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## GDA Update for November

We are in the last few weeks before UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities. IDPwD is a United Nations sanctioned day that is celebrated internationally. It aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disability.

Locally we will be celebrating the changes that the community has made to improve Guernsey's accessibility and inclusivity for our 13,000 disabled islanders and 4,000 carers. Find out more at [www.matter.gg](http://www.matter.gg) and below.

The last month has been a rollercoaster on the Disability & Inclusion Strategy, announcements on the delays of the key projects but also prioritisation as two of P&R 23 projects for the Legislation and Equality Rights Organisation

(ERO). Read Deputy Michelle Le Clerc's statements [here](#) and the GDA replies [here](#).

## Member Groups Meeting

On 20th November we met with member groups to discuss the delays to the Disability & Inclusion Strategy and how we can work together to make strategy more tangible for members. We also started discussions on the Future of the GDA and greater involvement of member groups in social policy and communications. You can view the slides on our news blog [here](#).

We are looking for a Carer representative to sit on a Carers group to represent the views of Carers in relation to Disability. Please see our news [blog](#) for more information.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you all at our Xmas party for members, at Les Cotils on 6th Dec 7-8.30pm for Christmas songs, Christmas nibbles and refreshments.

## Congratulations

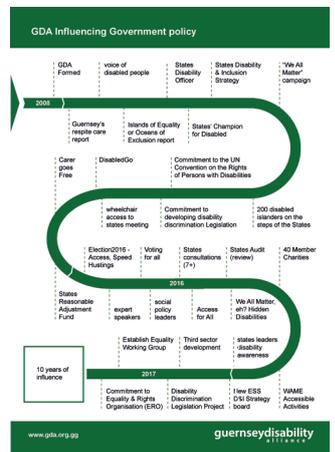
Congratulations to our art design winners, Bel, Teah, Thomas, Rachel, Emily and Carrie, who's art work will all appear on 5,000 Guernsey Post envelopes, one of which will be dropped at your home or business on 27th November.



## What the GDA do

As part of our discussion with member groups we shared a number of documents you can download on our news [blog](#):

- 10 years of influencing government
- What the GDA does



## GDA Founder Report

This report from GDA founder Rob Platts November 2014 outlines "Definitions and qualifications of "disability" within disability discrimination legislation – a brief study of 38 jurisdictions" you are welcome to share this document. You can find it [here](#).

This month's GDA meeting, newsletter and printing is kindly sponsored by Donate, Keeping It Local. Thank you. Visit this link [here](#).



## Sporting Achievement Awards 2018



Nominations are now open!

The Guernsey Sports Commission's Sporting Achievement Awards 2017 will be held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at Beau Sejour. It serves as a time when all of our islands sports stars can join together to celebrate the best sporting achievements from the previous calendar year. Email your nominations to [info@guernseysports.com](mailto:info@guernseysports.com) by Monday 11th December at 9am. Two specific awards for members include:

The Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson Trophy for the Paraspport athlete with a Physical Impairment

The Ferbrache & Farrell LLP Trophy for the Paraspport athlete with an Intellectual Impairment.

Find out more [here](#).

## Longer Working Lives

The Policy Letter was submitted at The Greffe, to view the document please visit [here](#). The media release is available [here](#). The consultation results previously circulated are available [here](#)  
Michelle Dumont, Policy Officer  
Office of the Committee for Employment and Social Security, States of Guernsey

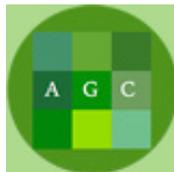
## Volunteers wanted

Let'sGo Mobility are looking for volunteers to assist each Tuesday 1-2pm. <http://gmlg.org.gg>



## Association of Guernsey Charities, Charity Forum

The AGC held a charity forum for all local charities with updates on data protection, measuring your success, an update on regulation government and governance (inc. Gift Aid and Social Investment Commission) & Digital skills for effective communication. Find out more at [www.charity.org.gg](http://www.charity.org.gg)



## Disability Officer Update

For the latest Highlight Report please visit [here](#).

If you would like an update on where we are with the Disability and Inclusion Strategy or to provide feedback about [www.signpost.gg](http://www.signpost.gg) please contact Caroline who is happy to attend any of your meetings. Visit [here](#). Tel: 732557

## Guernsey Airport Lanyards

Guernsey Airport, States Disability Officer, GDA and member groups have been working on Hidden Disability lanyard training to be launched 1st December.



