

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Basic Income

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The Group is being established to examine the options for a basic income as a policy for reform of the current social security system in Scotland, including, where appropriate, its potential sources of funding.

Basic income is potentially a key instrument in creating a fairer Scotland and bears upon the economy, human rights and social justice agendas in Scotland.

The CPG will examine the current and upcoming social, political and technological changes in Scotland and the difficulties that current systems of social security and taxation/revenue raising mechanisms (as appropriate) have in coping with 'changed times'.

Members will discuss the merits and drawbacks of different models of a basic income scheme for Scotland and other effects and impacts it might have on the wider society and economy, including on financial security, supporting entrepreneurship and creative activities, transitioning to new forms of work, support for carers and health and mental wellbeing.

The Group will examine and take evidence from various pilots and modelling from around the world to assess their impact on personal and public finances and seek to run in parallel with any developing pilots in Scotland so that it can input advice and evidence to the development of the pilots.

As an initial consideration of the issues, the Group plans to discuss:

- Health and Basic Income
- Future of Work - Automation/AI as a driver for Basic Income
- Basic Income as a human rights policy/Relationship with Sustainable Development Goals
- Scottish Pilots

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Tom Arthur SNP
Alison Johnstone Green
Gordon McDonald SNP
Ivan McKee SNP
Ben Macpherson SNP
Alex Neil SNP
Alex Rowley Lab

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

Mike Danson
Annie Miller
Maddy Halliday
Ben Simmons
Lisa Clark
Joe Chrisp

Organisations

Commonweal
RSA
Poverty Alliance
Citizens Basic Income Network Scotland
Carnegie Trust

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.

Co-Conveners

Ivan McKee MSP and Alex Rowley MSP

Deputy Convener

N/A

Secretary	Jamie Cooke (Royal Society of Arts) and Maddy Halliday (individual)
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	
SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
None but under review	
CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Basic Income is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	