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GDA Update for July

June/July continue to be active months with ongoing progress on the Disability & Inclusion Strategy summarised in the [6th Highlight Report](#), the Legislation group, with representation on CareWatch (below) & more recently the Education proposals. Besides fulfilling our key goal: influencing government policy, our focus for the next few months are 1) expanding our Executive team to meet all the changes taking place 2) building a fundraising team. Unfortunately our proposals for the We All Matter Eh? member manager have been turned down and a review of the member meetings, communications, newsletters etc will need to be reviewed. The good news is we have had four new volunteers join us last week to assist fundraise, run the Day of Disability campaign IDPwD, and 10th anniversary celebrations. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Nomination for the Sure Customer Service Awards

The GDA We All Matter Eh? volunteers were nominated for humble volunteers in the Sure Customer Service Awards,



thank you so much to everyone that submitted nominations, we were surprised but so grateful and it was a brilliant opportunity to raise more awareness of our voices. We would also like to congratulate Sarah King from GET and Donate local who has been such a fantastic supporter and makes sure these newsletters are produced. Thank you. It was a privilege to share the stage with Doreen, from Cheshire Homes Treasure Chest and winner of the Humble Volunteer, she was so very excited. So well-deserved, well done Doreen.

Journey to 100

This was a world-exclusive conference that explored ideas for a new and sustainable approach to lifelong health. The day kick started a 10-year project that aims to make Guernsey the first community in the world to break through the 100-year life expectancy barrier. Watch their video on their website [here](#).



The Future of Secondary & Post-16 Education in Guernsey

This is an overview of the changes the States are proposing for our secondary and post-16 education system. Visit the website [here](#) to read more about the plans by our Government. Tuesday night there is an open session. Thursday 10am a session for parents & carers and groups children with disabilities. Please email Karen for details.

CareWatch

The primary purpose of the CareWatch is to provide advice to the Health & Social Care Committee (HSC) on Strategy, Health & Social Care Services & reviews, Health & Social Care Programmes, & proposed Service Developments & Disinvestments from a Service User perspective. The GDA has been asked to represent views of disabled islanders & will run a pilot focus group for disabled islanders and carers interested in sharing their ideas and possible solutions with the CareWatch team 12th September. You do not need to be a GDA member to take part, but please note this is not open to the media or public, other sessions will be run later in the year. See links for the pdf, and articles on Island FM and in the Press on our blog [here](#).

This month's GDA meeting, newsletter and printing is kindly sponsored by Donate, Keeping It Local. Thank you.

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Disability Officer Update

In Guernsey we estimate that approximately 2-4,000 Islanders are carers. It is an important role, both rewarding and challenging, especially when balancing different roles such as work and family life. A number of carers in Guernsey are young carers who may have different challenges balancing school and growing up. It is important to be able to offer support to all carers in particular young carers although it is not easy to know who our young carers are. If you are aware of young carers and you do not know where to signpost them for support please get in touch with Caroline for further information.

If you would like an update on where we are with the Disability and Inclusion Strategy or to provide feedback about www.signpost.gg please contact Caroline who is happy to attend any of your meetings. Visit [here](#).

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DisabledGo Guernsey



A website geared to help you find places with accessible facilities on Guernsey eg restaurants and shops. Access the website by clicking on the logo above and let me know what you think – disabilityofficer@gov.gg or telephone Caroline on 01481 732557.

Guernsey Employment Trust

GET have been commissioned by the Disability and Inclusion Strategy (within the Committee for Employment and Social Security) to raise awareness with Employers on Employment and Disability, providing guidance on good practice for the recruitment and retention of disabled people. GET have produced a practical and helpful Good Practice Guide as a reference tool for employers to maximise the potential of disabled people. The full article can be found on our blog [here](#).



States Disability Champion

Contact Deputy Sarah Hansmann Rouxel if you need help resolving an issue with the States (relating to your disability). You can also contact Deputy Sarah to help her represent the views of disabled islanders and carers in the States debates. www.facebook.com/groups/disabilitychampionsy/ or Sarah. HansmannRouxel@deputies.gov.gg or call 07911 765863.

Policy & Resources Plan

The States passed the Policy & Resources plan with more than a few amendments thrown in for good measure. The most important result for us is that completion of the Disability & Inclusion Strategy over the next four years now officially a priority of the States. This does not mean GDA can be complacent and we will pushing hard for real tangible progress in the 12 months. Read [here](#). Arrun Wilkie, Vice Chair. GDA, Social Policy Adviser



Changing Times

States of Guernsey Changing Times magazine is now available [online](#)

It is packed full of social policy, disability, access, carers and health articles. Including Disability and Inclusion Strategy, Legislation update, the Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) Refresh, Dementia Care, Provision for Carers, Access, Care Watch: Transforming HSC Services, GET. Please share this magazine widely as it assists us to raise awareness around disability and social policy that effects our members. It comes out twice a year.



CIPD Slides from the Employment and Discrimination Tribunal

In June Toni Airley, Senior Employment Relations officer at the States, presented to the Chartered Institute of Professional Development on 2016 employment tribunal figures, please visit our blog for a copy of the slides please visit [here](#).



