

GDA May Newsletter

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Election 2016

Thank you to everyone who took part in the #MakeltReal campaign to raise awareness of disability throughout Election 2016.

At our May meeting, we agreed we all felt our voice had been heard through the media coverage, candidates manifestos, videos, speed hustings, etc. We congratulate the 38 new deputies and look forward to hearing more from them on how they will make the Disability and Inclusion Strategy real!



Feedback on Election 2016

We would welcome your feedback on Election 2016 and our own #MakeltReal campaign. How easy was it to register to vote; find information on the Election; to register and submit a postal vote; and vote on the day; how did you rate the GDA Speed Hustings? Please contact us on info@disabilityalliance.org.gg or write to us, by 13th May, so we can feedback to the Home Department, and review your comments for our own improvements, thank you.



Speed Hustings



#MakeltReal Videos



Guernsey Disability Alliance Manifesto



Guide to Election 2016



Accessible Voting In Guernsey

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GDA May members meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our May members meeting. We spent the first half of the meeting reviewing the Election 2016 #MakeltReal campaign, thank you for all our members feedback to date. The general consensus was that disability awareness was prominent during the election, now we are looking for action to #MakeltReal.

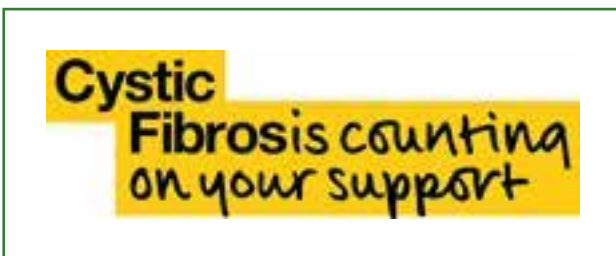


The second half of the night was a social, to thank Arrun Wilkie for his commitment to the Disability Champion's role and to thank Shelaine for her outstanding 7 years service as Chair of the GDA.

A new venue for our meetings

This month's meeting was held at Les Rocquettes so we could host the party. Unfortunately the sound in the room was not great. We have outgrown the Ron Short Centre. If you have any other ideas for our monthly meeting venue please let us know. The new venue should be accessible, reasonably priced and ideally located on the outskirts of Town.

New Member Charity



We welcome new member charity, Cystic Fibrosis Channel Islands, to the GDA. Mike Read and Richard Bray are building the new charity to raise awareness of the condition locally. Mike will be competing in the Gobi March event which is a 250km, 7 day, 6 stage, foot race taking place in North West China on 19th - 25th June 2016. You can donate online via www.justgiving.com/Mike-ReadCfGobiMarch or by email on mp.read@cwgsy.net or by mobile on 07911 747747.

We will hear more from the group in the June GDA Meeting.

Inclusion in Education



On 5th May Wigwam and the GDA were asked to present at Education's Inclusion Day on our members views on Inclusion in Education for Children with disabilities.

We presented the feedback from the Children Young People's Plan (CYPP) and Inclusion workshops run late last year to over 60 head teachers, specialists and service providers, which was well received.

We have been already been contacted by a few of the schools to follow up. Copies of the presentation are available from Karen or Debbie Aldous.

Access for All

It's been a busy few weeks for Access. We commented on a planning application submitted by the Golden Lion who were looking at putting bollards outside the pub. Access wrote to the Environment Department, now known as the Planning Authority, asking them to make sure people could still easily pass the bollards. Permission has been given, we wait to see what the access is like. We also welcome on board our new secretary, Jo May.

Beach Wheelchair

Health Information Guernsey has a beach wheelchair available for hire. It costs £40 per week or part thereof.



For more details about hiring, please contact Dicky Parmar on 07781 135987 or bjpconstruct@gmail.com

Election feedback

The election was a big event for Access and we were on hand to brief the returning officers on access issues and to ensure that everyone who was registered could access a polling station and was able to vote on the day. Richard Evans was at the briefing for the returning officers and the team were present at the practice polling station set up in Beau Sejour. We hope it helped people to feel confident about voting.

We would welcome your feedback on access throughout the election including postal voting, factsheets (Postal Voting, Pictorial Guide to the Election), the election website, access to the district hustings, polling stations. We are currently compiling a report to the Home Department with our feedback.

Lotty's War (captioned)



The first ever captioned performance is coming to Guernsey on Saturday 4th June 2:30pm. This converts the spoken word into text on a screen.

The show takes place at The Princess Royal Centre for the Performing Arts and tickets are available from www.guernseytickets.gg.

Access updates

Access for All works in partnership with the community to raise awareness of access issues and increase accessibility through factsheets and sharing our knowledge.



Our current projects include restaurant renovations, Town reviews, hotels, accessible bathroom tips and much more. This photo shows the new accessible toilets at Portlet.

For more information on access, visit www.access.gg or www.disabledgo.com

Saffery Rotary Walks

Access for All is excited to be one of the beneficiaries of this year's Saffery Rotary Walk. We are keen to get as many members and member charities involved as possible. For the first time the walk is broken into relay legs so you don't have to do the whole walk!



If you would like to take part in a relay leg, please contact Karen.

Scouts 'A Million Hands' project

We have an increasing number of requests from groups to present to them on Equality, Disability and Inclusion. This month we have met with the Education Department, the Youth Commission and the Scouts. The Scouts group will be joining us on legs of the Saffery Rotary Walk with our member charities.



Liberation Day 2016



This year's Liberation Day will not be a large event like the 70th anniversary.

The Guernsey Event Company have provided information about Blue Badge parking, accessible buses and toilets, viewing and seating areas.

Details of access for the day can be found on www.guernseyliberationday.com and www.access.gg

Diary Dates

Liberation Day

9th May

Spring Luncheon (Mencap)

15th May, St Pierre Park

AGC AGM State of the Nation

25th May, 7.30-10pm, St Pierre Park

Lotty's War (Captioned Performance)

4th June, 2.30pm, Performing Arts Centre

Kickstarting Recovery in the Community Conference

10th June, visit the link below for more information www.disabilityalliance.org.gg/kickstarting-recovery-conference/

Saffery Rotary Walk

11th June

GDA member meeting

15th June, Venue TBC

GDA AGM and member meeting

6th July, Venue TBC

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