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## GDA April 2018 Update

It has been an exciting period as legislation progresses, (check out Rob Platts & the States blogs on choosing Australian & Irish models as the base legislation) & running our new workshops. We are currently shortlisting for the new member services role (thank you the Deanery fund) & fundraising for my new role as partnership director. We still have a long way to go with our fundraising so please do get involved, volunteer or buy tickets for our ball.

Thank you to everyone that attended our 1st workshop on preventing discrimination, with a

focus on Human Rights. Due to its popularity we will be re running it this Friday 13th April 12-2pm at Les Cotils & ahead of the 2nd workshop on disability discrimination Wednesday 18th April. Please do RSVP to book a place, the workshops are open to everyone.

Don't forget our 10th birthday party 30th April, where we will celebrate & provide updates on the past 10 years & future direction. See more in the sections below.

Thank you for your support & my last newsletter as Executive Director!

Karen

## Supporting us in our 10th Anniversary

To celebrate our 10th Anniversary we have a new logo that you will start to see on our materials. We are also redesigning our website to help members & supporters find their way around. Thank you to Ben for the great new logo.

**Guernsey  
Disability  
Alliance**

**10 Years**  
2008 - 2018

## Important Dates

Please note these important dates in your calendar:-

### Preventing Discrimination Series

**Friday 13th April 12-2pm** Carol Hines Room  
Les Cotils

[Workshop 1 Human Rights - repeated due to popularity](#)

Please RSVP [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg)

### Wednesday 18th April 7-9pm

Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils

Workshop 2, Disability Discrimination - [link here](#)

### Monday 30th April 7-9pm

Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils

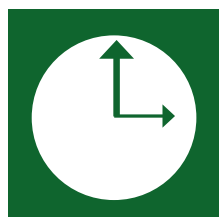
10th Birthday & celebrations of 10 years of influence of the GDA with updates from Rob Platts, founder plus ESS & birthday cake!

**To find out more about how you can support the GDA & We All Matter Eh?  
Please call Karen or visit  
[www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/support/](http://www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/support/)**



## Supporting the GDA any way you can

In March our founder Rob Platts MBE wrote to all 40+ member chairs requesting their support for the GDA as we celebrate our 10th year. We are seeking support financially, with volunteer time, using your networks & experience (on the board or in projects). For more information see the letter [here](#). In April we will write again to all businesses seeking their support £, time & experience to ensure our sustainability past our 10th year.



We are seeking a new sponsor for our newsletter which is distributed to over 450 members, stakeholders & supports plus their membership, 15 hard copies are distributed to local venues by clients of adult disability services & also on our news blog, & social media. Please get in touch to find out more [matter@gda.org](mailto:matter@gda.org). We welcome your support.

**YOUR  
LOGO!**

## Social Policy Updates

### Legislation Update - Rob Platts

This month saw promising progress in the complex task of developing Guernsey's disability discrimination legislation. Following advice from legal experts from the National University of Ireland Galway, the Committee for Employment & Social Security have chosen to model Guernsey's legislation on the Australian & Irish models. Six models were included in the study. Amongst several factors leading to the decision, two major considerations were compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, & ease of adaptation to the Guernsey context. [Link here](#) View the GDA media release [here](#) & Rob Platts' letter to members [here](#).

### Disability Policy Impact Group [DPIG]

by Rob Harnish, Vice Chair GDA.

The DPIG Is intended to be a group of people with an interest in the development & implementation of social policies in Guernsey, particularly as they relate to persons with disabilities. The group is being formed in order to strengthen & increase the plurality of the GDA's assessment & evaluation of any government policy & plans concerning issues relating to disability. See more on our news [blog](#)

### New Partnership Director

(P/T Contract)

For the last 3 years Karen has been GDA Executive Director. She will move to a part time contract 1st May to focus on partnerships & service delivery in the community & businesses, developing & running workshops & training. This role requires funding.



### New Chair of the Equality Working Group

The Equality Working Group (EWG) is excited to announce Alan Brown as it's new chair & Natasha Newell as vice chair. Please see the [media release](#) more information & [here](#).



### Disability Officer Update

To keep you up to date with progress on the Disability & Inclusion Strategy take a look at the Highlight Report No 12 or news in brief [here](#). The States of Guernsey has committed to improving employment opportunities for disabled people through signing the Employers' Disability Charter. I would encourage other businesses small or large to talk to [Guernsey Employment Trust](#) (GET) about the Charter commitments. Contact the team on: 01481 247999, email [here](#). During February & March 2018 the Committee for Employment & Social Security have been working with Dr Shivaun Quinlivan & Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley from the National University of Ireland Galway's Centre for Disability Law & Policy to identify which country to model Guernsey's new disability discrimination legislation on. At the end of March Drs Quinlivan & Buckley discussed their findings with the Committee. The Committee have decided to base our legislation on the Irish & Australian discrimination laws. Using model laws will help us to progress faster than writing the law from scratch. We will continue to keep you updated through the [Disability & Inclusion Strategy Highlight Reports](#). View the media release [here](#).



### CYPP

CYPP Included & Respected Group (which we attend & represent disability) At the recent CYPP Included & Respected work stream meeting the Youth Commission updated members on the Article 12 Project. The project provides advocacy for any young person age 10 & above going through initial case conferences & review meetings, it is an opt out service. Initial responses have been very positive with 12 referrals since it's launch in January & there is the possibility of the scheme being rolled out to further groups of Children & Young people this year.

