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Guernsey Disability Alliance wins £1,000 at National Awards Ceremony in London

The Guernsey Disability Alliance has been recognised for their accomplishments by the Lloyds Bank Foundation in their first ever Charity Achievement Awards.

The Awards were held at the historic Lloyds Bank Headquarters at Cornhill in the City yesterday (8th October) where the six Channel Island winners competed against charities from across England and Wales and Northern Ireland. There were 12 nominees from each category and Guernsey Disability Alliance was runner-up in their category of 'Championing Change' and won an additional £1,000.

The Guernsey Disability Alliance is a charity that campaigns to help make policy changes that will improve the lives of disabled islanders and carers. The organisation was formed in 2008 and they work in partnership with the States of Guernsey to make their ideals a reality. As a result of their efforts, including their ground-breaking 'We All Matter, Eh?' campaign, the States of Guernsey unanimously approved the island's first ever Disability and Inclusion Strategy in 2013. This strategy aims to change attitudes by providing better information, help to protect disabled islanders and carers from discrimination, and promote equality of opportunity.

2015 has marked the 30th anniversary of the Lloyds Bank Foundation which has been tackling disadvantage since 1985 and has donated £14 million to local charities in the Channel Islands and over £575 million to charities across the UK. In celebration of this significant milestone the Foundation decided to give even more back to the charities that they've supported by hosting the inaugural Charity Achievement Awards.

Shelaine Green, Chair, Guernsey Disability Alliance, commented:

"Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands has been generous and consistent in their support for the Guernsey Disability Alliance since our early days. It was a privilege to have been given the chance to go to their National Awards ceremony, and attending such a prestigious event was wonderful in itself. Even when you are deeply involved in voluntary work, it is still eye-opening and humbling to see what else is happening unseen across the UK."

"We were in the same category as eleven other charities from around the UK, all of whom have been doing incredible work to champion change in their local area. Hearing our name called as one of the runners up was quite a shock. We are proud to have brought national attention to the change that is

happening for disabled people and carers in Guernsey and very grateful to our local branch of the Foundation for the opportunity.”

John Hutchins, Executive Director, Lloyds Bank Foundation in the Channel Islands, commented:

“The National Awards ceremony was a spectacular event and it was deeply inspiring to see all the stories from each charity and their achievements. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Guernsey Disability Alliance to showcase their achievements on a national scale as runner-up in their category. I couldn't be happier with the outcome of the event and I hope all the Channel Islands charities had a great experience.”

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Notes to Editors:

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2015 marks the 30th anniversary of the Foundations, which have distributed over £575m to charities in communities across the UK, £14 million specifically in the Channel Islands, which has helped to tackle disadvantage since 1985.