

LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

for the Channel Islands



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Leading charitable Foundation appoint new Executive Director

Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands, one of the leading charitable sources locally for giving grants in excess of £15 million to Channel Islands charities, has appointed a new Executive Director.

Jo Le Poidevin will be taking the place of John Hutchins, who is retiring after nine years at the helm. Jo will be based in Guernsey and will continue to lead communications, support the board of trustees, and administer effective corporate governance standards. Jo will also be the main point of contact for charities wishing to submit grant applications to the Foundation and will be responsible for ensuring each application is to the best standard possible.

Jo, who was educated at the Guernsey Grammar School, has worked in the charitable sector for 17 years and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. She worked with businesses on their responsible business strategies and commitment to tackle key social issues at Business in the Community for eleven years and also worked in roles that managed employment and training programs at sustainable development charity, Future West.

Commenting on the role, she said:

“I’m delighted to be able to return to Guernsey and bring my expertise to the local third sector across the Channel Islands. The Lloyds Bank Foundation is a huge supporter across the UK for charities that work with those who experience disadvantage and I feel that I can continue to offer meaningful support to charities that are in need of it. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead of me in this new role.”

The Foundation works to help eliminate disadvantage experienced by local islanders. They donate money to local charities that, among other purposes, provide family support, create positive opportunities for disabled people, help the homeless, prevent substance misuse, and challenge disadvantage and discrimination. Last year, they donated in excess of £600,000 to local charities.

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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 marked 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.