

VOTE

Andrea Dudley-Owen

WESTERN PARISH DEPUTY 2016



Many people know me by my nickname, “Milly”, I am a Douzainier for the Forest Parish and am involved with local charities, Guernsey Post Natal Depression Support Group, Food for Friends and volunteering at Jubilee House. My education, background and career, have given me the ability and skills to play a part in our government as your Deputy.

A healthy Guernsey is based on the outcomes in these areas:
Economic Diversity | Education | Affordable Housing | Fairer Tax | Social Reform

Our island home, Guernsey offers so much: an excellent quality of life, security through financial stability, beautiful scenery and happiness through our close proximity to family and friends. I want future generations to know Guernsey as we know it. This can only happen through good government. Guernsey's culture and values have helped shape the person I am today.

I was brought up in both Guernsey and the Far East. I read politics and business at A level have a degree in Japanese Language and Social Culture. After studying and working in Japan, I returned to Guernsey and worked in Finance for 10 years as a qualified Trust and Estate Practitioner. I am now self-employed and run a successful finance related business.

My husband Colin Dodd and I have 3 children at the Forest School. We value and enjoy learning about our history, the beach, walking, exploring. I come from a family with keen political interests and in recent years have learnt much about our Government and the commitment needed to secure the future, ensuring that we leave a good legacy for the generations to come.

I want to ensure that the Guernsey all of our children grow up in, remains the best choice for them to live and settle in.

My long term vision for Guernsey covers key areas: maintenance and stability of our **economy**, a strong and well thought out **education** plan from pre-school to tertiary, to ensure our school leavers have a skills base to meet the islands' needs and most importantly **social reform** to reduce the widening gap between the poorest and wealthiest in our small island community.

I am positive that by putting in place the following measures, improvement in our government will follow:

- ✓ **Island wide voting** must be introduced in a practical way, whilst retaining parish representation.
- ✓ **Good communication** is key to good governance and needs to be improved in all areas by the States. Consultations on important complex issues have often failed to engage with and to listen to the public.
- ✓ **Sustainability and Efficiency** in all areas of public services. This means that in practice regular process reviews should be carried out to ensure that all committees and States assets are working to the best efficiency level possible whilst sustaining quality of service. I fully support the recently introduced "Service Guernsey plan".
- ✓ **Professional and pragmatic** approach to States proceedings, will assist to increase efficiency. Debate by Deputies in the chamber must be time restricted. Debate and questions should be dealt with in a business-like fashion. Unprofessional and personal attacks, including the use of social media, designed to undermine opposing arguments, should not be tolerated.

My Views on Key Issues

From May 2016 a new States Committee structure will be implemented. I am setting out my views under their titles:

Economic Development

- ✓ We can achieve real economic diversification through better targeted support for the 2,500+ self-employed entrepreneurs, e.g. start-up loans or reduced contributions based on turnover. A good start has been made with the Digital Greenhouse facility but needs further support from other interested Committees.

- ✓ Fairer Tax for individuals may alleviate the burden of Zero-10 which has fallen on Guernsey residents. I want a fairer system for lower earners and parity amongst business, which maintains our competitive edge and is OECD compliant.

Education Sport & Culture

- ✓ Every school must offer every child the best education possible and support for those who have no parental involvement to improve their aspirations. Our children need the highest possible skills to enter the modern workforce.
- ✓ The recent debate has shown up many flaws in the proposals and our children need certainty and achievable timetables for change. We must not introduce a school system which makes guinea-pigs of a generation of children in an untested educational system.

Employment, Housing & Social Security

- ✓ Addressing the high cost of housing so our young people, who we need so much can afford to choose to live and work in Guernsey is essential. More brown field land should be released for partial ownership housing scheme. We need to extend the variety of assistance on offer to enable islanders to get a foothold in the market. Creative solutions to this complex problem could be found in a public/private partnership with local finance businesses.
- ✓ Make it a priority to push on with the Disability Strategy with renewed vigour and clear leadership.

Environment & Infrastructure

- ✓ Better use of the existing stock of quality greenhouse sites for growing, to support our food security and introduce initiatives to work in conjunction with training/back to work and other community groups.
- ✓ The cost of living in Guernsey is very high and States utilities need a proactive approach to teach customers how to use less. GE should publicise selling back to the grid options for islanders wishing to generate their own power in support of the Renewable Energy Trust Strategy for 2016.
- ✓ The Waste Strategy needs a thorough review to ensure that PSD is on target to deliver. I would like to see a more flexible scheme including the provision of bring banks and measures to reduce rubbish at source by reduction in food packaging.
- ✓ Better use of car journeys should be encouraged, such car-share and pooling schemes starting at large organisations such as Frossard House complimented with smaller sized and more, regular buses.
- ✓ Ensure that we maintain our life line travel links: supporting our local airline Aurigny and strengthening our sea links by exploring other options in case the current situation continues.

Health & Social Care

- ✓ The multi-agency and smaller, targeted interventions such as reducing teenage pregnancies as suggested by the Children & Young People Plan are a good step forward. Small investments in such initiatives as providing free contraception for a mere £12 a year would outweigh the large cost of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies.
- ✓ We need to encourage greater personal responsibility in areas of healthcare which requires investment in public health information to support people to lose weight, stop smoking, get fit and lead healthier lives. Prevention of health issues is cheaper than curing them.

Home Affairs

- ✓ Ensure that we are developing local people for local jobs.

Why you should vote for me?

I am a bright, capable woman, with a broad spectrum of the right skills for the job. I am actively involved in the community in all social and age groups, understanding the various and diverse issues that are relevant to you. I understand the difficulties of local politics and am able to make informed and common sense decisions.

Our States needs wider representation which reflects the diversity within our Community. I will bring that different perspective to the Assembly. As a “school-run” Mum from a large, close-knit family with a strong background in local business, Parish life and charitable work, I have an insight into real life as lived by people in Guernsey.

- ✓ I have key, up to date business skills and management experience which are essential in helping to run Guernsey in 2016.
- ✓ I am open-minded and non-judgemental, accepting of all differences within our broad community.
- ✓ I highly value honesty, openness and accountability; values which are important in government. I exercise these values and expect the same in others.
- ✓ I have a positive “can-do” attitude and seek effective and pragmatic solutions to problems.
- ✓ I am a good communicator. I listen to people to understand their point of view, which helps to inform my opinion.

My thanks to my Proposer Jessica Roland of Torteval, and Seconder Peter Martel of St Pierre du Bois.

TIME FOR A NEW TYPE OF DEPUTY

Voting for me is voting in the change that you've been looking for.

Dynamic. Energetic. Enthusiastic.

These qualities, together with my professional skills, and a level headed pragmatic approach to decision making and management give me the best qualities for the new type of Deputy needed to manage the States from 2016.



PLEASE VOTE FOR Andrea Dudley-Owen 27TH APRIL 2016

Voters choice for Western Deputy

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me with your questions - I intend to visit EVERY registered house in the Western Parishes. And will leave a note if you are not in. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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