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## Executive Director Update by Karen Blanchford

Welcome to the GDA's November newsletter and update on what's been happening across the island in relation to disability. November is always a busy month of meetings, reports, States meetings, amendments and the excitement of Community Awards! Here are a few highlights and links to more detailed stories. Kind regards Karen.



## Member groups (charities and organisations) meeting 8th November

In November the GDA meeting was for member groups reviewing their priorities and challenges in 2016 and looking forward to 2017. We also asked members to provide feedback on their expectations of the GDA priorities (these are very diverse to date!). Could we please ask all 40 member groups to complete the two forms here . Please email Karen if you would like a copy of the slides from the evening.

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**Top 5 Summary 2015 – for review by member organisations November 2016**  
We had 48 replies (3 spoil papers): 22 member charities, 23 individuals. (Points are if rated 1 = 5 points, if rated 5 = 1 point)

**Summary Top 5 (combined individuals and member charities)**

2015	Aim	Points	Owner	Charity/group role	GDA role
1	Awareness and acceptance of the <b>RIGHTS</b> of disabled islanders	77			
2	More disabled people in <b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	77			
3	A person-centred <b>COMMUNITY CARE</b> and support system	62			
4	<b>ACCESS</b> in all its forms (buildings, policies, customer services)	58			
5	<b>RESPIRE CARE</b> available according to need	57			
6	A supportive <b>EDUCATION</b> system (33) and no 9 Pathways to <b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b> , training and lifelong learning (12) plus 1	46			
7	<b>INFORMATION</b> about existing support services	41			
8	Accessible, affordable <b>HOUSING</b>	40			
10	Timely and comprehensive access to general <b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>	31			
11	An adequate standard of living for those reliant on <b>BENEFITS</b>	30			
11	A <b>TRANSPORT</b> system that is accessible for all	30			
11	<b>SAFETY</b> from violence, exploitation and neglect	30			

New ones for 2016?

## International Day of People with Disabilities Celebrating on Saturday 3rd December 2016

On Friday 2nd December the GDA is encouraging schools and businesses to take part in a dress down to raise funds for GDA member charities. We will also feature a short animation on the local achievements in 2016 around disability. Want to get more involved? Check out the resources on our news blog.

<http://www.idpwd.com.au/about/theme/>

[www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december/idpd2016.html](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december/idpd2016.html)

**Plan**

- Forums and public discussions
- Information campaigns
- Public rallies and parades
- Art shows and performances
- Exhibitions and film festivals
- Creative competitions and school programmes

**Include**

- Government officials, mayors and community leaders
- UN agencies
- Schools and universities
- Civil society organisations and organisations of persons with disabilities
- Private sector

**Inform**

- Raise awareness about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals
- UN's work on mainstreaming persons with disabilities in society and development

**Celebrate**

- The contributions of persons with disabilities to human diversity and the communities in which they live
- Persons with disabilities are both beneficiaries and agents of transformative change in society

Imagine the world in 2030, fully inclusive of persons with disabilities

**BE INFORMED! GET INVOLVED!**

Find out more about the work of the United Nations for persons with disabilities:  
 Visit our website: [www.un.org/disabilities](http://www.un.org/disabilities)  
 Follow us on social media: [@un.org/disabilities](#)  
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## Social Policy Update by Shelaine Green and Arrun Wilke

Back in March this year, the States agreed that they wanted to modernise Guernsey's benefits system - but only when the island could afford it. One of the changes waiting to be brought in is the introduction of a small "Extra Needs Allowance" for people who have to spend more on energy, laundry, clothing or food because of - for example - disability.

The original date for the introduction of what have become known as the "SWBIC" changes (which include the Extra Needs Allowance), was January 2017. The Committee for Employment and Social Security say that's now not possible, but they are determined to do it in January 2018. However, the Policy and Resources Committee say there won't be any extra money for it till 2019 at the earliest, and then only if it is made a priority when the new Policy and Resources Plan is finalised next June.

### We All Matter Eh! Hidden Disabilities Update

Over the past few months the Hidden Disabilities campaign has highlighted 7



different impairments that are not obvious to the community. We used videos, fact sheets and case studies to share islanders stories of living with the condition. The next phase of the project is to extract all the mental health clips into one video. Over the next few weeks the Guernsey Evening Press will report on Dementia and a number of conditions leading up to International Day of Disabled Persons on 3rd December.

To view all content please visit here.

