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GDA Update for April

I am pleased to inform you in this month's newsletter we have Rob Platt's summary of progress with travelling facilities and accessibility for air and sea travel. Plus two vacancies for volunteering for the GDA. Please don't forget to sign up firstly for the disability training and secondly, get your team name in for the Quiz on 4th May, and look for forthcoming events on the back page. Happy Easter!

Air Passenger Rights



The GDA and Access4All have been involved in a number of initiatives to do with making travel more accessible for people with disabilities. Here we summarise the situation concerning air travel.

The [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (the UN Convention), and the legislation it has spawned, have transformed travel by air (and by sea) in many parts of the world, and made travel more accessible. Guernsey's government has agreed to adopt the Convention.

Legislation, including European Regulations, governs how assistance must be given to people with restricted mobility (passengers with disabilities) and how people must be cared for, and compensated, should their travel be delayed or cancelled. Of course, Guernsey isn't in the EU, but it has still benefited, to some extent, from these Regulations.

Confused about how the EU Community Carrier thing affects your rights? You would not be alone, and the GDA has been concerned that disabled passengers, travelling with airlines who are not Community Carriers, arriving into or departing from Guernsey, or delayed in Guernsey, are potentially getting a lesser deal. These anomalies may not reflect well on Guernsey or help give confidence to people with disabilities travelling to and from our island.

We should be clear, this does not mean that disabled passengers do not get any support when travelling from Guernsey, but it does mean the right to expect certain standards is not granted, standardised, or protected, by law.

The GDA has been in discussion with Aurigny and Guernsey Airport Authority to see if passenger rights might be recognised further, and to see if arrangements for assistance might be improved, and standardised, at Guernsey airport.

The expected disability discrimination legislation will mean that passengers with disabilities will be able to challenge any policy or system which adversely affects them more than non-disabled passengers.

The Charter is being drafted and is hoped to be in place before this summer.

There is a clear table on the blog [here](#) with the document in full and the key below.

Rob Platts

If your charity needs volunteers for social media

The Grammar School and Sixth Form Centre has expressed interest in finding ways for their students to help charities with their Social Media needs. Please call the Sixth Form centre on 256571.

[Free Disability Awareness Training](#)

The training was developed by a number of charities and disabled people in Guernsey and therefore it is bespoke to Guernsey.

The training is made up of six short modules which take about 10 minutes to complete. You can do them individually or all at once. The training is free and all you need to do is create an account at bit.ly/2cAKeWv Once you have created your account you simply need to go to bit.ly/2djETDZ

Please feel free to share with as many individuals as possible in your organisation and also with any groups or individuals you wish outside work.

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Would you like to volunteer for the GDA?

An experienced Communications & PR Director is needed to provide advice to their executive committee and Executive Director, to provide strategic advice on all matters relating to Marketing, Communications and PR, to provide strategic guidance on that topic and managing local media in relation to our We All Matter Eh? campaigns (www.matter.gg) and GDA projects (www.gda.org.gg). Visit our [blog](#).

The GDA would like to hear from experienced and non-experienced fundraisers to create a fundraising team providing management, assistance, ideas and leadership. Skills required include event management, social media, sales both written and face to face and bucket holding. If you are interested please contact Robin. LePrevost@Gmail.com.

Useful website link

Natalie Kelly from Disability Helper has shared their website, which has some very good articles. If you want to read further please go to:-
<http://disabilityhelper.net/>

Don't forget the Saffery Rotary Walk 2017



It would be fantastic if we could get 100 members, carers and supporters to take part! For more information please go to news blog [link](#) or contact Karen.

<http://www.safferyrotarywalk.com/>

To register visit here: <http://bit.ly/2nFBrvC>

Disability and Inclusion Strategy Highlight Report Number 4

Some key points below:

Disability Discrimination Legislation - A Senior Policy Officer has been seconded to the DDL workstream commencing work on the 13 February 2017.

Information and Awareness Raising:

Dementia Friendly Guernsey: Successful launch 6 February 2017; good take up by key organisations (Police, Ports, Government services, Hospitality, Buses and commercial businesses) wishing to participate

Inclusion and Equality in schools; reviews to take place in all schools in 2017; meetings arranged with community groups; Developments with Mental Health and Well-being continue across schools; Continued Professional Development around Mental Health and Well-being is being delivered in a number of schools.

Wheelchair Services: Service Level Agreement has been redrafted and forwarded to E&SS.

Accessible Art: involvement of charity groups and services in Lantern making for the Lantern Parade.

Information and awareness raising for businesses in Guernsey: Guernsey Employment Trust Good Practice Guide; Completed draft of Guide; Employers' Disability Charter ; Completed draft of Charter and supporting guide.

To read in full please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2omA9Cz>

Access

The students in Access and Health and Social Care created a whole range of items for the OSA pop



up shop around the theme of 'clean, natural and healthy' in support of the Edible Guernsey Charity. They were in the shop in March.

