

States Champion for Disabled People 2012 - Manifesto

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My interest in a better deal for disabled people stems from working with disabled employees during my years as a manager at Le Riches. This changed my view on disabled people for life. I considered a change in career at that time and applied to work in the health services. My employer made me offer I could not refuse so I continued to work in retail. (Plus I didn't get the health services job!).

I have been elected on to the HSSD department so I will be involved in bringing together the new Disability Strategy. I wish this to be the start of an ongoing programme of new policies to improve the opportunities and quality of life for all people with disabilities.

During my election campaign I heard many stories of frustration and anger over the lack of support, legislation and investment in the disabled community. I felt shocked and dismayed that my fellow islanders were being treated with such neglect. I vowed to make a difference and change a system which has been failing. I will continue that work over the next four years and if I am not voted your champion I will always be your friend.

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