



Media Release

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Call for bids: Awareness-raising initiatives on disability and human rights/equality

Charities, businesses and other organisations are invited to apply for grants ranging from small amounts to £5,000 from the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security for awareness-raising initiatives on disability specifically and human rights/equality generally.

The Committee has launched this programme in connection with its duty under the Disability & Inclusion Strategy, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other international conventions. The programme's purpose, as guided by international conventions, is to combat myths and stereotypes about disability; promote respect, dignity and inclusion; and raise awareness of human rights and equality generally. It is also meant to help educate Islanders about two Disability & Inclusion Strategy projects that the Committee is developing as part of the States' conventions obligations, which are the introduction of discrimination legislation and an equality and rights organisation.

Applicants may bid on any or all of four campaign topics, which are Reasonable adjustment, What does disability mean?, Human rights and equality in Guernsey and Discrimination in Guernsey.

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The Committee believes that a good understanding of disabled people's human rights has to be built on an understanding of human rights generally, so it is keen to support initiatives that will boost the community's knowledge and acceptance of human rights in general. It also wants to support initiatives that directly tackle ignorance or misunderstandings about disability and seek to change attitudes for the better.

Bids will be assessed by a judging panel that will include Deputy Emilie Yerby, Ed Ashton and Ellen Pragnell of the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security.

Each grant will be made strictly on a one-off basis, with no guarantee of further funding. Organisations will be asked to sign an agreement governing the use of the funds and will be asked to provide a short impact report and financial statement at the end of the campaign.

The deadline to apply is 14 December 2018 and campaigns should be concluded by 30 April 2019. Further information on the campaign topics, including an application form and guidance notes, is available at <https://gov.gg/equality/awarenessraisinginitiatives>.

Disability & Inclusion is among 23 policy priorities in the current Policy & Resource Plan.

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