[www.matter.gg/our-stories/hidden-disabilities/](http://www.matter.gg/our-stories/hidden-disabilities/)

### Access for All Update

Access for All organised for the CAE Centre of Accessible Environments - <http://cae.org.uk> to run a two day training course for States planners and building control, architects and our team, to improve our knowledge on access. For more info go to <http://cae.org.uk>

### Australian Disability Guide

People with Disability Australia welcomed the release of the Australian Local Government Association's new Disability Guide. It assists local governments to include people with disability in all parts of their work and helps councils meet their requirements under the National Disability Strategy. Visit <http://alga.asn.au/?ID=14814>

### www.giving.gg

Are you aware that the AGC (Association of



Guernsey Charities) has set up a local fundraising website where your charity can collate funds online for free either as charity direct or an event. We use it a lot and highly recommend it. Go to [giving.gg](http://giving.gg) to find out more.

Access for All has been invited to meet with St Peter Port Douzaine to look at access in town - we hope to meet in the next few weeks And provide an update soon.



## Disability Officer Update by Caroline Mullins

Click here to read the 1st Disability and Inclusion Strategy highlight report from Ed Ashton the lead on the project at Employment & Social Security. Ed and the team will produce a series of highlight reports about every 6 weeks. It includes updates on the project and the work stream, eg legislation, equality rights organisation, audit/review of states department, information & awareness raising, framework updates, capacity legalisation and more.

## Community Awards



HUGE congratulations to all the winners and nominees at the Guernsey

Community Foundation's awards event. It's always such an inspiring event to see so many charities and volunteers recognised for all their hard work, passion and drive. A full list of nominees including many GDA member charities can be found on the GCF websites here and all shortlisted nominees here.

## Guernsey Community Foundation Newsletter

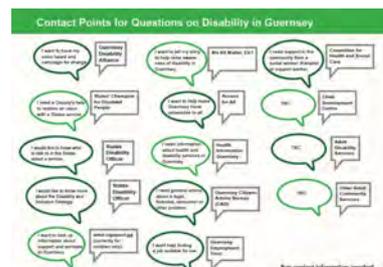
The Guernsey Community Foundation's Voluntary Sector and Social Policy newsletter is now available here. It covers the next three States debates in November – from 2017 Budget, Phase 1 of the Policy and Resources Plan, minimum wage and the uprating of benefit and contribution levels. To be added to the mailing list, for future social policy updates, e-mail Niki Cleal at [niki@foundation.gg](mailto:niki@foundation.gg). Website here. <http://foundation.gg/community-awards> and [www.foundation.gg](http://www.foundation.gg)

## Lottery Grant

Local charities can now apply for a grant from the Christmas Lottery. The proceeds from tickets sold in Guernsey will be given to the Association of Guernsey Charities to distribute, and charities are reminded that applications for a share of the funds need to be returned by 31st January. Charities can apply by downloading an application form (here). Completed applications need to be sent with the charities latest accounts, and any supporting information.

## Contact Points Sheet

The GDA have drafted a contact sheet for disability queries, with key people



and departments that are relevant in the search for who to contact in particular areas. Please visit our blog to have a look at the draft contact points sheet. Link here. We would value your comments and updates. Please email [karen@gda.org.gg](mailto:karen@gda.org.gg)

## Saffery Rotary Walk Funds

Saffery Rotary Walk applications for grants are now open. Please visit their website here to find out more. Deadline 5pm 25th November 2016. Download a form from this page here.

## St Peter Port Access Questionnaire

Tiffany Jordan would be very grateful if you would complete her questionnaire concerning access in St Peter Port. Please go to our blog here or copy and paste the link - <http://disabilityalliance.org.gg/blog/2016/10/st-peter-port-access-questionnaire/>

## Guernsey Macular Society (GMS)



Karen was invited as the guest speaker to the Guernsey Macular Society November meeting. There was an energetic debate around a wide range of topics. including Access (lighting, menu colour contrast, crossings, dropped curbs, airport, signs, parking), Disability & Inclusion Strategy (legislation progress, reasonable adjustments)

## National Autism Society



To view the NAS Guernsey November newsletter, please visit the following link here.

## Welcome to St John



**St John**

We welcome our 40th member charity - St John Ambulance LBG, The Commandery of St John to the team.

## Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	
17th Nov	Online Safety Event for Parents Princess Royal Centre 7pm	(£20) through <a href="mailto:sharon.spruce@wigwam.org.gg">sharon.spruce@wigwam.org.gg</a> or call 07781 192336
20th Nov	Wheelchair Meeting Occupational Therapy	2nd Dec
20th Nov	BBC Radio Guernsey Phone-in, Disability Champion Deputy Sarah Hansmann-Rouxel	3rd Dec 3rd Dec
26th Nov	Charity Gig for Cheshire Home at The Vault 7.30PM	7th Dec
27th Nov	Cheshire Home Afternoon Tea at the OGH – Tickets £19.50. Contact: <a href="mailto:cmcmillen@cwgsy.net">cmcmillen@cwgsy.net</a> and 07781 130683	12th Jan
27th Nov	Alice in Wonderland themed Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Wigwam. Tickets through Eventbrite (£21.83) or direct	1st Feb

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