	Louisa	Macdonell
	Alyson	Pearson
	Rachel	Hunter
	louise	robinson
	Josie	Saunders
	Maggie	Gorman
	Liz	Mccutcheon
	Daisy	Ford Downs
	Julie	Romano
	kendra	byers
	emma	Ives
	Wendy	Wu
	Justine	Mitchell
	Lauren	Leask
	Ailsa	Clark
	Antoinette	Fionda Douglas
	Hannah	Roche
	Laura	Donald
	Hina	Khan
	Anna	Andriievska
	Kitti	Majoran
	Bruce	Harvie
	Elizabeth	Pirrie
	Audrey	Nicoll MSP
	Rebecca	Bonnington
Organisations	Women's Enterprise Scotland - secretary and treasurer	

	Royal Bank of Scotland Business Gateway Federation of Small Businesses Young Enterprise Scotland WES ambassadors Scottish Enterprise Highlands and Islands Enterprise GrowBiz Edinburgh Business School Heriot Watt University Napier University Queen Margaret University Fraser of Allander Institute Scottish Autism Oxfam MS society Scotland Women Being LINC Scottish Edge University of West of Scotland Women's Fund for Scotland Fife Council
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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	Michelle Thomson MSP
Deputy Convener	Claire Baker MSP

Secretary	Sophie Rooney
Treasurer	Carolyn Currie

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.

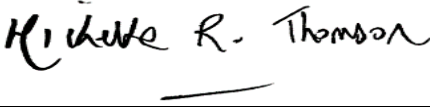
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

**COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)**

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Women in 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	Yes
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	Yes
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	Yes
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	Yes

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	Yes
Provided minutes of all meetings	Yes
Signed	
Date	6 December 2024