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GDA Update for August

Much of July and August has been spent on responding to and preparing our members' voice for the consultations on Education's proposals on Secondary Education. We have met with the Education Sports and Culture (ESC) committee, Education department and members to start the discussion on greater Inclusion in Education. Please see the separate post on our with meeting members Tuesday 22nd August, 6.30pm at the Youth Commission.

You will be pleased to know that the Disability & Inclusion Strategy board and Disability Discrimination Legislation Group have not taken a break for the summer, please see their updates' posts below.

As you will know we did not receive funding for the WAME We All Matter Eh! member manager post. This is having an impact on the work we can do having your voice heard, our communications and meetings. I will continue to do this on a voluntary basis over the summer but with the increased GDA activity in influencing government policy this will not be sustainable going forward. If you have any contacts for fundraising please do get in touch, our new Friends of the GDA met for the 1st time this week. All ideas and contacts welcome.

Talking of volunteers we have had a busy July recruiting new people for the GDA executive, WAME team for the campaign for 1st December, fundraising group, thank you to all of you for your support and energy, it's made this role less lonely and far more fun! We will be introducing everyone over the next few weeks. We are always seeking new volunteers to drive Equality of Opportunity forward in Guernsey so please do get in touch. Don't forget to check out our news blog and social media for regular updates on all our news. Thank you Karen, your Executive Director.

Educations Proposals for Secondary Education

Education Sport and Culture (ESC) have released their Education proposals for Secondary Education which do not include consultation with children with disabilities and SEN (Special Education Needs).

The GDA, Wigwam, NAS/Autism Guernsey, a number of parents & carers, Disability officer and champion have met with the ESC committee and Education department on this subject and we would now like to feedback on those discussions.

A key part of any submissions we make will be your thoughts and priorities on Inclusion in Education, we have set up a meeting on Tuesday 22nd August at 6:30pm at the Youth Commission with this purpose in mind.

For anyone that was involved in the process November 2015 we will be following a similar model. To find out more and see what we produced 2 years ago please drop Karen an email.

For more information on the Education proposals go to www.gov.gg/educationfuture

Health & Social Care (HSC) CareWatch

Whilst on the subject of your voice, in September we will be running a focus group on your priorities and ideas on Health and Social Care. This is a an opportunity for HSC CareWatch to understand what is important to you (top 5 priorities). 12th September, 6:30pm Beau Sejour If you would like to attend please email Info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

This month's GDA meeting, newsletter and printing is kindly sponsored by Donate, Keeping It Local. Thank you.

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Disability Officer Update

The 7th Disability & Inclusion Highlight report has been released

Please the link [here](#) to the 7th highlight report which outlines the progress on the work streams under the State's Disability & Inclusion strategy.

The overview of the report:

- The Disability Discrimination Legislation Project is making progress. Currently, the main focus is on establishing core principles and determining the basis of protection. The Committee has agreed that the disability discrimination legislation will be based on the social model of disability.
- Resource has been secured to develop a business case for the Equality and Rights Organisation (ERO) with a new member of staff joining the team in August for 12 months.
- Work is progressing on the Dementia Framework with Dementia Friendly training taking place across business, States services and interested Islanders. To improve signage for people with dementia and a range of other impairments, the Arts Commission and Access For All are working with a variety of charities to design more informative signs.
- The Youth Commission and the College of Further Education are working in partnership to develop ways of supporting young carers and will soon involve other services to provide a comprehensive support network for young carers.
- Guernsey Employment Trust continues to provide training for businesses on the Good Practice Guide and Employers' Charter which has been well attended with very positive feedback. If you would like an update on where we are with the Disability and Inclusion Strategy or to provide feedback about www.signpost.gg please contact Caroline who is happy to attend any of your meetings. Visit [here](#).

Contact: caroline.mullins@gov.gg or
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States Disability Champion

Contact Deputy Sarah Hansmann Rouxel if you need help resolving an issue with the States (relating to your disability). You can also contact Deputy Sarah to help her represent the views of disabled islanders and carers in the States debates. www.facebook.com/groups/disabilitychampionsy/ or Sarah. HansmannRouxel@deputies.gov.gg or call 07911 765863.

Access Guide for Travelling



Access for All (Karen) and Colin Le Ray (ports) were on BBC Radio Guernsey discussing accessibility of the airport and harbour and the introduction of a Hidden Disabilities or additional support scheme. Possible examples include the sunflower lanyards used by Gatwick and Manchester. You can find out more at :

Gatwick - www.gatwickairport.com/at-the-airport/passenger-services/special-assistance/hidden-disabilities/

Manchester - <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/at-the-airport/special-assistance/hidden-disabilities/>

Colin has promised to source the lanyards and increase staff training (Dementia aware, autism awareness, mental health champions).

