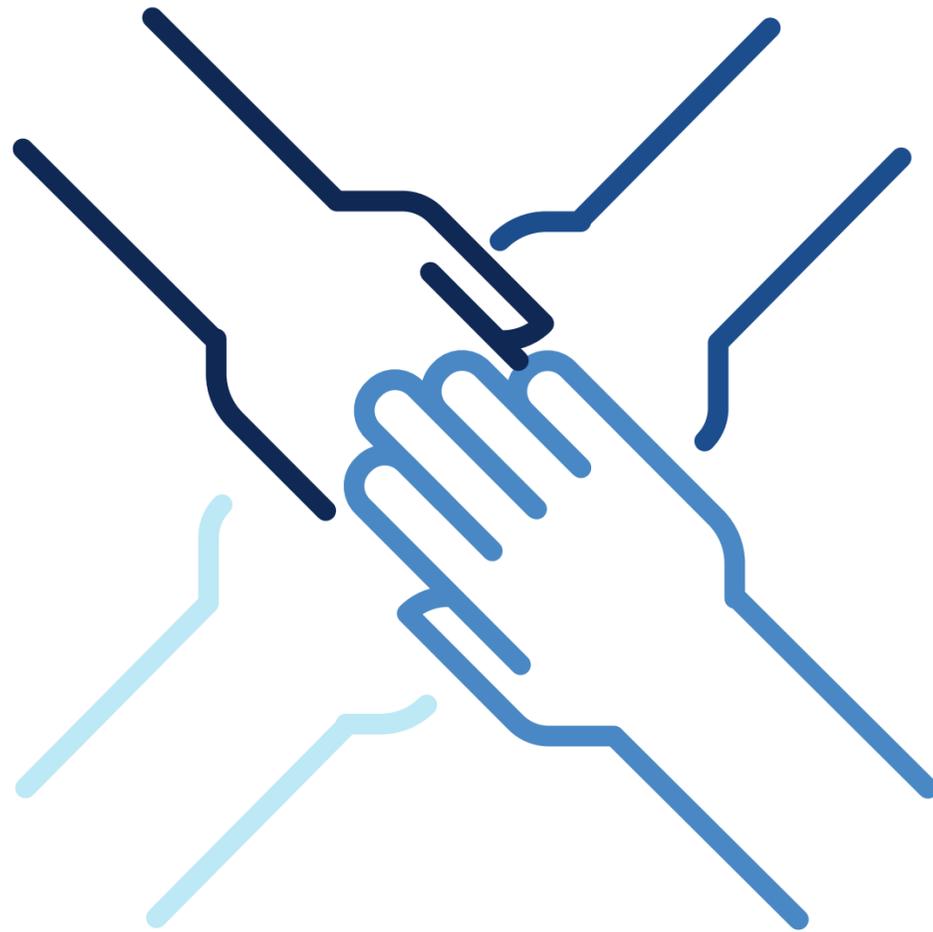


Welcome

Jersey Charity Sector
Exposition
2026



Agenda



1. INTRODUCTION

2. JERSEY CHARITIES - THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Laura Kangas-Hamon (Gov)

3. PARTNERSHIP FOR A STRONG ISLAND

Marcus Liddiard (AJC)

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Jersey Charities – The Heartbeat of our Community

Laura Kangas-Hamon (Local Services Manager)

Charities central to the unique nature of our island

- Delivering Core Services
- Homelessness
- Children and Young People
- Older People
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Disability and Inclusion
- Our Environment
- Our Future
- Lives are changed by the work our charities deliver



Rising to challenges

- Agile to respond to major incidents
- Key strategic partners in response and recovery
- Building on our unique strength as a community
- Central to pandemic support
- Supporting migrant workers
- Values that shape and inspire our island