SPOTLIGHT

A charity supporting inclusivity



Spotlight Guernsey is a non-profit organisation working to increase access to music, drama and dance in Guernsey. Spotlight aims to remove the barriers associated with the performing arts and offers inclusivity and opportunity to all. Visit www.spotlight.gg or on facebook [here](#).

CAE Training

CAE Access training - encouraging all disciplines that work on accessible buildings to take part in the CAE training 1&2 November. Architects, planners, surveyors. Link [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE 1st December

Please encourage your school, business or community group to get involved in our celebrations and fundraising for UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities IDPwD Friday 1st December 017. Click on link [here](#).



Mind Guernsey Team Talk Campaign

Launched June 2017, (see [here](#)) this campaign aims to



promote positive mental health in sport. Team Managers, Coaches, support staff and players all have a responsibility to look out for each other's mental wellbeing, creating a positive and inclusive environment for everyone. We are encouraging local sports to take positive steps to be open about mental health issues.

GUERNSEY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP (GAP)



Launched in January, GAP is a partnership between Autism Guernsey and NAS Guernsey.

The aim is to provide a drop-in advice and support service for anyone impacted by autism. We also have a range of reference books on autism, and sensory items such as weighted blankets, vibrating cushions, neck rolls, lap cushions, available for loan.

GAP is based at the Autism Guernsey Offices, and available on Thursdays, 8.30am - 5.30pm.

Please visit the GAP website <http://www.gap.org.gg> for more information.

GDA Board Members

GDA is looking for new board members to join the executive team as we move into an exciting 2-3 year period, as legislation progresses discussions on the ERO, our 10th anniversary. Experience in strategic planning, governance, networking, marketing, communications or fundraising would be advantageous. Please contact chair@gda.org.gg

Citizens Advice Statistics 2016

We are pleased to provide you a further update on trends of enquiries to The Citizens Advice Bureau, who have published their latest statistics from 2016. With approximately 4,000 people contacting them every year with one or more queries, a significant proportion of Guernsey households benefit from their services and our statistics provide an interesting barometer of the social issues concerning Islanders. Advice regarding care needs and disability has decreased by 7% from 2015 to 2016 (108 to 101 enquiries). Read the full account on our blog [here](#). Their website is [here](#).



CT PLUS - New Buses

We would be keen to know what you think of the news buses? Over the summer CT will be organising a session so you can trial the buses and ask questions. Watch this space....



http://www.buses.gg/about/accessable_service

Bumble Bee Trips

Bumble Bee Boat Cruises had the pleasure of taking out a lot of disability groups on Bumblebee over the last five seasons and have loved to see the enjoyment these trips have given. Bumblebee, is fully equipped to cater for wheelchairs and other disabled passengers too. Call direct on 07781 101095. Visit [here to find out more.](#)



Email your event dates to info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

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WIGWAM Events

WIGWAM have loads of things going on this summer. Head over to their website [here](#) to find out more.



Guernsey Mobility

Want to get involved in more activities? Why not join Janina, Mel and co at Beau Sejour every Tuesday at 1pm - website [here](#).



Forthcoming Events

There will be no meetings in July and August but focus groups on topics will continue (Education, Health etc)

- 18th July Education Open meeting
- 20th July Education Committee meeting with parents & carers 10am Contact Karen
- 22nd July [WIGWAM Teddy Bears Picnic](#)
- 22nd July Arts Foundation Guernsey Launch
- 21st July The Guernsey Mind Hope Singers are singing at KPMG Castle Nights
- 24-28th July Karen Blanchford away
- 25th July [WIGWAM Summer Tuesday with B-Creative Dance](#)
- 27th July [Disability & Inclusion Strategy board meeting](#)
- 28th July Beau Sejour Emergency Training day
- 28th July [WIGWAM Sailing with the Sailing Trust](#)
- 29th July Gateway Club Champagne Reception, Dinner, Raffle and Auction
- 29th July AGC fête at Government house
- 30th July WIGWAM Young Adults Group
- 30th July Guernsey Gateway Club Family BBQ garden party
- 1st Aug Rob Platts MBE on JKT BBC Radio Guernsey, listen out!
- 3rd Aug Disability Discrimination Legislation Project group meeting

- 11th Aug TBC GDA fundraising meeting for anyone interested 12:45pm Magnolia, Grand Courtil
- 13th Aug Autism themed bicycle ride Autism Guernsey
- 16th Aug GDA presentation to Rotary
- 27th Aug [The Seafront, St. Peter Port 2017 Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management Guernsey Marathon and Relay Races Guernsey Mind](#)
- 10th Sept MIND Fun Run KGV 9.30am
- 12th Sept GDA meeting re HSC CareWatch at Beau Sejour, Cambridge & Delancey Rooms
- 14th Sept GFSC Ted talk by GDA & GET
- 19th Sept ITV Diversity panel (GDA representation)
- 3rd Oct GDA Annual General Meeting Les Cotils 6.30pm
- 4th Oct [Skipton Swimathon](#)
- 16-17 Oct Alderney trip TBC
- 20th Oct [Autism Guernsey Fashion Show](#)
- 1/2nd Nov CAE Access's training
- 3rd Nov 1/2 day practical CAE Access session The morning will be a practical session
- 1st – 3rd Dec International Day of Persons with Disability celebrations (IDPwD)

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