

Civil Society Manifesto

In our island community we rely heavily on the services of our charities; the social benefits of voluntary action are well known and the sector contributes much to the economy as employers, service providers, and early interventionists that save tax payers millions of pounds. It is essential, therefore, that the development of civil society is high on the agenda of the States Members we are about to elect.

It's time for a Civil Society Minister.

A Charity Champion

- Someone who understands the challenges we face and will work towards creating a more resilient and sustainable sector
- Someone who will transform the relationship between the State and the sector.
- Give civil society issues a louder voice and encourage not-for-profits to speak out and take action on the issues that are important to Jersey.

Encourage Giving

- Motivate donors to give and make it easier to give
- Reform the way tax is reclaimed on charitable donations
- Expand the tax reliefs available to charitable organisations

Build Trust

- Push for constant improvement in the fairness, transparency and access to regulation of our charities.
- Dedicate more resource and funding to civil society development
- Push for greater demonstration of good governance

Grants, Commissioning and SPOCs

- Develop outcomes-based commissioning models where appropriate
- Retain and continue to invest in grant-making vehicles for smaller charities
- Create SPOCs (Single Point of Contact) – creating clusters of charities focused on working together and delivering on outcomes



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