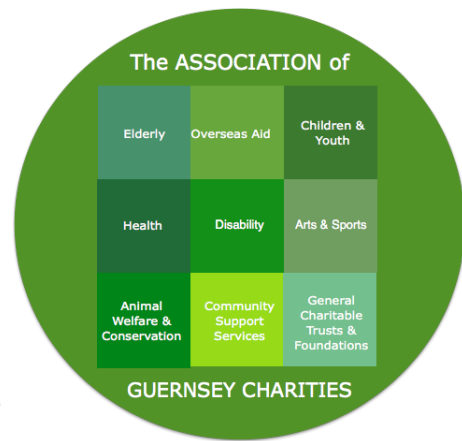


AGC Newsletter

January 2015



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the January Newsletter! In this edition we will share with you:

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The new AGC Website

As most of you will know, this went live at the start of November, and many of you attended training evenings during the month. A good number of you have logged in to correct or update your details.

Just to remind you how to use the website:

- **each charity has its own webpage**, and you can **update your own details** (it is very easy)
- you can record **news items, volunteer vacancies, and events**, which will appear not only on your own web page, **but also on the home page**, which will give you prominent advertising on the first page that most users visit (again it is very easy)
- it is very easy for us to add “static” pages **so we can build a more comprehensive library of useful information for you**, and keep it up to date better.

The MOST important thing for this new website to be a success is that YOU must use it, to keep your details up-to-date, to record your new, your volunteer vacancies, and your events. **It should be at the heart of your contact with the wider public, and if you do use it to the fullest, you should benefit enormously.**

New members of the AGC

A warm welcome to the following new AGC members:

- No 401 Tripsfund
- No 402 Guernsey Contraceptive Service LBG
- No 403 The St. James Jubilee Foundation
- No 404 Amalgamated Boxing Club
- No 405 Guernsey Cricket Board
- No 406 Friends of Loveridge
- No 407 St. James'

Members' news

Guernsey Community Foundation

The GCF will be running a number of FREE courses for charities during 2015, and the training schedule will be available on their website by the end of January. Please contact Sarah Duguid on 748056, or at Sarah@foundation.gg.

Sector Events

The next sector event will be for the Overseas Aid sector on 14th January 2015, where we have arranged a presentation by the States of Guernsey's Overseas Aid Commission, and an opportunity to meet members of the Commission, and other members within the sector. If you are not in that sector but wish to attend, please contact Richard Lowe at overseas@charity.org.gg.

We have tentatively scheduled an event for the Children & Youth sector on 13th May. Please pencil this in your diary – more details to follow.

Although it is not a “sector”, Kate Raleigh visited Alderney in December and met with a number of members. All of the groups were very enthusiastic!

Lottery and Lottery Grants

The 2014 Christmas Lottery was a huge success, with a top prize exceeding the record set in 2013. Thanks are due to Malcolm Woodhams, our Vice Chairman, for all his hard work in publicising the Lottery.

It is too early to say how much we will receive in Lottery Grants to distribute among members, but we hope it will exceed last year's amount, and in addition we have been promised the one-off release of the Forfeited Prize Fund of c. £97,000 following the States' resolution at the September meeting.

Details about applying for a grant from this year's Christmas Lottery are now available on the AGC website under “Guides & Information”, together with an Application form which can be downloaded.

The deadline for applications is 31st January 2015.

Funding available from the Co-Op

Channel Islands Co-Op will soon be distributing around £16,000 to C.I. charities as part of Helping Hands 2015. For more details, and to apply, visit their website: <http://www.channelislands.coop/the-society/giving/helping-hands-2015/>. The Application deadline is 31 January.

Charity Registration

Register of Non-Profit Organisations

Don't forget that if your income exceeds £5,000 or you have more than £10,000 in assets, you MUST register annually each January with the Registrar of Non-Profit Organisations. The Registrar of NPOs is Alan Bougourd at the Guernsey Registry, who can be reached at 01481 743800 or at enquiries@guernseyregistry.com. The web address is www.guernseyregistry.com/charities.

Meet your Council

Today we feature former AGC Chair and Elderly Sector representative, Kate Raleigh, and Treasurer, Mike Brown. Please feel free to stop them when you see them and let them know what you think of the AGC!

Kate Raleigh, Elderly Sector Representative



Born and brought up in Farnborough, Hampshire, I later studied Social Policy and qualified as a community social worker in Hertford where I met my future husband, a Guernseyman. We moved here in 1981 and my first project involved developing homes in the community for adults with learning disabilities at which time I also became involved with my first Guernsey charity.

