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## GDA February 2018 Update

2018 is our 10th Anniversary and its proving to be a full throttle start to the year. It's a month since the last news letter and we have had the Scrutiny meeting, our members agreed our new strategy for 2018, we have met with the new legislation experts from Galway, had ERO Equality Rights Organisation workshop and presented at numerous meetings in a bid for funds. The last point has probably been the most exhausting, as we fit 4 years of Disability & Inclusion Strategy

meetings into a few months (no complaints!) it's hard to know the Executive Director role finishes in 9 weeks. As we fundraise for the new We All Matter Eh roles we continue to look for your support either financially, through expertise, time or fundraising ideas.

This year we will hold our 1st Ball (4th August) and 1st Flag day (11th August) a huge thank you to Catherine, Jan and our friends of the GDA for their support.

See our letter to members on our blog [here](#)

## Scrutiny Committee update on the Disability & Inclusion Strategy

31st January the GDA was called as witnesses to the scrutiny hearing on the progress of the Disability & Inclusion strategy. Thank you to our members who attended in support & the feedback from members who watched the video ([here](#)). The general feedback has been surprised at the 'grillin' the GDA got as a voluntary organisation representing members, versus the states (politicians & civil servants) who own the strategy, it's workstreams & the implementation. The Hansard (script) will be out in a few weeks.

## 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 and supporters find their way around. Thank you to Ben for the great new logo.

**Guernsey  
Disability  
Alliance**

**10 Years**  
2008 - 2018

## ERO Equality Rights Organisation Update

The ERO Options Framework Workshop took place on Tuesday, 6 February with a wide number of stakeholders: politicians, officers, law office, Employment office, GDA. We are working towards a business case/plan and policy letter for the states to debate so we can move forward with an Equality Rights Organisation fit for purpose in Guernsey.

## Legislation Update

Rob Platts updates us all on the new legislation experts form Galway University & the progress being made to date Read [here on our blog](#).



## Disability & Inclusion Strategy Update by Rob Platts

Please read Rob Platt's report on the Disability legislation progress in the States of Guernsey & many other significant areas. Read [here on our blog](#).

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

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). gg or contact Karen. We welcome your support.

**YOUR  
LOGO!**

## The GDA Executive Board

At our members meeting, people were keen to meet & know about our board of directors & key volunteers. This page summarises our roles & the skills we bring to the team. With extremely limited staff (paid) we are very reliant on volunteers & are very grateful for their time & commitment. With such a large agenda in 2018 we always welcome committed volunteers to support our members. Please contact [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg)

### GDA Vice Chair & Social Policy lead

Rob Harnish is the manager of the Rob Short Centre & will work 1 day a week on the Disability & Inclusion strategy & support Rob P & Karen on legislation & the ERO. Rob will develop the new social policy group, incorporating members, stakeholders & partners.



### Rob Platts, Founder & Equality adviser

Rob Platts founded the GDA more than 10 years ago and although due to retire at least 8 years ago is still a pivotal and very active member of the board. Rob leads our legislation expertise and provides insight on a large number of projects.



### GDA Treasurer - Alan Bain

Alan Bain, Chartered Accountant, joined Butterfield Guernsey in 2007 & is currently Chief Financial Officer. Alan hopes to bring his business knowledge & financial expertise in assisting the GDA in fulfilling its short & medium term objectives & putting something back into the Guernsey community.



### Corporate Secretariat Volunteer

We are currently recruiting a volunteer corporate secretariat to be on board with the Executive Committee. Read [here](#) on our blog for description & where to apply.



### Arrun Wilkie

Arrun is a past disability champion and provides social policy support to the GDA as well as the insights he gained as a deputy. Arrun is also still an active member of the Disability Champions Team



### GDA Executive Director - April 2108 We All Matter Eh? 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.



### Chris Le Page

Chris joined the GDA initially through the GTA Board apprentice scheme. his role is to assist and advise the company on area of risk, policy, procedures and adherence to local laws and regulations.



### Fundraising lead - Board

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.



### Chair of GDA

Chair, now our new direction has been supported by our members we will start to look for a new chair with strong networking & strategic experience to lead us through an exciting & demanding year of change & progress.

### Strategic Marketing & Comms - GDA Board member

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 [karen@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:karen@disabilityalliance.org.gg).



# Members' Voice

## The We All Matter Eh? Brand

The voice of disabled islanders & carers will become our flag for our new Services, as we build content for workshops, presentations & training for the community & businesses. None of this will be possible without sponsorship & fundraising so please do share your ideas, networks to support WAME.

