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## GDA Executive Director Update by Karen Blanchford

This month's GDA meeting was run by Access for All and from the feedback was a great success. Many members mentioned they had not thought of Access beyond physical access such as ramps, lifts and handrails. The organising team is split into four areas: Places (Physical), Information (web & print), Service and Activities. Visit [www.access.gg](http://www.access.gg)

We were very fortunate to have Emma & James from [Create Architects](#) talk to us about access in building design, including for Autism and also the use of Virtual Reality. A couple of members enjoyed a VR trip! There is a copy of the slides from the night on the GDA news blog [here](#).

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### AccessForAll



This busy month saw Disabled Access Day with A4A holding a meeting to cover a range of topics including accessible activities, an update on places, [DisabledGo](#), a great demonstration of a virtual reality system used to design buildings, the forthcoming Saffery Rotary Walk and many others. This year we are fortunate to benefit from the Saffery Rotary walk which will support another training session provided by the Centre of Accessible Environments. See Access.gg for details. [ITV Channel Islands](#) have announced Access For All as partner charity for the year and we hope to raise awareness through working with them.



### #Accessible Activities

I hope you saw our #AccessibleActivities campaign and have reviewed our directory ([here](#)) either started a new sport, or leisure pursuit, considered making your club more accessible ([Tips for clubs link](#)) or maybe offered to [volunteer](#) or make [donation](#).



From now to June [We All Matter Eh!](#) we will be focusing on the [Saffery Rotary Walk](#) and getting 100 members, carers and supporters to take part!

For more information please go to news blog [link](#) or contact Karen.



### Message from Robin Le Prevost, Chair GDA

A number of members have commented on the Code of Conduct decision. Please find the full press release from Robin on our [blog](#) or contact him on 07781 109809 or email: [chair@gda.org.gg](mailto:chair@gda.org.gg).

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## **Guernsey Community Foundation Voluntary Sector and Social Policy Newsletter: March 2017**

The update covers States business from now until June - topics ranging from Phase 2 of the Policy and Resources Plan; Delays to the introduction of the Social Welfare Benefit Investigation Committee's (SWIBC) recommendations to reform supplementary benefit and rent rebate, Scrutiny Committee – in work poverty review.

The States' review of charitable giving.

Download [here](#).

Please call 748056 or email [niki@foundation.gg](mailto:niki@foundation.gg) for any further information.

## **Visit by Jeremy Hughes from Alzheimer's Society**

Monday 6th March  
the Chief Executive  
Jeremy Hughes CBE  
visited the island



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to share his insights on Dementia Friendly communities and much more. Please go to our [news blog](#) for a copy of the slides. To find out more visit <http://dementiafriendly.org.gg>.

## **Business Disability Forum BDF**

Thank you to our members that took part in the feedback on States services to the independent body BDF.

## **The Myeloma Support Group**

The Myeloma Support Group, which is run by Jean Roberts, will be meeting on 30th March at 7pm at the Guernsey Golf Club Committee room. If you would like more information, Jean's email is [jean@jeanroberts.net](mailto:jean@jeanroberts.net)



## **GDA QUIZ 4th MAY ! BOOK NOW!**

Disability Alliance quiz with host Peter Hill-Smith at Rosaire Court. Sign up by emailing [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg) and details on our [blog](#).

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**QUIZ** 4th May 2017  
7pm start

### **Come along to the GDA Fundraising Quiz at Rosaire Court, St Peter Port**

Quiz master and organiser Peter Hill-Smith.

All members, friends and supporters welcome. Teams of six, up to 60 people.

Cost £8 each including a choice of food:

Sausage and chips or chicken and chips, (vegan and vegetarian option please request these on booking). A fundraising raffle will be held on the night, all donations gratefully received.

Please register team name, contact information and menu choices to [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg) by 28th April.

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## **Direct support for children with disabilities**

Girls Night is a group for girls aged between 16 and 25 who have an additional need. Girls Night runs on the last Tuesday of every month, and gives the girls an opportunity to catch up with friends and have some fun. If anyone is interested in attending the group – we ask them to come and meet us first so we can get to know them and answer any questions they may have. Visit [www.thehub.gg](http://www.thehub.gg)

## **Disabled Bay by toilets at South Esplanade, St Peter Port**

Colin Le Page would like feedback on the dedicated disabled bay by the toilets at South Esplanade/Picquet House. Please contact Colin Le Page, Licensing and Operations Manager, Traffic and Highway Services, if you have any feedback Tel: 243400

## The Quiet Club

The Youth Commission for Guernsey and Alderney have set up a new provision to help support young people, aged 11–18, who suffer from Social Anxiety and other Mental Health challenges. The aim of the club is to provide vulnerable young people with a safe and supportive space in order to build confidence and relationships. Due to the nature of the group access to the club is on a referral basis. [See blog for further information.](#)

Emma Backhouse, Senior Youth Worker

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## The Youth Commission of Guernsey and Alderney LGB (YC) Strategic Objectives for Funding Applications.