Following the birth of our two children I started working for Guernsey Citizens Advice in 1992, firstly as a trained voluntary advisor then gradually taking on more responsibility until I became manager 11 years ago. This charity does not have as much fundraising appeal as some others, so for many years it applied to the Association of Guernsey Charities for a grant and I attended meetings on their behalf. It was clear that the AGC council worked hard on behalf of the members so I agreed to join the Council, which I did 6 years ago.

I love working with volunteers, and believe that our charities are an important and valuable part of Island life. In addition to working for Citizens Advice, I am also a Soroptimist and an active member of several other charities. Unlike some, I think the wide range of charities in Guernsey and Alderney should be celebrated and valued.

During my 3 years as AGC Chairman I was pleased to be involved in the development of the pact between the States and third sector organisations to improve the access that charities have to decision making and funding. I remain a member of the AGC Council and am happy to be able to concentrate my efforts in supporting the community, elderly and trust sectors.

Mike Brown, Treasurer

Mike is camera shy!

Born Nottingham I moved to Guernsey in 1966 where I finished my education at what was then The Boys Grammar School, married with two children and two grandchildren all of whom live in Guernsey. I am now retired but serving as non-elected member of the Social Security Board. I was a Samaritan in Guernsey for over twenty years acting as treasurer and for a three year stint Deputy Director. I joined Council on my retirement becoming Treasurer in 2013.

Forthcoming events for your Diary

Our next **Forum** will be on the subject of **Charity Governance and Risk**. This will be held at Les Cotils on **10th February 2015**.

The **AGM** will be held on **15th April** at Les Cotils, where we have arranged for **Martyn Lewis CBE**, the Chair of the **National Council for Voluntary Organisations**, to speak after the business meeting has finished. More about this will follow in due course.

Some reminders for all charities

Some general reminders for all member charities:

Tax relief

Do you know that you can claim back the tax on certain donations?

If your charity receives a donation (or donations) from an individual (i.e. not a company) of at least £500 and not exceeding £5,000 in a calendar year, the donation is deemed to have been made to the charity net of income tax.

You should then ask the donor to complete a declaration to the Director of Income Tax, to confirm that Guernsey tax has been paid. The charity can then reclaim the relevant amount of tax (i.e. 20%).

For example, if the individual makes a donation to a Guernsey Registered Charity of £1,000 and completes the appropriate declaration, the charity is treated as having received the sum of £1,000 net of tax which gives the equivalent gross donation of £1,250 (i.e. £1,000 X 100/80). The charity would then claim a repayment from the Director of Income Tax in the sum of £250 (i.e. £1,250 - £1,000).

It is important to note that relief is only available in respect of donations made by an individual out of income taxed in Guernsey. It only applies to Guernsey charities which have registered in accordance with the Charities and Non Profit Organisations (Registration) (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (see the Charity Register, on the Guernsey Registry website: www.guernseyregistry.com/charities)

Further details are available by contacting the Income Tax Office, by e-mail (charities@tax.gov.gg), letter or telephone on 724711.

Volunteers



If you need Volunteers to help with your charity, or at specific events, or you need someone to fill a position on your Committee, then there are two ways to get this help. You can either log in to Volunteer Guernsey (www.volunteer.gg) and post your vacancy online, or alternatively, you can call Sarah Duguid at the Guernsey Community Foundation on 01481 748056 or e-mail her at Sarah@foundation.gg

And finally AGC Council Contact details

The AGC Council has a dedicated phone line on which you can leave a message for someone to call you back at a convenient time. The number is 07781 433334.

If you prefer to contact us by e-mail, details are as follows:

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Overseas Aid	Richard Lowe	overseas@charity.org.gg
Sport	Richard Lowe	sport@charity.org.gg

The benefits of AGC Membership

Just to recap what to expect from your AGC membership:

- 1 One General Meeting and two Forums annually
- 2 An up-to-date website
- 3 A regular Newsletter, with ad-hoc Member Bulletins when needed
- 4 Sector meetings where there is sufficient interest within the sector
- 5 A robust and professional Lottery Grant Allocation process with sufficient transparency
- 6 Representation of the Third Sector with other bodies on your behalf
- 7 Collection of ad-hoc donations on behalf of the whole Charity Sector, but not active fund-raising