

SHAPING POLICY

HOW CHARITIES CAN ENGAGE WITH STATES COMMITTEES

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WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY

- ➔ Charities pre-election initiatives - feedback
- ➔ Understanding and working with committees
- ➔ Examples of current charity/committee relationships
- ➔ Action points



ELECTION FEEDBACK



UNDERSTANDING COMMITTEES



Deputies



Officers



Staff

WORKING WITH COMMITTEES

- ➔ Respond to consultations
- ➔ Understand committee priorities & key policies
- ➔ Understand the budget cycle
- ➔ Build relationships
- ➔ Follow up
- ➔ Aim for small wins



GUERNSEY DISABILITY ALLIANCE

“A collective voice for more than 40 disability charities”

- ➔ Don't be afraid to ask to come in to present to the committee
- ➔ Put forward the evidence, ask for specific actions
- ➔ If it's not working, go higher up the chain



HEADWAY GUERNSEY

“Supporting islanders and their families living with acquired brain injury”

- ➔ Deliver value - funding can be TO the States as well as from
- ➔ Build strong working relationships with frontline staff
- ➔ But don't forget the deputies - would have helped when HSC made changes



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SAFETYNET

“Working together for safer nights out in Guernsey”

- ➔ Lot of luck involved, series of introductions from one start point
- ➔ Have support from the public behind you & bring evidence
- ➔ Communicate frequently and think about what’s in it for the committee

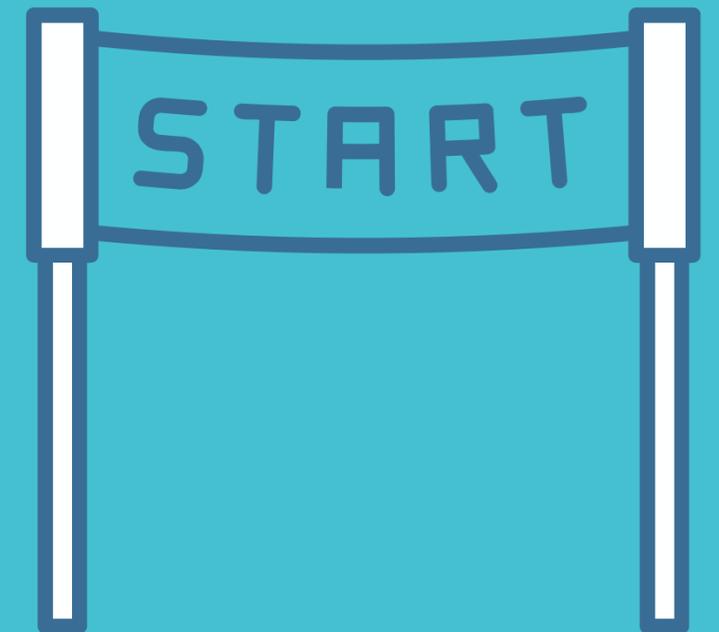


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WHERE TO START

- ➔ Study what the committee is doing - priorities and policies
- ➔ Gather evidence and support
- ➔ Create a compelling case, specific actions
- ➔ Communicate, communicate, communicate
- ➔ Be prepared for two steps forward, one step back



ACTION POINTS

