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“A bold step forward in the way the third sector interacts with government”

The Guernsey Evening Press on the Foundation's vision for the third sector



GUERNSEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## Review 2017-2018

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### THANK YOU

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“It is hard to remember what our charitable sector looked like before the Guernsey Community Foundation came along. This now highly successful, motivated body has transformed much of the way our third sector works and flourishes today.

Effectively an enabling machine, quietly working away to help oil and facilitate the operation of this key area, it boasts an impressive track record – from making real strides in the sector’s work with government, to providing vital social policy research for now and the future.

More charitable giving has been encouraged and achieved than ever before, and extra funds, grants and help have been directed straight to those groups and people most in need.”

Guernsey Evening Press editorial

**The Guernsey Community Foundation was founded in 2010 to promote the well-directed giving of money, time and ideas within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.**

Its aim is to create a caring community within which a healthy charitable sector works effectively with government and business. To that end, it:

- Commissions research; works with an extensive network of contacts; and acts as a trusted adviser and critical friend to the States
- Promotes leadership in the sector and assists organisations in building capacity and capability by making strategic decisions about resource allocation
- Gives financial support and advice to charities with well-defined goals, helping them to plan, grow and develop

### Financing Change

Through its Grants Programme, the Foundation gives charitable organisations financial support to help them better deliver their services.

In 2017/18 the Foundation awarded grants of £570,000 to the following organisations:

Amherst Summer School, Autism Guernsey, the Arts Strategy Working Group, Bright Beginnings, Carers Guernsey, Caring For Ex-Offenders, Guernsey Bereavement Service, Guernsey Community Savings, Health Improvement Commission, Help A Guernsey Child, Guernsey MIND, Styx Community Centre

In addition, the Foundation worked with the Pargiter Trust to distribute £50,000 to local organisations who help people of pensionable age.

## The Foundation now administers and advises on the distribution of over £1m of grant-giving per annum



Holiday at Home Event, The Trinity Seniors Programme, Holy Trinity Church.

## CHAMPIONING THE ARTS

In December 2017 the Foundation announced the creation of the Arts Strategy Working Group (ASWG), chaired by Dave Warr.

The ASWG hosted a consultation event at St James and commissioned a survey to gauge the public's view of the challenges facing the arts sector

Having solicited the views of stakeholders and engaged with government, the ASWG will publish its report on the future of the arts sector in December.

In 2017/18 the Foundation signed service agreements with the John Ramplin Trust, another private trust, and individual donors. These agreements see the Foundation assume responsibility for identifying prospective grant recipients, vetting applications, and giving advice as to how to best help organisations in need.

## Grant-giving highlights 2017/18

- Established the Grant Givers Group, comprising representatives of over half a dozen local grant-giving bodies. The Group meets regularly to share best practice, identify trends and discuss the latest developments in the world of grant-giving
- Broadened its grant eligibility criteria, making it easier for charities to receive help with operational costs
- Expanded its Grants Panel by recruiting Niamh Ó'Maoláin, a customer services professional with a background in social policy
- Increased its commitment to co-funding by partnering with the likes of the Lloyds Bank Foundation and the Sunrise Trust
- Organised and funded outcome- and impact-measurement training for grant-givers

In May 2018 the Foundation published a six point plan for transforming the voluntary sector. It quickly won the support of the States and key stakeholders.

## Transforming the Sector

**“We are at our strongest and our most effective when we work together. The Foundation’s vision for a rejuvenated voluntary sector – one that’s better-placed to tackle challenges around funding and governance – depends on a partnership built on mutual trust, respect, and, most importantly, a willingness to take action.”**

Wayne Bulpitt CBE, Chair

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## In 2017/18 the Foundation...

Helped set-up and provided seed funding for two major new charities, **Carers Guernsey** and the **Health Improvement Commission**.

Worked with **Start-up Guernsey** and the **Guernsey Training Agency** to deliver a range of subsidised training courses for charities

Offered support and advice to a range of charitable organisations including:

**La Société Guernesaise, Arts for Impact, Autism Guernsey, Health Connections, the Guernsey Disability Alliance, Liberate, Thrive, Caritas, Relate, Guernsey Employment Trust, Headway, Safer, Dementia Friendly Guernsey, Wigwam and the Guernsey branches of Parkinson's UK and the MS Society.**



## Assisting the States in 2017/18

- Assisted the Scrutiny Management Committee in its review of in-work poverty
- Helped to oversee the establishment of the Social Investment Commission
- Began a review of third sector services that are provided to combat loneliness
- Served as a proactive member of the Third Sector Development Group, the Carers Action Group, the Supported Living & Ageing Well Strategy (SLAWS) Implementation and Engagement Group and the Children and Young People Supervisory Group