

GDA NOVEMBER Newsletter

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Guest Speakers

Michael Evans, Chief Executive of Guernsey Employment Trust was GDA's November Guest Speaker. He spoke about the range of employment services available for 16 - 67 year olds.

GET have been running since May this year and have just moved into their new building at The Fort Complex by L'Islet. GET offer four key services:

1. A Team of 5 people to support people searching for employment.
2. Work Experience Placements, giving people opportunities to test a job.
3. Job Club, where people can practice interview techniques, improve CV's and write letters to companies asking for interviews.
4. Employers' Consultancy and Advisory Service, to encourage and help employers throughout the process of employing somebody with a disability.

View the slides from the presentation at www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/blog/



get www.get.org.gg

GDA's Top 5

The GDA Top 5 Priorities are helping us set the GDA's 1-2 year goals by showing which areas are most important to you, the members. We would love to get another 20-30 replies before the closing date of 1st December.

The form is available at the following link www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/blog/ or speak to Ben, Andrew or Sam if you would like a printed form.

Priority	Rank
1. Access to employment opportunities	
2. Financial support	
3. Training and skills development	
4. Support with transport and mobility	
5. Support with housing and living costs	
6. Support with health and social care	
7. Support with education and skills	
8. Support with mental health and wellbeing	
9. Support with physical health and wellbeing	
10. Support with social and community activities	
11. Support with legal and administrative issues	
12. Support with employment and training opportunities	
13. Support with housing and living costs	
14. Support with health and social care	
15. Support with education and skills	
16. Support with mental health and wellbeing	
17. Support with physical health and wellbeing	
18. Support with social and community activities	
19. Support with legal and administrative issues	
20. Support with employment and training opportunities	

Congratulations Shelaine



Huge congratulations to Shelaine from the GDA community on winning the Community Award's Outstanding Individual Achievement.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and winners, a full list can be seen at the following link www.communityawards.gg

Changing Times

The latest edition of changing times has been released by the States. In their newsletter they give their update on the different areas of Social Policy which they have been developing. These areas are those prioritised by the States of Guernsey which safeguard and maintain the welfare of our community.



This edition includes articles on Social Policy, Adult Learning Disability Service and can be viewed at www.gov.gg/socialpolicynewsletter

Board Apprentice Scheme

If your charity is looking for new Board Members then a new scheme could help. Board Apprentice has been set up by the Guernsey Training Agency to give people (typically senior executives) experience at board level. They have the all the corporate governance and operation knowledge needed, all they lack is specific board experience.

If you would like further information please visit www.boardapprentice.com

Wigwam - Charity Manager

Are you looking for a part-time role which will make a big difference to children with special needs and their families? Wigwam are looking for a Charity Manager to have overall responsibility for the management of the day to day operations of Wigwam.

For informal enquiries contact Debbie Aldous on 01481 521678 or visit www.wigwam.org.gg

Shelaine in the States



The Disability and Inclusion Strategy was passed unanimously by the States in November 2013. It contains nine different projects.

On 16th October, the States published an Update Report setting out the progress that has been made so far. This report will be debated on 24th November 2015 States meeting – two years after GDA members stood on the steps of the States to congratulate their deputies.

The GDA issued a Media Statement and summarised the main points below to help make the information in this important report accessible to our members and the public.

To find out more click here:

What's working well?

What's not going so well?

What's holding the Strategy back?

Click below to see:

[Our Media Statement](#)

[The nine different projects](#)

[The Update report](#)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3 December 2015

Since 1992, the UN have used the International Day of Persons with Disabilities to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. This year they will be highlighting the use of technology to further include persons with disabilities in society and development. For more information visit www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/



Your Voice

Inclusion in Education

Education's Karen Hazzan and Nick Hynes will be hosting a meeting on Inclusion in Education on 2nd December, 7pm at Forest School. Wigwam and the GDA will report back its input from the workshop. If you would like a copy of the notes please speak to Karen.

Elections

The Home Department has requested our input and voice about the St Peter Port By-Election and the 2016 General Election to help make them more accessible. We have examples of the voting ballot and postal votes if you are interested. Both polling stations for St Peter Port North are at more accessible locations; Waitrose at Admiral Park and Beau Sejour. Access4All, Karen and Ben will be present on the day and would welcome any comments you have. The 3 candidates manifestos can be viewed at the following link www.election2016.gg/article/119429/St-Peter-Port-North-By-election

Wheelchair service review update

We have received the update report for the Wheelchair Review which can be downloaded at the following link www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/blog/ or speak to Ben for a printed copy. Thank you to our members who are attending these ongoing meetings to represent wheelchair users. For further information please contact Peter Hill Smith on phs@mail.com

Guernsey Community Survey

We have only received a few replies to the States Community Survey on its departments customer service, we are still finalising the GDA's response to the survey and still have time to include any last minute comments. If you do have thoughts on the customer service you receive from States Departments please contact Karen by Friday 27th November.

States Healthy Weight Consultation

A Healthy Weight Strategy is being looked at by the States and they would like to know your thoughts. They plan to make Guernsey and Alderney places where healthy eating and physical activity are accessible, affordable and a part of everyday life. There is a questionnaire to complete at www.gov.gg/healthyweight or speak to Ben to get a printed copy. The consultation closes 16 November.



Complete the consultation online
at www.gov.gg/healthyweight

At the next GDA meeting - Carers Special, 9 December

Carers form a large and vital part of our community. They are people who support family members or friends, young and old. We are keen to make sure that the important work of carers is recognised, and that you get the support you need, when you need it. We'll be holding a carers-focused session at our meeting on 9 December, and everyone is welcome. If there is anything you would like us to cover, please contact our GDA Carers' Rep, Andrew Carey, on andrewcareygsy@googlemail.com

Diary Dates

MS Guernsey Cake off Finals

17 November

Service Guernsey Conference

17 November

Beau Sejour

Keep Moving

19 & 26 November

10 December

Sir John Loveridge Hall, Beau Sejour

Round Table Christmas Fayre

22 November

Beau Sejour

States Debate on Update on Disability Strategy

24 November

Youth Hustings (St Peter Port N.)

26 November, 7pm

Les Cotils

Guernsey Cheshire Home

Afternoon Tea

29 November, 2pm

The OGH

St Peter Port Bi-Election

2 December 8am - 8pm

Beau Sejour or Waitrose, Admiral Park

Inclusion in Education

2 December, 7pm

Forest School

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)

3 December

Guernsey Mind Bingo Night

3 December, eyes down at 6.30pm

Les Cotils Coffee Shop

GDA Carers Meeting

9 December 7pm

Ron Short Centre

Christmas Carols, supporting Cheshire Home

16 December, 7pm

St James

Cheshire Home Property Lottery Draw

31 December, 3.30pm

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