

States Debate

Disability and Inclusion Strategy

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Make sure the States know that We All Matter, Eh!

The debate on the progress of the States Disability Strategy will be on Tuesday 24th November. It will be held at the Royal Court.

We will meet in the Reception at 9.45am. We will then move to the Visitors Gallery and be seated by 10am so that we can listen to the opening speech.

You will need to enter through the new entrance to the Royal Court (where the revolving door is) where you will be asked to go through security. Ben will be there to help with any questions and to make sure no one gets lost!

We do not know how long the debate will last but there will be a stop for lunch between 12.30 - 2.30. If the debate runs into the afternoon then we will reserve a table at Jimmys, St James for anyone who would like to stay for the whole debate.

Unfortunately the Visitors Gallery has steps. If you are a wheelchair user and would like to attend there are 2 spaces on the chamber floor which have been made available. Please contact Ben if you wish to attend so that we can make best use of those spaces.

If you are a member of a charity then it would be great to show that to the deputies by wearing a t-shirt with your charity logo on it.

There will be a number of accessible parking spaces made available around the court building. We need to confirm the number of required parking spaces on Friday 19th November at 10am. If you require an accessible parking space please contact Ben as soon as possible by emailing info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

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To watch a States Meeting

1. Enter the Royal Court building through the new entrance (revolving door), near St James. Accessible by ramp.
2. After security, ask at Reception to be shown where the Visitors Gallery for States meetings is.
3. If you are a wheelchair user or have reduced mobility, you will be shown down a 'staff-only' corridor that leads directly to the States chamber. Wheelchair users do not use the Visitors Gallery, but instead watch from the floor of the States amongst the deputies (space for two people).
4. If you are not a wheelchair user, you will be taken through the building to the door of the Visitors Gallery.
5. In both cases, you can come and go as you wish so long as you do so quietly, you don't need to be there for the whole session. If the Bailiff is in his seat in the middle of the "top bench", then you are supposed to face him and nod to him on both arriving and leaving, but don't worry if you forget to do this, he will understand.
6. No eating, drinking, talking or applauding and please remember to turn off your mobile phone.
7. Toilets are on the right at the bottom of the grand curved staircase that leads down from the Visitors Gallery. There is an accessible toilet on the same floor as the Visitors Gallery, just ask one of the Court staff to show you.

Where else can you hear the debate?

If you cannot make it on the 24th November then you can listen to the States Debate on BBC Radio Guernsey - 1116AM (medium wave) or on the internet via BBC Guernsey.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/europe/guernsey>

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