

Dear all

Firstly thank you to everyone who attended or watched online our AGM last week. If you missed it or what to check back on anything, the video of the event, the presentations and handouts are online on our GDA news blog at <http://disabilityalliance.org.gg/blog/2017/10/gda-annual-general-meeting/>

‘Think Differently about Disability’ our new We All Matter Eh? campaign

We would love to get you all more involved in our new campaign, we are a team of volunteers running this project and really need the GDA members and supporters to get involved and share the ideas widely please. We are keen to encourage Guernsey to ‘Think Differently about Disability’ and #MakeAChange that means we can all be more fully included in island life: eating out, shopping, working, playing sport or taking part in community activities. An introductory flyer can be found at on our website <https://matter.gg/make-a-change/>

Art Competition – deadline 31st October

This week we have launched our art competition to design the front of our envelope drop, which will go out to nearly 30,000 homes and businesses on the 28th November. We will select 3 winners (1 school and 2 open groups), each design will appear on 10,000 envelopes and be displayed in a public exhibition. Please visit our website to download an entry form, poster and more information. If you work at a school, are on the PTA, run a community group or have a place of work please share this widely to encourage as many children and adults to take part as possible. <https://matter.gg/competition/>

Fundraising

Ben has done an amazing job on our fundraising pack which is now ready to download with event tips, posters, sponsorship forms and more at <https://matter.gg/make-a-change/fundrasing-pack/>The UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPwD) is 3rd December (Sunday) we will mostly be celebrating in the week up to that and in particular on Friday 1st December (a good day for a dress down, cake bake!)

Once you have made plans for your event please share them on [our events page](#) so we can see all your great ideas and if it is an open event help you market it.

Awards – 1st December

Other the next few days we will announce our awards which will take place on **Friday 1st December**. The Awards are the celebration of International Day of People with Disability, aiming to honour and recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals, teams and organisations that have improved the lives of Guernsey disabled islanders and carers and contributed to increased recognition of equality and inclusion for all the community. Although we have not launched them yet we have has examples coming in already:

- Adrian Vidamour for his fantastic achievement in receiving his pilot wings and Alf Laine for this huge contribution to making this happen

- Co-op quiet Autism hour in their stores
- Paul Wheatley for his amazing contribution to accessible sports and activities (Guernsey Mobility, Lets Go, Walking Football and many more)
- Saffery Rotary Walk for their inclusive event and continual support to review and improve accessibility for all each year

If you would like to be involved in the judging please let me know. The nomination forms will be out next week.

Change cards

We have designed a number of change cards to help businesses, community groups and the wider population start to #MakeAChange that might be to do with understanding more about language or hidden disabilities by taking the free online training, or reviewing your access (building, web or print) or changing your employment practices. All of the tips can be found at <https://matter.gg/make-a-change/change-cards/>

Don't forget to follow us on social media and share our news

Twitter: @WeAllMatterEh

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mattergg>

Many thanks for your support

Kind regards

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