

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Malawi
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.)
28 October 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
25 September 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]
20 September 2023
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
1 October 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.
On 22 February '24 four MSPs, twenty-one in-person non-MSP attendees and twenty-six online participants heard from Fyaupi Mwafongo, Deputy Director Response, Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in Malawi, Mr Viwemi Chavula from the Malawi Human Rights Commission and Hon. Roseby Gadama MP, Chair of the Malawi Parliamentary Women's Caucus.

Fyaupi Mwafongo, Deputy Director Response Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) reported on measures taken to tackle Malawi's food insecurity crisis; Malawi's Current Food Insecurity Crisis was impacting 4.2million people. Support was provided for food parcels and Cash transfers for others to access food from markets. More months of support would be needed but DoDMA managed to reach all targeted beneficiaries within a month or two.

This was followed by Mr Viwemi Chavula from the Malawi Human Rights Commission reporting on the mandate given and the challenges faced by this national Human Rights institution. Commissioner Chavula mentioned the achievements of the Commission as well as outlining the areas that require the Commission's support.

Hon. Roseby Gadama MP, Chair of the Malawi Parliamentary Women's Caucus spoke about the many issues affecting women standing for parliament.

Ms Chilufya Chileshe, Board Member of NGO Centre for Innovating Development in Zambia spoke about the efforts going into achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 – to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition as well as promote sustainable agriculture.

This hybrid meeting was held jointly with Westminster's All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Malawi and included guests from the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

On 29 May '24 three MSPs, sixteen in-person non-MSP attendees and twenty-one online participants heard in-person from: Prof. Liz Grant, University of Edinburgh, Prof. Edward Duncan, University of Stirling, Dr Jen Dickie, University of Stirling and online from Lusizi Kambalame, Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS).

Prof Liz Grant set the scene with an overview of Global Health and the major global challenges that the world was facing. Road Traffic injuries were the eighth-leading cause of death worldwide and 93% of deaths occurred in low-income and middle-income countries. Road traffic injuries depended on many risk factors and some consistently increased the risk of road injuries and deaths worldwide. Addressing the risks could avert up to 40% of deaths occurring every year.

Prof. Edward Duncan gave an overview of the Chitetezo project, a multifaceted, arts-mediated, rights-based advocacy intervention designed to decrease the frequency of road traffic collisions and reported on the pilot project which ran from 2018-2019 together with Jacaranda School for Orphans and some of the immediate changes that were implemented as a result of it.

Lusizi Kambalame, a Lecturer in Communication at Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences in Blantyre, Malawi reported on her community engagement assignment, the SafeRoads Africa Project – a multidisciplinary project aimed at creating local solutions for preventing road traffic collisions in Malawi. Through art and interactive learning young people developed art-based murals that depicted road challenges and possible solutions. Using these murals the young people would then

hold an intergenerational dialogue event with community, government and civic society leaders.

Dr Jennifer Dickie is an environmental geographer who specialised in using mixed-method approaches to bridge the disciplinary boundaries between the natural and social sciences. Working together with DRTSS (Directorate of Road Traffic & Safety Services) who provided the road traffic collision dataset (records of accidents & associated information) Dr Dickie and her team used Open-Source Software to map road traffic accidents. The process followed three steps, geocoding, visualisation and analysis.

This hybrid meeting was held jointly with Westminster's All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Malawi.

On 25 September three MSPs, eighteen in-person non MSPs and 25 online participants heard from the Right Reverend Shaw Paterson. In a passionate presentation, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland shared with the Cross-Party Group (CPG) how moved he was by the very genuine hospitality that he encountered in Malawi. Dr Paterson was there to participate in the centenary celebrations of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), in which Scotland's role was given special mention by Malawi's President Chakwera.

Many of the Moderator's reflections, on what was his first visit to Malawi, struck a chord with CPG members. Dr Paterson paid tribute to early Scottish missionaries including medics, engineers and teachers and highlighted the warmth of the Malawians that he met, praising their skills and knowledge.

Videos of Malawi CPG meetings are on the Scotland Malawi Partnership's website listed under Past Events.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Liam McArthur MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Alexander Stewart MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Dr Alasdair Allan MSP (Scottish National Party)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)

Colin Smyth (Scottish Labour)

Stephanie Callaghan (Scottish National Party)

Kenneth Gibson MSP (Scottish National Party)

Kevin Stewart MSP (Scottish National Party)

Paul O'Kane MSP (Scottish Labour)

Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Katy Clark MSP (Scottish Labour)

Ben Macpherson MSP (Scottish National 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

Alan Laverock

Alison Campbell

Allan Dorans MP

Amy Blake

Benjamin Carey

Blanka Bartkowiak

Brian Kerr

Calum Fisher (Neil Bibby)

Cameron Smith

Carol Finlay

Cecily Borgstein

Charles Howie,

Chimwemwe Chisembe

Chrissie Hirst,

Colin Reilly

Dan Gunn

David Bone

David Clarke

Dr Ann Phoya

Dr Barry Klaassen

Dr Charles Leyman Kachitsa

Dr Kathleen Breslin

Dr Peter West, Honorary Consul for Malawi

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Dr Rachel Phillips

Dr Thorsten Koenig

Duwa Kandoje, Malawi HC First Secretary

Emma Wood,
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Jane Bristow
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Joyce Nicoll
Karen Downard
Katie Hagmann, SNP National Women Convenor and Elected
Member
Kevin Simpson
Laurel Kilgore
Lewis Ryder-Jones,
Linda Dembo, MaSP
Liz Chalmers
Lorna Bell
Louise Honeybul
Magdalene Sacranie
Mick McMillan
Moirra Dunworth
Ninette Premdas
Pam Wilson
Patrick Carrigan
Patrick Grady MP, APPG Malawi
Prof Heather Cubie, Chair of Board SMP
Prof Jeremy Bagg
Prof Tracy Morse
Prof. Edward Duncan

	<p>Prof. Iain Woodhouse Prof. Liz Grant Rebecca Foster Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey Rev MacDonald Sembereka, Malawi High Commission UK Ricci Downard Robin MacGregor Rosa Balliro, Roselyn Dzanja Ross Macnab Sarah Black, Sarah Gibson Sheila Brookes Stephanie Sharkey Steve Mannion Sue Kevan, Tedd Kachingwe – Sisya, Malawi High Commission UK Thomson Chirwa Winfred Bunihizi,</p>
Organisations	<p>AMS Balerno Fair Trade Group Bananabox Trust Beath Malawi Partnership Changing Lives Malawi Co-operative College Corra Foundation Formidable Joy Malawi Fruits Mamie Martin Fund Oxfam Scotland SIDA Soko Fund STEKA</p>

	The Challenges Group The Raven Trust UNICEF UK University of Dundee
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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	Co-Conveners: Liam McArthur MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP, Dr Alasdair Allan MSP
Deputy Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP
Secretary	Stuart Brown, CEO of the Scotland Malawi Partnership
Treasurer	none

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

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