Andy Graham, Operations Manager Wigwam Support Group LBG



## Members' Voice

### Fundraising - Friends of the GDA

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers to join Catherine McCook & Jan Aslett on our friends of the GDA fundraising team. Current projects include the Summer Ball (4th Aug), Flag day (11th Aug), Bingo night (TBC) we would welcome motivated individuals to join the team Find out more please email [here](#).

### Carers' Voice

We are seeking a carers rep to attend the States Carers meetings & represent Carers' voice, please contact Karen on [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg) for more details or Niki Cleal on [niki@foundation.gg](mailto:niki@foundation.gg).

### GDA Executive board volunteers needed

#### Fundraising lead

Funding is critical to maintain our position as influencer & partner in these crucial times. With the need to fundraise for the Member Services Co-ordinator, Director, & campaigns as we all as ongoing costs associated with running a member charity.



#### Strategic Marketing & Comms

We are seeking an experienced marketing guru to assist with the GDA & We All Matter Eh change as we undertake more work in the community & with businesses. Please email [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg).



#### Saffery Rotary Walk Volunteer needed



We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate all the GDA, We All Matter Eh? member teams for the walk Saturday 9th June. You will need excellent organisational & communications skills working with a wide range of members & groups. Contact [matter@gda.org.gg](mailto:matter@gda.org.gg)

## Member Services Officer



Thank you so much to the Guernsey Deanery Fund LBG who are funding the Member Services role for one year. This role is essential to support our 40+ member groups & individual disabled islanders & carers. Providing signposting, support, communications, interface to social policy. [To read more](#) & see job description, please visit this link on our [blog](#). Closing date for applications midday 16th April.

### Access Training Audit Oct 2018



After such a fantastic course with 6 delegates this time, & with 31 people now trained, another course in October has been provisionally booked for either 17/18th or 24/25th October. If you are interested please let Access For All know as soon as possible your preferred dates.

Tony Yates, Access For All Tel: 07839 252266  
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### GDA Flag Day 11th Aug 2018

We are looking for over 80 volunteers to help with our flag day on 11th August 2018. We have a number of venues, Waitrose, Co-Op, Town & M&S. If you can help for a couple of hours in any location, it would be very much appreciated. Please email Cath directly on [c.mccook.events@gmail.com](mailto:c.mccook.events@gmail.com)

### WIGWAM News



Wigwam are currently searching for a new Chairperson to lead the organisation forward at this exciting time. It is the expected that candidates would be available to commit on average five hours per week to the role, for further details visit [here](#)

Andy Graham, Operations Manager Wigwam Support Group LBG

### Donation to the GDA

On behalf of the GDA, we would like to thank the family & friends of Dean Michael Loaring, for their kind donations in Dean's memory, to our charity. Thank you again for your generosity.

## Donations to the GDA

Thank you to everyone who has supported the GDA following our founder, Robs Platts' letter to friends. We would encourage members & supporters to please share this widely. See news blog [here](#).

## Fundraising for Guide Dogs

Afternoon Tea Party on 21st April at 1.30pm at Les Cotils, all profits will go to Guide Dogs. Please email on [simondelamare@hotmail.com](mailto:simondelamare@hotmail.com) Simon De La Mare by Monday 16th April at the latest. £15 per person. Read more [here](#).

## Launch of Sunflower Lanyards

After much training in store for staff the Co-Op in Guernsey are launching Sunflower Lanyards used in the airport for travelling. Launch date : Monday 25th June 2018 in Co-Op stores island-wide.



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

## Forthcoming Events

- 13th April Workshop 1 (rerun) Human Rights, Les Cotils 12-2pm. RSVP
- 17th April GET course [click here](#)
- 18th April Workshop 2 disability discrimination, Les Cotils 7-9pm
- 20th April Guernsey Sailing Trust Quiz 7pm Le Rondin
- 21st April [Lungevity Open Day](#) Le Friquet 10 - 4
- 21st April [Afternoon Tea Les Cotils for Guide Dogs](#)
- 27th April Quiz answers deadline for Autism Guernsey Landmarks Quiz
- 30th April GDA 10th Birthday Les Cotils 7pm**
- 22nd May Access for All meeting Les Cotils

## Guernsey Sailing Trust Hoist

GST has purchased a new hoist to enable accessible sailing for people that would like to partake & haven't been able to up to now!

## GDA 10th Anniversary Ball

HUGE thank you to volunteer Catherine McCook who is coordinating our 10th Anniversary Ball - this will be a 1st for the GDA so please do support us by taking a table, supplying items or by sponsoring the ball itself. It will be at St Pierre Park on Saturday 4th August. View details [here](#). Contact Cath for more information [c.mccook.events@gmail.com](mailto:c.mccook.events@gmail.com)

## GOSHA

The Guernsey Occupational Safety & Health Association are giving a talk on 11th July entitled 'Not Just another H & S Brief' by Jason Anker. Read more on our blog [here](#).

## Data Protection Awareness Training

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) law comes into force on May 25th 2018. Please read more [here](#).

- 25th May Data Protection law comes into effect
- 9th June [Saffery Rotary Walk](#)
- 9th June [Mikado for Guernsey Cheshire Home](#)
- 14th June GET course [click here](#)
- 25th June Co-Op Sunflower Lanyard Launch
- 4th July Autism Charity Fashion Show
- 8th July Garden Fund-raiser at Blanchelande Park
- 11th July Not just another H&S brief – by Jason Anker 7pm Princess Royal Centre for Performing Arts Guernsey
- 21st July Government House Fête
- GDA 10th Anniversary Ball Date Saturday 4th August, [watch this space](#)**
- 11th Aug GDA 1st Flag day! Volunteers needed

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