



2016 Annual Report



Overview

Access for All works in partnership with the community to improve accessibility, in its widest context, for islanders and visitors alike.

The purposes of the charity are to promote accessibility by providing guidance and assistance such as accessibility assessments of facilities and buildings, acting as a resource to raise awareness of accessible places and information, supporting the improvement of access for all, regardless of ability or disability, and encouraging best practice (not minimum standards), early assessments and keeping abreast of accessibility legislation, guidance, and best practice.

Access for All started in 2015 as an informal organisation prior to its formal registration in November 2016 under the Charities and Non Profit Organisations (Registration) (Guernsey) Law, 2008 with registration number CH542. The charity is run by a committee of trustees (the “Trustees”) who exercise their powers to carry out the purposes of the charity. The Trustees have appointed officers of the charity, including a treasurer and secretary, and receive the assistance of outside volunteers who support the work of the charity.

The Trustees during the period were:

- Chair: Richard Evans
- Vice Chair Places: Tony Yates
- Vice Chair: Karen Blanchford
- Peter Hill-Smith
- Ben Jones (resigned as Trustee 27 July 2017, but still an active volunteer)

The officers of the charity during the period included Steve Yates, Treasurer (appointed 28 February 2017) and Matt Falla, Secretariat (appointed 19 September 2017). Jo May acted as secretary until resigning on 3 March 2017.

The Trustees receive regular input from disabled islanders (the GDA membership and non-members), industry representatives, individuals with relevant sector expertise, or those wishing to promote or assist the charity in furthering its objectives. During the period these included Caroline Mullins (States of Guernsey Disability Officer), Emma Carter, and Aindre Reece-Sheerin.

Whilst no longer appointed a Trustee, Ben Jones leads the charity’s information activities and maintains the access.gg website and brand.

Each of the individuals involved in the management of Access for All are volunteers and receive no remuneration for their services to the charity.

The registered address of the charity is New Place, Petit Bouet, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 2AJ.

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Chairs Report by Richard Evans

During 2016 Access for All concentrated on establishing itself as a charity and getting organised to be effective. I was asked to be the Chair and took up the role from January 2016 and a 'board' of trustees was established.

The reason Access for All exists is to fill a gap that was identified by the members of the Guernsey Disability Alliance and its aim or vision is:

“Working in partnership with the community to improve accessibility, in its widest context, for islanders and visitors alike.” This is a wide ranging vision which can be defined a little more clearly as:

What does Access for All do?

- Encourages access best practice (not minimum standard) for Guernsey
- Encourages impairment groups to be involved early and engage in change to increase awareness and accessibility in the Island
- Encourages early assessment to reduce time and cost
- Signposts to current access best practice, laws, guidance and standards
- Shares examples of good practice

We know that with the impending Disability Discrimination Legislation, access in its widest form is about to grow exponentially as the States, organisations, suppliers and users come to terms with the legislation and impact of reasonable adjustment. We are attempting to be proactive in ensuring Access for All, along with the States own mandate on Audit and Information, is ready to signpost on best practice in relation to access.

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2016 Highlights

During the year the coordinating team committed most of their efforts to registering as a charity, which was achieved, setting up a bank account, also achieved (but not until 2017!), and formalising a governance and compliance framework for the charity. We undertook a number of important accessibility reviews and gave advice on several access matters. A key success for the period was developing our relationship with the Centre for Accessible Environments (CAE) to provide accessibility training. From this 11 people undertook training in November 2016.

Another key highlight of 2016 was the Saffery Rotary Walk and the involvement of our team, GDA members and the Scouts. Access for All was pleased to be accepted as one of the charities that would benefit from the proceeds of the walk and we used this to help fund the launch of our website, www.access.gg.

Election2016 was another successful project for Access for All as we got involved at the widest level of access; including influencing manifesto accessibility, practice accessible voting, accessibility tips and review at polling stations, postal vote and pictorial factsheets.

In 2016 Access for All visited Alderney in partnership with the GDA and States Disability officer, during which we met with 52 people and reviewed 14 venues in 2 days.

We also celebrated World Access Day 10-12th March 2016 promoting access in Guernsey, and provided input into Services for the States customer survey review.

2016 was a lean year financially for Access for All and minimal transactions occurred, either by way of income or expenditure, save for the proceeds of the Saffery Rotary Walk and the costs of the website.



Brief highlights for 2017 so far

Access for All continues to build momentum as it grows its executive team, membership, content and influence. It's been a busy year so far and the team is expecting to be working on even more projects than it did last year: 35 accessible places reviews, and 16 accessible information projects.

To help us we are also looking for more volunteers. What we need are willing people to act as 'user testers'. What we mean is when an area or building or information etc has been built/developed/produced we would like people to do a test and let us know how accessible it is. Would you like to help? If so contact hello@access.gg

Key points from 2017 include:

- Formal board of trustees and building the member base
- Member of the Association of Guernsey Charities (AGC)
- Charity partner with ITV Channel Islands
- We partnered with the GDA 'We All Matter Eh?' campaign to launch [Accessible Activities](#)
- Saffery Rotary Walk – June 2017
- CAE training 2, 12 new trainees – November 2017
- Accessible Change cards as part of the We All Matter Eh 'Think Differently' campaign
- Our new partnership programme will provide further reach as qualified professionals share their access experience locally
- Social media accounts were established in 2016 and we hope to make better use of social media in 2017 and into 2018. Statistics as at 21 October include:
 - Facebook – 283 people like the page
 - Twitter – 589 followers

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States of Guernsey Disability Officer Report

The States of Guernsey have been working with DisabledGo's surveying team to produce accessibility guides for venues and places in Guernsey, Herm and Alderney. These factual guides provide detailed information about accessible parking bays, entrance routes to a building, transfer space in an accessible toilet, hearing loops, tactile lift buttons, background music and lighting levels.

There are over 600 venues on the DisabledGo Guernsey website. New additions in 2016/17 include the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Tasty Walks routes, St Anne's School and the Mignot Memorial Hospital in Alderney.

To increase knowledge and understanding of accessibility issues within the States of Guernsey, eight colleagues from a variety of operational service areas have attended the Centre of Accessible Environments training. The additional knowledge around access will enable service areas to make the small changes that will make a big difference for customers.

Improving accessibility more widely the Princess Elizabeth Hospital and the Mignot Hospital along with Guernsey Airport have launched 'breastfeeding welcome' a national UK scheme. These sites now have new signs in place to inform mothers that they are welcome to feed their infant how and where they wish. If mothers would like some privacy, a quieter space can be provided.

Caroline Mullins
Disability Officer



Finance Report

Income and Expenditure Account 21 October 2016 - 31 December 2017

	£	£
Income		
CAE Training - Attendees Donations	6,175	
Saffery's Rotary Walk Donation	1,500	
TOTAL INCOME		7,675
Expenditure		
CAE Training Costs	5,280	
Website Cost	1,252	
Alderney Seminar	360	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,891
<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>		784

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2016

	£
Current Assets	
Receivables	
Create	325
Guernsey Disability Alliance	459
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<hr/> 784
Current Liabilities	
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Represented by:	
Accumulated Fund	
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