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Isle Access is awarded Charity Status

We are pleased to announce that Isle Access has been awarded Charity Status. The Community Interest Company will be wound up and all assets transferred to the new charity.

Au Revoir / Goodbye to Alison

Isle Access says we a fond farewell to Alison and would like to express our gratitude as a key founder member of the organisation she has been a key member in bringing Isle Access projects to fruition. Alison has resigned as she starts a new chapter in her life as she moves to France. We wish her happiness in her new project.

Who are our volunteers?

From next month we would like to start introducing everyone to each other. If you would like to participate please can you send a photo and a couple of lines about why you wish to volunteer.

The Trustees will be appearing on the website www.isleaccess.co.uk soon.

Isle Access require more support but why volunteer?

Feel personal satisfaction - giving something back feels fantastic. Each one of our volunteer roles helps make a real difference to the lives of individuals with additional access needs.

Meeting others - Our volunteers are as diverse as our roles. Volunteering is a great way to meet other people within our community.

Use your skills – you can put your existing skills to good use or learn new skills, we have a wide range of roles and training to support you. It can boost your employment prospects.

Flexible - Whether you can give minutes, hours, or days, our volunteer roles are designed to fit around your available time and lifestyle.

Keep busy, challenged and active - From supporting events to IT assistance, we have activities to maintain your physical and mental wellbeing. The NHS lists a number of health benefits relating to volunteering, including improved quality of life, improved ability to cope with ill health and improved self-esteem.

Please get in touch with Jan, <u>info@lsleAccess.com</u> or Karen, <u>Karen@lsleAccess.com</u> if you wish to get more involved, have any ideas, or require any further information



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Important Dates:
Can you help at any of these
events?

Next Steering Group Meeting Venue at Ryde Caste

Date Monday 3rd September. We will be selecting posts for our Steering Group (Chair, Deputy etc)

Join the Fundraising Team.

In order to progress our projects, we need to continue current fundraising and find new ways of raising money. Please contact karen@IsleAccess.co.uk

Isle Access Projects:
Can you help with any of these?

Beach Access

Accessible Cycling

Esplanade Project

Mystery Shopping

Local Business Audits

Filming

Mobiloo – mobile "Changing Places" facility

Plus Size "pre-loved" clothes sale –Jayne Pidgeon, is organising a "pre-loved event; and Isle Access would like to have their own stall (plus a table for leaflets and info) sell refreshments and possibly run a raffle. We will also be looking for other stall holders to hire a table/space to sell clothes / shoes / accessories all aimed at plus sizes which are in short supply on the island. It will be held on 28th July from 14.00 till 16.00 at Ryde United Reformed Church, 294 Upton Rd, Ryde PO33 3HP. We will need your help please to run stalls, put up and take down tables, provide stock and we also need to borrow clothing rails and hangers, so please let us know if you can help.

Please Donate

We urgently require items for our tombola, plus size clothing and books. If you are able to donate any of these items please drop them off at 39 Ashey Rd, Ryde, PO33 2UT or email Karen@IsleAccess.com to arrange collection. Thank you.



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We need your Fundraising Ideas!

Please could all volunteers talk to friends / family / associates or anyone who may be able to help in any way.

Easyfundraising.co.uk – you can register and access online shops through this site and donations are made to Isle Access

Ebay and Amazon Smile – both work similarly to easyfundraising.co.uk, we are awaiting authorisation of our charity status with them and hope to be live in July.

Unique Beauty – have various therapies on offer and have offered to put on an event for Isle Access, we hope to hold this event nearer Christmas. Would you or someone you know be interested?

Raffle – raffle prizes are always welcome as we attend events and now hold a lottery licence!

Other / Suggestions:

- Used Postage Stamps
- Penny / small change collection
- Printer Cartridges tba could have a collection point in the café
- Used book stall at Tesco September? Need to get donations of books; can ask via Facebook etc. Will need storage
- Supermarkets need to contact where funds can be raised via carrier bags, tokens etc

Maria Johnson: Reflexology Sessions – we may be offering mini Reflexology sessions at fundraisers / events including future Cycling events. Would you or someone you know be interested?

Cowes Week

Santander – can set up Crowd Funder



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