Rich tapestry and expertise

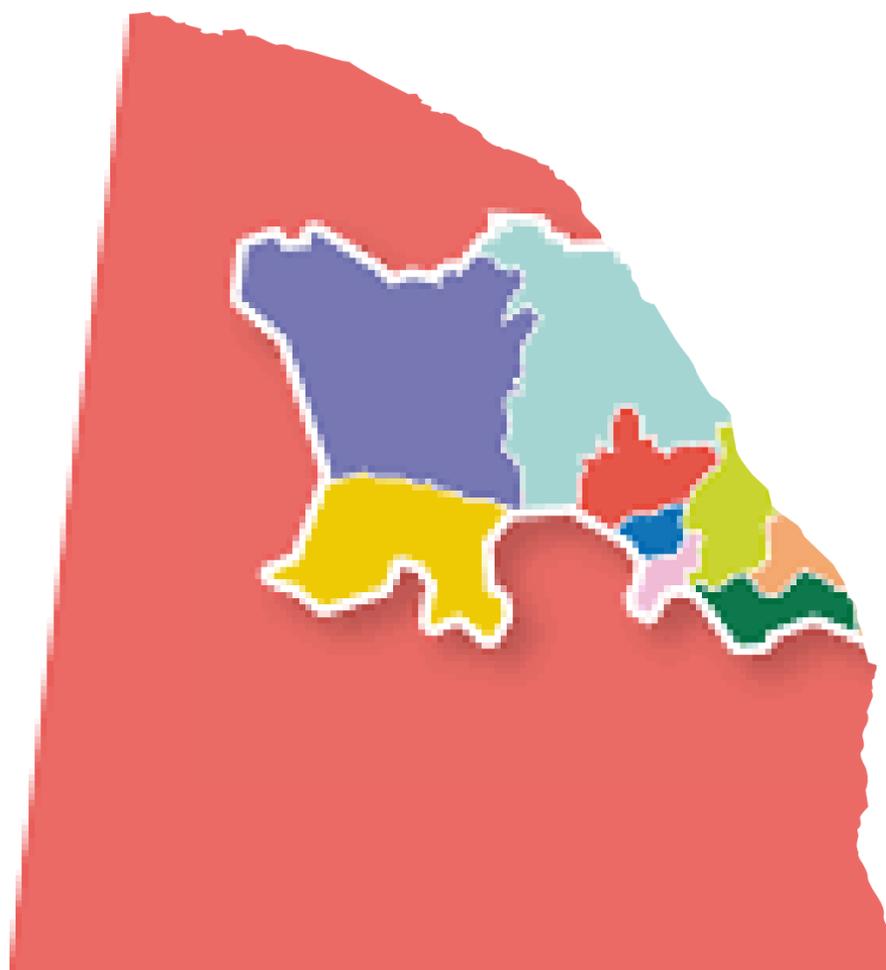
- Co producing strategies
- Homelessness
- Dementia
- Mental Health
- Connect Me
- Cancer
- Disability
- Cluster Networks
- Safeguarding and corporate parenting



Such an opportunity for collaboration

- Charities have the answers to questions most of us won't know to ask
- They epitomise the community we live in – loyal, adaptable, agile and stoic
- They are not a nice to have, but a key partner to helping islanders
- Working in partnership is central to our future, our prosperity and our social fabric
- Please meet some of the amazing organisations that are here this evening

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Guide



**Happy to discuss any
questions you have here
or over a coffee!**

Charity Sector Manifesto “Asks”

A Partnership for a Strong Island





Foreward

Jersey's charities are essential to the wellbeing of our Island.

Every day they provide support to vulnerable Islanders, strengthen communities, mobilise volunteers, and deliver services that complement the work of Government.

However, recent research shows that while the sector delivers enormous social and economic value, its potential as a strategic partner to Government is not yet fully realised.

Sector Scale and Value

The charitable and voluntary sector is one of Jersey's most significant contributors to society and the economy.

775+

Third sector organisations in Jersey

£230 million

Annual economic contribution

3,400

Employees in the sector

5,800

Regular volunteers

Equivalent to 1,700 fte

Volunteer time

The majority of funds raised are reinvested locally

Sector Scale and Value

Charities support and enhance all aspects of community life

- **Physical / mental health and wellbeing**
 - **Community**
 - **Children and family services**
 - **Disability support**
 - **Arts / Culture / Heritage**
 - **Education**
 - **Environment / Conservation**
 - **Animal welfare**
 - **Older people's care**
 - **Housing and homelessness**
 - **Addiction support services**

What Charities Deliver



Charities strengthen Jersey in ways that go far beyond financial value.

Vital Services

Charities provide essential support for health, education, environmental, cultural and community services, enhancing Jersey's quality of life.

These services complement government provision and often reach people who might otherwise fall through gaps.

Preventing Problems

Early intervention initiatives tackle issues like mental health, family support and social inclusion, preventing them from becoming more complex and expensive.

Early intervention reduces pressure on public services such as health, social care and the justice system.

Community Cohesion

Charities build relationships and trust within communities. Through volunteering and community programmes they help tackle:

- social isolation
- inequality
- community fragmentation

These social connections strengthen resilience across the Island.

The Power of Partnerships

Partnerships between charities and government are vital for addressing community needs effectively.

Research demonstrates that collaborative efforts yield deep insights into local issues and foster rapid responses to emerging challenges.

By leveraging the strengths of both sectors, we can create high-trust relationships that enhance service delivery and tackle pressing social issues, ultimately benefiting all Islanders and building a resilient community.

Please read the 2025 AJC Power of Partnership report



The Opportunity: Stronger Government-Charity Partnerships

Closer collaboration between Government and charities could deliver significant benefits



Better services

Charities often have strong community connections and can deliver services flexibly and effectively.



Better policy

Charities provide real-time insight into social issues and community needs.



Better value for money

Charities leverage philanthropy, donations and volunteers to multiply the impact of public investment.



More innovation

Charities often pioneer new solutions to complex social challenges.



Challenges facing the sector



Despite its impact, the sector faces structural challenges.

Financial Vulnerability

Many charities face **financial instability**, with more than half having 6 months or less in reserves

This leaves them vulnerable to financial shocks

Short-term Funding

Short-term funding cycles create significant **uncertainty**.

This hinders effective planning, recruitment and innovation within the sector.

Limited Engagement

A lack of engagement in policymaking restricts charities' ability to influence decisions that affect their communities.