## Barclays Bank Update

Barclays want to share their new range of tools



and services to help make everyday banking accessible for all. High visibility debit cards, SignVideo for British Sign Language users and audio PINsentry devices are just some of the ways in which we can help you with your banking. Our staff are also trained to help customers living with dementia, mental illness and learning difficulties. For more information please visit [barclays.co.uk/accessibility](http://barclays.co.uk/accessibility)

## Access for All AGM

Access for All held it's first AGM on 7th November, highlighting the projects it has been involved with in 2016, and in 2017. DisabledGo also presented at the meeting. See their blog below. For a copy of the slides and annual review visit [www.access.gg](http://www.access.gg).



## DisabledGo Update

Disabled go made a presentation at the Access for All AGM, please visit our blog [here](#) to see their slides.



# UN International Day of Persons with Disability

Observance of the [International day of Persons with Disabilities \(IDPwD\)](#) day is 3rd December



and aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life within our communities across the world.



## Think Differently about Disability

We are encouraging the Guernsey community to get involved to raise awareness. 'Think Differently about Disability'. We want to take an active and inclusive part in the community, to do this we need you to #MakeAChange. Visit YouTube to watch the videos [here](#).



## Fundraising Friday 1st December

Whilst raising awareness and changing attitudes is core to the #MakeAChange campaign, we need to raise £25,000 to ensure we can continue with these campaigns.

### Some fundraising ideas



It's not too late to book a dress down, dress up, or dress in purple, or bake some cakes! Check out our fundraising pack for more ideas. If you are holding a fundraising event please register it [here](#).

## Change Cards

For the past few weeks we have launched the following change card; Think Differently for Businesses and Employers; Improve your understanding of Mental Health & Well-being & The Purple Pound. Check out the resources section of our site to view our articles in GEP, Business Brief and Contact, Chamber of Commerce magazine Chamber of Commerce Contact magazine and Business Brief. Check out the change cards at [here](#). Register your changes we would love to see what changes you have made, please list them [here](#)



## Bake a Cake

Volunteers needed to bake cakes for Friday 1st December. Visit [here](#).



## Celebrations Friday 1st December

The celebrations, aiming to honour and recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals, teams and organisations that have improved the lives of Guernsey and contributed to increased recognition of equality and inclusion for all the community.

#MakeAChange is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management with the highlight being the celebrations taking place 10:30am inner market building, Friday 1st December

All nominations are listed on our [website](#)

## Lungevity

Lungevity, established in 2010, is a non-profit volunteer run charity group which provides support to the people of Guernsey who suffer with any form of respiratory illness and also offers support and assistance to the carers and families of those affected. Their aim is to provide support to those affect with any form of respiratory illness ( of which there are many, Asthma, Bronchiectasis, COPD, Lung Cancer to name just a few). Read more on the blog [here](#).

## Autism Guernsey News

Autism Guernsey has several events happening over the next few months. Please visit our blog to see the dates [here](#).



## CT Bus Launch Access Card

Visit the CT Bus website to find out more on [www.buses.gg](http://www.buses.gg)



## Forthcoming Events

- 25th Nov Wigwam Big Chiefs Christmas Party
- 25th Nov Wigwam Parents, Carers and Volunteers Christmas Meal
- 26th Nov Young Adults - Les Ozouets
- 27th Nov Art Competition Winners 12.30pm Inner Market
- 1st Dec Launch of Guernsey lanyard scheme at airport conference room 1.15-3.15pm
- 1st Dec **Key fundraising day for Guernsey**
- 1st Dec **Celebrations of #MakeAChange 10.30am Inner Market**
- 2nd Dec 2-3.30 Footes Lane Guernsey Football Club Match and GDA half time draw
- 3rd Dec **UN observance - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPwD)**

## Guernsey Community Foundation

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners in the community awards 2017. We were



especially pleased to

see so many of our member groups recognised for their contribution to the community.

- Charity of the Year: Citizens Advice Guernsey
- Organising Committee of the Year: Saffery Rotary Walk
- Youth Award: Katie Sheppard
- Outstanding Individual Achievement: Bill Gardiner
- Fundraising Team of the Year: Royal Guernsey Light Infantry Charitable Trust
- CSR Award: The Channel Island Co-operative Society
- Innovation Award: Headway Guernsey

For all the photos & updates view the Guernsey Community Foundation's website [here](#).

Email your event dates to [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg)

- 6th Dec **Members Christmas party 7-8.30pm Les Cotils**
- 11th Dec Autism Winter Wonderland <https://matter.gg/make-a-change/un-day/>
- 16th Dec Wigwam Little Injuns Christmas Party
- 16th Dec Wigwam Mighty Mohicans Christmas Party
- 17th Dec Young Adults Christmas Party
- 2018 **GDA 10th Birthday**
- 11th Jan [Guernsey Sports Achievement awards](#) 6.30pm Beau Sejour guest speaker sponsored by [Cystic Fibrosis Guernsey](#)
- 14th Jan [Lungevity at the Guernsey Health Show](#)

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