Guernsey Airport - <https://www.disabledgo.com/access-guide/guernsey/guernsey-airport>

Access guide from car park to airport

Guernsey Airport - Route from Aircraft to Car Park - <https://www.disabledgo.com/access-guide/guernsey/guernsey-airport---route-from-aircraft-to-car-park#AccessGuide>

Airport to the Bus Terminus

www.disabledgo.com/access-guide/guernsey/airport-to-st-peter-port-bus-terminus-2#AccessGuide

Harbour Access

www.disabledgo.com/access-guide/guernsey/guernsey-harbour---passenger-terminal-2#AccessGuide

SAVE THE DATE 1st December

Please encourage your school, business or community group to get involved in our celebrations and fundraising for UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities



IDPwD Friday 1st December 017. Find out more [here](#). You can now register your interest in running a fundraising event [here](#) or contact matter@gda.org.gg.

Friends of the GDA - fundraising

We set up a new fundraising group called Friends of the GDA. We welcome Martyn, Connie, Greg and Caterina to the team. They will be looking at the community for ongoing funds for the GDA to assist with meetings, communications, newsletters, costs such as IT, printing etc. we are exceptionally grateful to these new volunteers and would welcome more to join the team. Only experience needs is ideas, energy and a little time :-). Please email friendsof@gda.org.gg to get involved. We thank Donate for their continued support.

Ron Short Centre

I am very proud to introduce myself as the new manager of the Ron Short Centre for Physically Disabled People.



I have spent my first few months in post slowly getting to know our many active members. At the same time, they have begun to get to know my commitment to creating new opportunities for everyone to improve their independence, resilience and self-confidence (to say nothing of their physical and mental health and well-being). Drop in and see us: You should find the centre full of activity, laughter and (we all have our weaknesses) fairly decent coffee!

Dr Rob Harnish

Change Cards for Disability Awareness

A large part of the 1st Dec is celebrating change, we will shortly be releasing Change Cards as a guide to groups to #MakeAChange re disability. This include things like taking the disability awareness training, becoming a mental health champion, or a dementia friend, improving access to a building, or more accessible websites, documents or signs. There will be over 20 options to choose from. On Friday 1st Dec we will celebrate the groups that have made those changes. Watch this space www.matter.gg

GDA Board Members

GDA is looking for new board members to join the executive team as we move into an exciting 2-3 year period, as legislation progresses discussions on the ERO, our 10th anniversary. Experience in strategic planning, governance, networking, marketing, communications or fundraising would be advantageous. Please contact chair@gda.org.gg

WIGWAM POW WOW



Want to have fun with friends or colleagues, meet new people and share an interest, whilst raising money for the Wigwam at the same time?

Gather a group of friends, colleagues or family members, organise a fun social event and help raise funds for Wigwam! Each person who comes donates a minimum of £5 to attend the event and then organises their own Pow Wow, inviting a new set of people and so on and so on. Click the link and read about our new fundraising campaign The Big Pow Wow 17 [here](#)

Autism Guernsey

Congratulations to Sandra and the team at Autism Guernsey for an excellent bike fundraiser and awareness campaign #52smiles. You can watch Sandra's WAME videos and read the Asperger's fact sheets [here](#).

Centre for Accessible Environments Training November

Access for All has partnered with the Centre for Accessible Environments CAE to offer Access auditing and the Equality Act. The course takes place on 1st-3rd November. To find out more please contact Tony.

CAE Access auditing and the Equality Act training (provided locally).

The course covers the following areas:



Access awareness; Design guidance; The Equality Act 2010 (briefly, with an outline on local legislation); Access auditing; Design appraisals; Access strategies.

Register your interest at <https://access.gg/access-training/> or email hello@access.gg

Mind Guernsey Questionnaire?

We would like to encourage all our members, supporters and stakeholders to take part in the MIND questionnaire on mental well being, you hopefully had a hard copy through the post or can complete it online [here](#)



Guernsey Mobility

Want to get involved in more activities? Why not join Janina, Mel and co at Beau Sejour every Tuesday at 1pm - website [here](#).



Email your event dates to info@disabilityalliance.org.gg



New member groups

We have a number of new member groups joining the GDA in August, two from the youth sector and one other, more information to follow after their formal induction. If you would like to join the GDA as an individual or group member please go to this link [here](#).

Forthcoming Events

There will be no meetings in August but focus groups on topics will continue.

15th Aug CYPP inclusive and respected board meeting

16th Aug GDA presentation to Rotary

22nd Aug 6:30pm Inclusion in Education focus group at Youth Commission

27th Aug [The Seafront, St. Peter Port 2017 Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management Guernsey Marathon and Relay Races Guernsey Mind](#)

10th Sept MIND Fun Run KGV 9.30am

12th Sept HSC CareWatch pilot focus group 6:30pm Beau Sejour

13th Sept Autism Guernsey Fashion Show

14th Sept GFSC Ted talk by GDA & GET

19th Sept ITV Diversity panel (GDA

representation)

23rd Sept Big Annual Quiz Guernsey Hard of Hearing Association St Martin's Community Centre

30th Sept Generali Older People's Week

3rd Oct GDA Annual General Meeting Les Cotils 6.30pm

4th Oct Skipton Swimathon [2017](#)

20th Oct [Autism Guernsey Fashion Show](#)

1/2nd Nov [CAE Access's training](#)

3rd Nov 1/2 day practical CAE Access session The morning will be a practical session

1st – 3rd Dec International Day of Persons with Disability celebrations (IDPwD) Find out more <https://matter.gg/international-day-persons-disabilities/>

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