

What the GDA does

We gather information from:

- our members (40 x member charities and approx. 85 individual members),
- our own research,
- meetings with the States
- States' policies and publications,
- business and other third parties such as representative bodies and trade organisations, and
- visiting experts.

We package, present and share information via:

- member meetings and special presentations,
- meetings with the States, business and other third parties,
- the media
- our websites and through social media,
- our newsletters,
- responding to government consultations,
- reports, papers and other publications produced by the GDA,
- special events such as, the GDA hustings and AGM events,
- the GDA's, We All Matter Eh?, branded information and awareness raising videos,

We use information*:

to influence the government's work and policy, to inform our members, and to play a part in changing attitudes, so that the rights of disabled people are respected and so that we may all have the same life chances and can:

- fulfil our potential and contribute to society and live with our families, and in the community, as independently as possible, without relying on charity.
- receive education on an equal basis with others in the communities in which we live in a manner which:
 - does not exclude us from the general education system because of disability.
 - reasonably accommodates our educational needs.
- be free of discrimination, exploitation, violence and abuse which can arise from our physical or mental impairments,
- be mobile and to be able to move around, and on and off Guernsey, with as few physical and procedural barriers as possible,
- access information, goods and services with as few barriers as possible,
- seek employment and pursue a career without fear of discrimination,
- have equal opportunity to enjoy and participate in sport, culture and art,
- have equal opportunity to participate in public and political life,
- be equal before and under, and receive equal protection and benefit from, the law.

*and are guided by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons in all that we do

Lines of Communication before GDA

LITTLE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHARITIES OR THE STATES.
NON-REPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS WITH NO VOICE



COMMUNICATIONS WITH GDA

(EACH CHARITY ALSO HAS DIRECT COMMS WITH THE GDA - LINES NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY)