Me 2 funding - Me 2 is designed specifically to increase opportunities for children with disabilities to engage in existing Voluntary Sector Service provision. There is Holiday Activity Funding during the summer holidays and the Travel Fund. Applications can be submitted between April 1st and June 1st, a decision will be made by July 1st. Further information please contact: Kerstin Neason - CEO KerstinN@gcfe.net Tel: 07781121048

## Be Active

We All Matter Eh? (GDA) were invited to the Be



Active March session to present and facilitate a conversation on Accessible Activities for children with disabilities. Be Active is A multi-agency forum promoting and supporting physically active lives amongst children and young people in Guernsey and Alderney. For more information on the forum and a copy of our slides please go to our [news blog](#)

<https://www.gov.gg/beactive>

## College of FE Presentation

Karen and Arrun had the chance to present at the College of Further Education for a HSD module on Equality Diversity and Rights, it was a great opportunity to engage and answer questions on Equality, discrimination broadly and in relation to disability. View it on our blog [here](#).



## Equality, Diversity and Rights

### Set Sail Trust in June Bristol Cutters



The Youth Commission will be seeking youth groups to fill all of the weekend slots 17/18 June 2017. The Trust is a charitable trust, established to help maintain Guernsey's historical links with maritime activities. For more information visit: <http://www.setsailtrust.com/>

There will be three boats visiting in 2017 and there is no cost for this activity. Disability groups are encouraged and ratios of staff to young people will depend on the nature of disability: but all participants should be able to climb a two metre ladder unaided (it is accepted that some assistance from carers may be needed. In the past wheelchair bound young people have been accommodated).

Please call Jody on 756099 or email [info@youthcommission.gg](mailto:info@youthcommission.gg). Timetable and consent forms downloadable from the website [here](#).

## Delancey Community Garden



Students have been making chutneys, candles and other homemade gifts, to sell at the OSA pop up shop on the 27th - 31st March. All funds are to support the personal development of learners on the Access course, and those who are transitioning to the College in September.

## Pargiter Trust Grants

The Pargiter Trust is accepting grant applications



from charitable organisations that work with older people. Anyone interested in applying for a Grant please contact Sadie Sivitar de Paucar at the Foundation on 748056 or Sadie@foundation.gg See further details on our [blog](#) and the [Community Foundation](#).

## Thank You to

### Saffery's

The GDA and Access

For All wish to thank the Saffery Rotary Walk charity for supporting access training by the Centre for Accessible Environments (CAE) which will take place 14/15th June.

To find out more go to [www.access.gg/](http://www.access.gg/) [access-training](#) or contact Tony Yates at places@access.gg



## Forthcoming Events

23rd March	Disability & Inclusion strategy board meeting	8th-12th May	Brain Injury Awareness week
27th - 31st March	Delancey Community Garden Pop Up Shop	12th May	Hats for Headway
28th March	Cubs 3rd Guernsey Disability Badge session on Access	14th – 20th May	Dementia Awareness Week
30th March	The Myeloma Support Group, 7pm Guernsey Golf Club Committee room.	24th May	Cystic Fibrosis (CF) meeting with guest speakers from the UK, all welcome especially health professionals. Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils 6-8pm.
31st March - 21st April	Karen on holiday	3rd June	Saffery Rotary Walk
April	No GDA meeting		To register go to <a href="http://www.safferyrotarywalk.com">www.safferyrotarywalk.com</a> or if you have access requirements contact Karen
2nd April	World Autism Awareness Day		
20th April	Disability & The Workplace @ Les Cotils 12.15-2pm book <a href="#">here</a>		14 & 15th June CAE Access course
25th April – 1st May	Multiple Sclerosis MS Day		16th June Follow up practical CAE access session
26th April	MS Society - Wear Orange Wednesday		17/18th June Set Sail Trust Sailing activities late summer - Alderney trip (to be funded)
4th May	GDA fundraising quiz – open to all (up to 60 people) Rosaire Court 7-9pm please register by emailing <a href="mailto:Info@disabilityalliance.org.gg">Info@disabilityalliance.org.gg</a>		10th Sept Mind Fun Run KGV 9.30am
			1st – 3rd December – International Day of Persons with Disability celebrations (IDPWD)

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