This means valuable frontline knowledge is not always used in policy decisions



Our Key “Asks”

The Association of Jersey Charities calls on candidates standing in the 2026 Jersey General Election to commit to the following five actions to strengthen partnership between Government and Jersey’s charity sector.

Together these commitments will help ensure that charities are **valued, supported, and effectively utilised in delivering positive outcomes for Islanders.**

We are not asking for more money

Ask 1 -

Recognise Charities

Recognise charities as strategic partners in policymaking and service delivery

Charities play a crucial role in delivering services, supporting vulnerable Islanders, and responding to emerging community needs.

Government should formally recognise the charitable sector as a strategic partner in shaping policy and delivering social outcomes.

This means ensuring charities are involved in discussions and their services, expertise and community insight are fully utilised



Ask 2 -

Stable Funding

Provide stable, multi-year funding for essential services

Many charities deliver services that support government priorities.

However, short-term funding arrangements create uncertainty and prevent organisations from planning effectively.

We ask candidates to support stable, multi-year funding arrangements for charities delivering essential services.



Ask 3 -

Consult Charities

Consult charities early in policies affecting the communities they serve

Charities work directly with Islanders and often have the clearest understanding of emerging social challenges.

Their frontline experience and lived-experience insight can help government design more effective policies.

We ask candidates to ensure charities are consulted early when policies affect vulnerable communities.



Ask 4 -

Ensure Fairness

Ensure fair commissioning and procurement processes

Charities deliver services efficiently because they combine professional expertise with volunteer support, fundraising and community trust. However, procurement systems are often designed primarily for large commercial providers.

We ask candidates to ensure commissioning processes:

- recognise social value alongside price
- are accessible to charities of different sizes
- support collaboration between government and the voluntary sector.



Ask 5 -

Invest in Sustainability

Invest in the long-term strength and sustainability of Jersey's charitable sector

The charitable sector is a vital part of Jersey's social infrastructure, but organisations face capacity and sustainability challenges.

Supporting long-term resilience will help charities sustain essential services and respond to future needs.

We ask candidates to support initiatives that strengthen the sector, including:

- leadership and governance development
- digital and organisational capacity
- collaboration across the sector.



Candidate Pledge

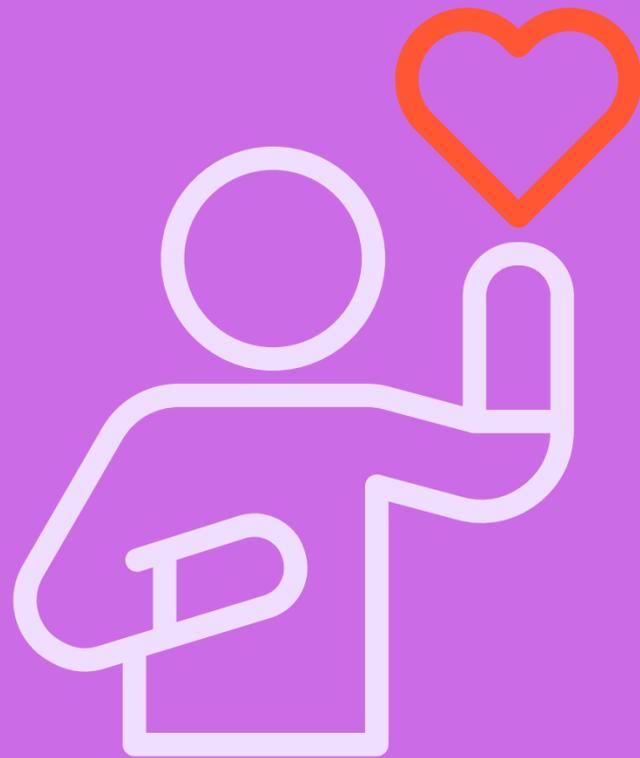


Candidates are invited to support the following pledge:

“I recognise the vital role charities play in Jersey and commit to strengthening partnership between Government and the charitable sector.”

If elected, I will support:

- Recognising charities as strategic partners in policymaking and service delivery
- Providing stable, multi-year funding for essential services
- Consulting charities early in policies affecting the communities they serve
- Ensuring fair commissioning and procurement processes
- Investing in the long-term strength and sustainability of Jersey’s charitable sector





Why This Matters

Stronger partnerships between Government and charities will:

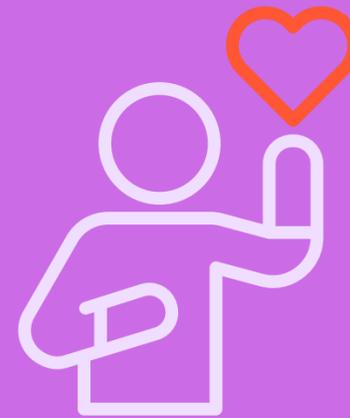
- improve services for Islanders
- reduce pressure on public services
- deliver better value for taxpayers
- strengthen community resilience.

A stronger partnership will ensure Jersey remains a **caring, resilient and forward-looking** Island.

Thank You

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