## Fundraising - Friends of the GDA

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers to join Catherine McCook on our friends of the GDA fundraising team. To find out more please email [friendsof@gda.org.gg](mailto:friendsof@gda.org.gg).

## Disability Discrimination Legislation Update by Ellen Pragnell, Senior Policy Officer

Towards the end of 2017, the ESS Committee sought bids from experts in discrimination law to advise the Committee on which country's legislation would be most appropriate for Guernsey to model its disability discrimination legislation. They appointed legal experts from the National University of Ireland Galway's Centre for Disability Law and Policy - Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley. It is hoped that a model law will be identified by the end of March. Please read more here.

## Carers Guernsey

"Carers Guernsey is a new charity dedicated to supporting islanders of all ages who provide informal care for family members & friends with life-limiting health conditions. They are recruiting a Manager & an Outreach Worker - who together will be responsible for setting up & developing services to support carers across the Bailiwick. Please visit their website [www.carers.gg](http://www.carers.gg)



## We All Matter Eh? Team

The WAME team of volunteers are the energy behind the brand, donating hours of their time & skills to raising awareness & changing attitudes to disability & carers.

We thank them for their time, & their extremely cheap rates for some paid services, videos, web & brand design.

## We All Matter Eh? Services Co-ordinator

Requires Funding

To be funded PT contract.

This role is essential to support our 40+ member groups & individual disabled islanders & carers. Providing signposting, support, communications, interface to social policy.

## Carers Survey

If you are an informal, unpaid carer, the States of Guernsey need your views! If you are a carer please fill in this [short survey](#)

## Carers Action Plan Engagement Event

The carers event on 15th Feb was very well attended with good discussions on information, training, respite, carers support. Watch this space for more information and the outcomes of the survey (open until 7th March)

## Raising Awareness & Changing Attitudes - Caroline Mullins

The workshop held on 5th Jan raised two work streams to progress. The outputs of the workshop were reported back to the Disability & Inclusion Strategy Project Board on the 30 January 2018. The next step will be to develop a robust communications plan describing prioritisation of themes, including resource requirements & timelines for implementation. Updates on progress will be provided through the Disability & Inclusion Strategy Highlight Reports. Read more [here](#).

Caroline Mullins, Disability Officer, States of Guernsey, email: [caroline.mullins@gov.gg](mailto:caroline.mullins@gov.gg)



## BINGO Fundraiser

We have a caller, thank you Olly Bailey Davies!  
Now we need a volunteer to coordinate this fundraiser please! Anyone interested please email [info@disabilityalliance.org.gg](mailto:info@disabilityalliance.org.gg)

## Jersey visit 13th March 2018

Enable Jersey, Jersey Disability partnership and social security will be visiting the GDA, Access for All and stakeholders 13th March to share ideas and increase collaboration. [Sign up here](#)

## Social Enterprise Success Conference



18th May St Pierre Park - We are excited to announce the 1st Social Enterprise Conference has selected the GDA/ We All Matter Eh? as the charity it will support. Thank you

## Saffery Rotary Walk Volunteer



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)

## Hospital-style Bed available

A very good condition hospital style electronic bed is available for free but collection need to be arranged. Please contact Karen Jones on 07781 135134. See [our blog](#) for photos.

## 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 prizes or by sponsoring the ball itself.

It will be at St Pierre Park on Saturday 4th August

## Jersey Consultation

At the end of last year Jersey organised a consultation with the public on their disability discrimination legislation. The GDA gave a full response (special thanks to Rob Platts).

The GDA has concluded that the proposed approach is discriminatory and offers inferior legislation to disabled people. You can view our [response here](#)

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

## Forthcoming Events

6-9 Mar Karen Blanchford away  
13th Mar Visit from Enable Jersey, Jersey Disability partnership, Jersey social security  
[21st Mar Café Bridge at OGH for Gsy Cheshire Home](#)  
21-22rd Mar [Next CAE Access Course](#)  
23rd Mar practical Access half day with CAE  
27th Mar GDA Meeting, Les Cotils - Legislation update from Rob Platts

31st Mar Autism Guernsey Flag Day  
17th April GET course [click here](#)  
9th June [Saffery Rotary Walk](#)  
9th June [Mikado for Guernsey Cheshire Home](#)  
DATE BINGO  
14th June GET Course To book the next GET Guernsey Employment Trust seminar [click here](#)  
**GDA 10th Anniversary Ball Date Saturday 4th August, watch this space**  
11th August GDA 1st Flag day!

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