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Welcome to the GDA monthly newsletter. Mid May to mid June has seen significant progress as the multi ground legislation was unanimously approved ([see our news blog for more](#)) and we see the change in our team as Trudi joins us as member services coordinator and Karen steps back as Executive Director and starts to develop the partnership role ready for autumn. Rob Harnish is now in full flow as Social Policy lead. Our main focus is fundraising, as members and supporters, we ask you to please to get fully behind us with the 10th Anniversary Ball, flag day and push to ask local groups & businesses to support our vital work. All the best for the summer. GDA team.

Look out for us on bus 70014



4th Aug GDA 10th Anniversary Ball

Calling all our member groups & supporters, please get involved in supporting our fundraising ball. Take a table or team up with another charity. £65 per person. Entertainment provided by DJ Carl Ward and close-up magician Peter Fleming, compere John Fernandez. We welcome raffle prizes/auction items. Venue St Pierre Park on Saturday 4th August. Details [here](#). Contact Cath on c.mccook.events@gmail.com



Saffery Rotary Walk

Congratulations to all our members and the scouts who took part in this year's Saffery Rotary Walk on 9th June 2018. A big thank you to all the volunteers and to Olly Tracey of OnScreen Creations for his wonderful video of members on the accessible route from Bordeaux to the finish. Another wonderful chance for us all to get involved in an inclusive community event. See the video [here](#).



Support Us - we need your help.

Can you help fund our events, key projects, the newsletter, members' meetings or the Christmas accessible shopping day? Please visit our page [here](#) to see how you can support the GDA.



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. gg or contact Karen. We welcome your support.

YOUR LOGO!

Social Policy Updates

This month has been quieter than many as we all take time to absorb the implications of the decision to bring in anti-discrimination legislation on multiple grounds. I think it is important to stress that the voice of disabled people has not been diluted, but rather strengthened by the addition of the new partners. In fact the GDA remains at the table not just on the Disability and Inclusion Strategy Project Board, but also on the Legislation Teams and the ERO teams. I want everyone to feel confident that the strategy being pursued by the States is likely to bring about the best result for disabled Islanders and their carers. Your voice is being heard loudly and clearly. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Rob Harnish

Email: Socialpolicy@gda.org.gg

We were delighted to see that the new Carers Guernsey charity was launched in May. We wish Alysa Martel, Manager and Fiona Mansell, Outreach Coordinator all the best in their new roles. More information about the charity can be found on their website www.carers.gg and don't forget to follow them on Facebook or Twitter @carersguernsey



Guernsey Recovery Community Group

We are an open local group sharing recovery-focused activities and community support for people who want to recover from mental health and addiction problems, and their loved ones. People with lived experience, professionals, community leaders, quiet types all welcome. Anyone who wants to make Guernsey a happier healthier place is welcome! Please visit the FB page [here](#) to join a much-valued group.

Stannah Stairlift Free

Wheelchair, bath lift and the stairlift are free to a good home and I am happy to help with removal and transport if required. Please contact Mr Bourne on 07911 113802 and email sollybourne@gmail.com

Disability Officer Update

The Disability and Highlight Report 14 outlines how ESS will base the local legislation



on Irish and Australian discrimination laws to make tailored proposals. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) have been working well so far. There has been a reorganisation of the Speech & Language 'Let's Talk' Clinics. Training for staff at the Co-op has continued well using the Hidden Disability Lanyard scheme.

A full report can be read on the link [here](#). Any queries please contact disabilityofficer@gov.gg or telephone Caroline on 01481 732557.

A huge thank you from the GDA

We want to say a massive thank you to Caroline Mullins for all her contributions to disabled islanders, in her role for 3.5 yrs as Disability Officer. Caroline will be taking up a post as Team Manager for the Children's Disability Service.



We sincerely wish her all the very best.

Huge thank you

to Mrs Val Moullin and MINT, family and friends who very generously donated to the GDA in lieu of birthday presents.



We are exceptionally grateful for all your support.

Thank you to the Co-operative for their generous donation to the GDA at their AGM.





Members' Voice

Members' Co-ordinator

Trudi Kent now has a telephone number so as well as being able to contact her by email on members@gda.org.gg you can ring on 07781 163967.



Trudi will be contacting all member groups over the next couple of months in order to introduce herself, update our member information and discuss future plans. She is looking forward to seeing/speaking to you soon.

Our members voices are heard through our 3 streams:

Members services
(inc We All Matter Eh?)

