

LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

for the Channel Islands



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Local Channel Islands charities receive over £600,000 in grants from Foundation

Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands, one of the leading charitable sources locally, has donated £626,062 to local charities across the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey during its 30th anniversary year. That figure includes a further £205,000 in grants provided during the final quarter to eight charities.

Among the recent recipients is Jersey Mencap in Jersey who received £50,000, the third highest amount this year, which will support their Self Advocacy Project that provides a vital service to those in the community with a learning disability.

Alex Wiles, Administrator, Jersey Mencap, commented on their grant:

“We have two Self Advocates who support people to say what they want and speak up for themselves. The project offers independent, confidential and free support on a variety of matters and they work closely with a number of other professionals and organisations. Having this funding will ensure the project can continue to thrive.”

The Guernsey Employment Trust in Guernsey has received £29,000 to improve their new premises including adaptations to enable full access for disabled job seekers.

Michael Evans, Chief Executive of the Guernsey Employment Trust commented:

“The Guernsey Employment Trust is extremely grateful to Lloyds Bank Foundation for their generous donation. We have created a car parking space for a person with a physical disability, improved our main entrance and completely rebuilt our toilets to ensure they are accessible for a wheelchair user. Additionally, we have improved all our services to create a fully accessible and modern service designed for disabled people who are trying to gain paid employment.”

John Hutchins, Executive Director, Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands, said:

“2015 has been an exciting year for the Foundation as we looked back at the sheer number of charities and money donated over the decades. We held a very successful Charity Achievement Awards ceremony in London in October which had fantastic reviews from charities across the UK, including the local winners who attended. “

“We also staged two hugely successful seminars in both Jersey and Guernsey in November where representatives from over 140 charities across the islands debated the future of the third sectors in their respective communities. I couldn’t have asked for a better outcome for all of the events this year and we’re truly appreciative of the support and sense of community unique to our Channel Islands.”

The Foundation works to help eliminate disadvantage experienced by local islanders. They donate money to local charities that, among other purposes, provides family support, creates positive opportunities for disabled people, helps the homeless, prevents substance misuse, and challenges disadvantage and discrimination.

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Notes to Editors:

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands is an **independently-run** charitable trust with its own Board of Trustees. There are three branches to the Lloyds Bank Foundations which spread across England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands. The Foundations are funded by the profits of Lloyds Banking Group and operate a range of grant programmes to provide funding for registered charities that focus on improving quality of life, creating equality of opportunity and tackling the disadvantage of those who are marginalised in society.

2015 marks the 30th anniversary of the Foundations, which have distributed over £575m to charities in communities across the UK, more than £15 million specifically in the Channel Islands, which has helped to tackle disadvantage since 1985.