Some students also visited the Digital Greenhouse.

"Guernsey College of Further Education Access students, who run a Young Enterprise Team Programme Company called 3Rs, visited the Digital Greenhouse in St Peter Port.

They were given a tour of the facilities by Ben Wratten and held their weekly company meeting there."

The students were Jordan-Lee Gallienne, Jordan Torode, Jack Enticott, Cherie Roussel and Lauren Jones.

Inclusion and Diversity Seminar led by Liberate

Rob Platts, the GDA's Equality Advisor, attended the CIPD Inclusion and Diversity seminar led by Ellie Jones, Vice Chair of Liberate in Guernsey.

Liberate was established in Guernsey in 2014 to educate and inform on a wide range of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning or Queer) issues and to support those who identify as LGBTQ and their families and friends.

Liberate campaigns to reform policies and laws for equality, as well as questioning social attitudes and behaviours which discriminate against LGBTQ people, offering advice and help in tackling homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, etc.

Whilst the session was mainly aimed towards making employers and workplaces more LGBTQ friendly, Ellie also explained some of the historical struggles surrounding the issues of sexuality, sexual preference and gender.

Ellie reflected on just how far attitudes have changed, but also noted that, with homosexuality still illegal in 77 countries, there is still much work to be done around the world by organisations such as Liberate.

Rob Platts says he was struck by how similar the aims of Liberate and the GDA are; The main aims of the GDA being all about achieving equality of opportunity and attitude change. Rob says many of the issues of prejudice and discrimination faced by people on the basis of sexual preference, gender and gender identity are also very comparable to those faced by people with disabilities.

Rob was impressed by the content of the session and by Ellie Jones' presentation skills and style. He thinks GDA members might both enjoy and benefit from a similar session and is hoping it might be possible to invite Ellie to attend a future GDA meeting.

LIBERATE

Information Event from the Institute



Training and education for Guernsey's Health & Social Services

Do you receive a Health and/or Social Care Service?
Or are you a carer of someone who does?
If so your expertise is needed.....

This welcome and information event will be held on
Tuesday 23rd
May 2017
from
5.30-6.30pm
at the
Institute of Health and Social Care Studies

(follow the signs for the 3rd floor of the new part of the PEH)

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Staff at The Institute deliver training and education for a wide variety of courses and programmes for which we welcome input from the users of health and social care.

Your expertise is needed to help shape the future delivery of health and social care by becoming involved with training, curriculum design, assessment and the interviewing of staff and students.

If you are interested in finding out more about the opportunities available please attend our open evening or register your interest.



States of Guernsey

A better life through learning

Contact: Emma Le Poidevin, Quality Assurance Lead, Mental Health Pre-registration Lead, The Institute, States of Guernsey, on tel: 707323 or email: emma.lepoidevin@gov.gg

Volleyball Matches

The Guernsey Volleyball Association have a team coming over to play. This is now just 2 weeks away.



They will be playing 10-4 on Saturday 29 April, and 9-12 on Sunday 30 April, at Beau Sejour Centre. Two squads have been raised so that they can have a good round-robin event.

The basketball inter-insulars will also be on the Saturday, so there will be plenty of atmosphere.

Please spread the word, this will be a great opportunity for anyone who might be interested in giving it a try to see us in action. We'd be very grateful for some support!

Jo Turville, GVA sitting volleyball representative
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www.guernseyvolleyball.com

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QUIZ 4th May 2017
7pm start

**Come along to the
GDA Fundraising Quiz
at Rosaire Court, St Peter Port**

Quiz master and organiser Peter Hill-Smith.

All members, friends and supporters welcome. Teams of six, up to 60 people.

Cost £8 each including a choice of food:

Sausage and chips or chicken and chips, (vegan and vegetarian option please request these on booking). A fundraising raffle will be held on the night, all donations gratefully received.

Please register team name, contact information and menu choices to info@disabilityalliance.org.gg by 28th April.

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Forthcoming Events

20th April Disability & The Workplace @ Les Cotils 12.15-2pm book [here](#)

25th April – 1st May Multiple Sclerosis MS Day

26th April MS Society - Wear Orange
Wednesday

4th May GDA fundraising quiz – open to all
(up to 60 people) Rosaire Court
7-9pm please register by emailing
Info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

8th-12th May Brain Injury Awareness week

12th May Hats for Headway

14th – 20th May Dementia Awareness Week

24th May Cystic Fibrosis (CF) meeting with
guest speakers from the UK,
all welcome especially health
professionals.

Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils
6-8pm.

3rd June Saffery Rotary Walk

To register go to www.safferyrotarywalk.com or if you have
access requirements contact Karen

14 & 15th June CAE Access course

16th June Follow up practical CAE access
session

17/18th June Set Sail Trust Sailing activities
late summer - Alderney trip (to be
funded)

10th Sept Mind Fun Run KGV 9.30am

1st – 3rd December – International Day of
Persons with Disability celebrations
(IDPwD)

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