Thought Leadership - Social Policy

Partnerships
(community & Businesses)

Partnership Services

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



GDA Carers' Meeting

We had a really interesting and informative evening on June 12th hearing some feedback on the Carers Survey and meeting Carers Guernsey, please follow this link [here](#) to see the slides. A big thank you to Nikki Cleal and Alysa Martel. Alysa is welcoming input and comments from Carers and posed the following questions at the end of her presentation. Please contact her on alysa@carers.gg.



Volunteers needed please:

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. Email Cath on c.mccook.events@gmail.com

Blanchelande Park Open Garden 8th July

Cake makers needed; help for setting up/tidying up; help serving drinks and cake or to provide a stall.

Please contact Trudi Kent on 07781 163967 if you can help. Email: members@gda.org.gg



GDA Executive Board Volunteers needed

Chair

The GDA is seeking a Chair to lead this dynamic group through a significant period of change.



Fundraising lead

Funding is critical to maintain our position as influencer & partner in these crucial times.



Strategic Marketing

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



[See our news blog for more details.](#)

Autism Guernsey

22nd June – Autism Sports Training Day

1 day course for anybody who delivers sports or physical activity. The course runs from 9.30am-4pm at Les Cotils & is Free.

4th July – Fashion Show & Auction

Tickets left for our charity fashion show being held at St. Pierre Park at 7pm. Tickets cost £15.

14th July – Rough Golf in Herm

Win a meal for 8 people at The Ship Restaurant, together with boat fares? £10 per person entry plus £10 boat fare. Contact colin.fallaize@gg.logicalis.com or call Colin on 737051.

15th July – Music on the Cliffs

An entertaining afternoon for all the family. Read more in detail [here](#) on the GDA blog.

Blanchelande Park Open Garden with Floral Guernsey

Sunday July 8th, 2-5pm. All proceeds kindly going to the GDA. Do any member charities want to run a stall on the day? Is anyone available to help? Come along and see the beautiful grounds, have tea and cake, have a go at mini pitch n putt, pétanque and croquet. £5 entry (children free).

For further information please contact Trudi on members@gda.org.gg or 07781 163967

Carers Coming Together Events

Please visit our blog [here](#) to see several events organised by Carers Coming Together. There is an Away Day, a Barbecue and a men's supper. Please call Reverend Jan Le Billon on Home: 01481 234283 and Mobile: 07781 435420.

Forthcoming Events

Email event dates to info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

18-24th June Learning Disability Week

22nd June Learning Disability Talks Hospital Canteen

22nd June [Autism Sports Training Day](#)

25th June Co-Op Sunflower Lanyard Launch

25th June [Carers Away Day](#)

28th June MIND TeamTalk Heptathlon entry [deadline](#)

4th July [Autism Charity Fashion Show](#)

8th July Garden Fund-raiser at Blanchelande Park

11th July Rotary MIND Picnic at Government House 11.30am - 2.30pm

11th July Not just another H&S brief – by Jason Anker 7pm Princess Royal Centre for Performing Arts Guernsey visit [here](#).

14th July [Rough Golf in Herm](#) - Autism Guernsey

15th July [Music on the Cliffs](#) - Autism Guernsey

15th July Tea Cups at Saumarez Manor (for families with children with autism/ADHD)

21st July Association of Guernsey Charities Government House Fête

28th July MIND TeamTalk Heptathlon Event

29th July Art on the Beach [Guernsey Arts Commission](#), 11.30 - 3.30pm at Vazon

Summer school holidays July 19th - Sept 3rd (Karen & Trudi will be on reduced hours).

4th Aug GDA 10th Anniversary Ball Date [watch this space](#)

9th August [Carers Barbecue Les Cotils](#)

11th Aug GDA 1st Flag day! Volunteers needed

26th Sept Members Meeting 7-9 Les Cotils

18/19 Oct [CAE Access Audit Course](#)

Half term 29th Oct - 2nd Nov (Karen & Trudi will be on reduced hours).

2nd Nov Inferno kitchen St Pierre Park 5pm - 11pm

6th Nov Members' Meeting 7-9 pm Les Cotils

21st - 23rd Nov CAE Access Audit course (TBC)

3rd Dec International Day of Persons with a Disability (IDPcoD)

3rd Dec Accessible Town Shopping & Christmas Lights

11th Dec GDA Christmas Party 7-9pm Les Cotils

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