

WHAT IS THE DISABILITY STRATEGY?

The States of Guernsey's Disability and Inclusion Strategy (www.gov.gg/disabilitystrategy) is a set of related projects that aim to change attitudes and improve the quality of life of disabled islanders and carers.

The Strategy includes:

1. Extending the **UN Convention** on the Rights Of People with Disabilities to Guernsey to confirm the island's commitment to respect the rights of its disabled citizens.
2. Introducing **legislation** to protect disabled islanders and carers from discrimination.
3. Creating an **Equality and Rights Organisation** to promote the rights of disabled people and carers and other groups at risk of discrimination.
4. Improving the **information** available to disabled people and carers about support and services.
5. Commissioning an **audit of the States'** employment practices, buildings and services to ensure they meet the new legislation.



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Importantly, the Strategy also obliges all States Departments to take the Disability Strategy into account when developing new policies and plans.

6. Creating an **Employment Trust** to help disabled people to gain and maintain employment.
7. Developing frameworks for Autism, Learning Disability and Dementia that set out how people with these **specific conditions** are diagnosed and supported.
8. Introducing a **Capacity Law** to empower and protect people who may not be able to make decisions for themselves.
9. Developing **safeguarding** policies to protect vulnerable adults from abuse or neglect.