

Monthly GDA meeting update -3rd June 2015

Overview: this note does not replace the full minutes but provides a brief overview of the recent GDA meeting including contact details and hyperlinks to web addresses.

New executive director - Karen Blanchford



Karen welcomed everyone to her 1st GDA meeting and outlined her first month in her new role

- First impressions
- Awareness
- Communication

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Awareness: Guernsey Deaf Children's Society GDCS

Leonie Burrows, Treasurer of the GDCS, presented a wonderful overview of life for her and her children with a hearing impairment. She took us through her journey in education, work and gaining confidence socially. Leonie outlined the role of the GDCS its vision, activities they ran, equipment challenges, fundraising and much more.

The hints and tips for communicating with deaf children were:

1. Get their attention first
2. Look into their face so that people can lip read, read body language
3. Rephrase sentences if they can't hear first time
4. Don't cover your mouth when talking
5. Facial hair makes it harder for people to read your face – just to be aware!

Contact details: GDSC@live.co.uk. www.GDCS.org.gg Chris 248163, Denise 239736

Leonie Burrows, Treasurer, 07781 121231

Facebook: [Guernsey Deaf Children's Society](#) (closed group)

Co Presenters

Thank you to all our presenters, it was so very encouraging to see so many new faces representing the disability sector in Guernsey

	<p>Mark O'Connor – AGC Treasurer with responsibility for the Disability sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AGC accounts and books ➤ Communications: Charities & AGC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduit from individual charities who wish to raise issues /observations Communications: AGC ➤ Communications between charities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage communication between similar charities in regard to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ sharing experiences ▪ best of ideas regarding fund raising ▪ offering support to one another 	<p>Contact details: 07781 122099 disability@charity.org.gg</p> <p>Association of Guernsey Charities AGC http://www.charity.org.gg/</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/guernseycharities</p> <p>Twitter: @GuernseyCharity</p> <p>Volunteers: http://www.charity.org.gg/Volunteer www.volunteer.gg www.foundation.gg</p>
	<p>Clive Fenner – Access Guernsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proactive approach ➤ Pre legislation role ➤ Post legislation role ➤ Naming the group ➤ Looking for support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus groups • Secretarial support 	<p>Contact details: accessgroup@suremail.gg</p>
	<p>Caroline Mullins - Disability Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have I met you yet? ➤ Sharing what's happening in your area ➤ States department self-audit ➤ Can you help me? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your group and what it does • What is happening in your group to support carers? 	<p>Contact details: 717098 caroline.mullins@gov.gg</p>
	<p>Deputy Arrun Wilkie – States' Champion for Disabled People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to the champions role ➤ Update since the last meeting ➤ Wet Wheels 15, 16,17 or 18th July 	<p>Contact details: 07781 106514 arrun.wilkie@deputies.gov.gg</p> <p>Facebook: yes</p> <p>Twitter: @ArrunWilkie</p>
	<p>Shelaine Green, Chair GDA covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five Year Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM, new committee • Access and Carers group ➤ Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation, Jan 2016 to States • Children & Young People Plan • Supported Living & Ageing Well ➤ Other projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting 	<p>Contact details: 07781 451310 Shelaine@disabilityalliance.org.gg</p> <p>Website: www.disabilityalliance.org.gg</p> <p>Facebook: yes as GDA</p> <p>Twitter: @Shelaine2000</p>

Who makes up the GDA membership

Member charities

1. Access-ability
2. Accessible Alderney
3. ADHD Support Group
4. Alzheimer Society Guernsey
5. Autism Guernsey
6. Carers Coming Together
7. Citizens Advice Bureau
8. GO (Communicate)
9. GROW Ltd
10. GSF Mental Health Fellowship
11. Guernsey Adult Literacy Project (GALP)
12. Guernsey Blind Association
13. Guernsey Cheshire Home
14. Guernsey DriveAbility
15. Guernsey Fibromyalgia Support Group
16. Guernsey Hard of Hearing Association
17. Guernsey Marlins Special Swimmers
18. Guernsey Mind
19. Guernsey MS Society
20. Guernsey Society for Disabled People (Ron Short)
21. Guernsey Sports Commission
22. Guernsey Stroke Association
23. Headway Guernsey
24. Health Information Guernsey
25. Jumbulance
26. L'Vair Project
27. Lungevity
28. Mencap
29. Mental Health Service Users Group
30. Monday Club (Brock Road Rascals)
31. National Autistic Society
32. Wigwam Support Group

Guernsey Deaf Children's Society – in process

Plus 16 additional charities who are not formal members, but receive mailings

Individual members

- 44 individual members who can vote at the AGM
- Are you an individual member or on our mailing list? Please feel free to sign up for full membership in time for voting at the AGM 5th August 2015 - contact Karen

Consultations

- Children and Young Peoples Plan CYPP consultation – Wigwam are coordinating a parents meeting on Thursday 18th July 7pm Ron Short centre
- Supported Living & Ageing Well SLAWS consultation expected at the end of June
- Social Welfare Benefits Investigation Committee SWBIC - TBC

How to get involved

- Become a full member of the GDA with voting rights for the AGM 5th August. Please check with Karen if you are currently a full member or on our mailing list.
Application form attached
- Assist the Access Group with their new name. Please send ideas to Clive and Tony at accessgroup@suremail.gg
- Offer to tell your story at the next Access group focus group meeting – contact Karen or Clive
- Fancy a new role as the Access group secretary? Drop them a line
- Please send Karen feedback on all areas of GDA communications, meetings, speakers, anything that will assist us in developing the GDA

Media

- Next week we will be launching a press release on my role as new executive director
- Recruiting a new Marketing and Communications Officer role

Next GDA meetings

- We are looking for feedback from you, for our next meetings, speakers, the 15 minute member charity awareness slot. All ideas welcome.
- 8th July – Reach for the Summit
- The week of the 15th July – social event at the Yacht Club with Wet Wheels (<http://www.wetwheels.ie/>) please let us know which day that week suits you best.
- 5th August (AGM)
- 2nd September
- 7th October
- 4th November
- 2nd December

Links (embedded in the document where there are links - underlined)

- Children & Young People Plan (CYPP)
 - <http://www.gov.gg/article/117391/Children--Young-Peoples-Plan-Consultation>
- Supported Living & Ageing Well (SLAWS)
 - <http://www.gov.gg/article/107357/Supported-Living-and-Ageing-Well-Strategy>
- Accessible taxis please use Da, Ash, Gordon or Tim for your taxi needs
 - <http://www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=95567&p=0>