



### Message from Wayne Bulpitt Volunteer Director

We're really excited to be on this journey with you as Guernsey prepares to welcome 23 other islands from around the globe for the NatWest International Island Games 2023.

We thought it would be helpful to send out a short newsletter to keep you updated with information, news from behind the scenes, opportunities to get involved early on, and much more.

### Dates for your diary

Volunteering is core to the Games experience and soon we will be sending out details about the volunteer registration days at Beau Sejour.

Everyone who has registered an interest in becoming a volunteer will need to attend a timed slot, lasting a maximum of 90 minutes, on one of these two dates. Separate arrangements will be made for those unable to attend either of these days:

**Saturday 24 September 2022**  
**Sunday 2 October 2022**

The registration days will be informal and informative – don't worry you don't need to prepare except to bring a few documents with you! It's as much an opportunity for you to ask questions, as well as for us to find out a little bit about you. We want each volunteer to have an experience that corresponds to their aspirations, availability, and know-how.

Volunteering positions will be confirmed in the autumn, and all volunteers will be asked to attend training and information sessions on each of the following dates, the last involving visiting the various key venues etc.

**Saturday 4 February 2023**  
**Saturday 1 April 2023**  
**Saturday 13 May 2023**

## Volunteers recruitment update

We now have over 1,100 local and overseas people who have registered through the website to become volunteers. It's expected that some will drop out, there are also logistics challenges for off-island volunteers, so we are still recruiting. With over 200 events taking place at 25 different venues, it's vital that we have enough boots on the ground to make it all go smoothly.

Most volunteers will only be needed during the week itself (8-14 July 2023), but some volunteers have started work already in key positions. A big welcome aboard to the following:

- **Michelle Marshall and Anne Setters** Games Office support/ Accommodation coordinators
- **Karen Jagger** Deputy medals coordinator
- **Tony Browning** Flags coordinator
- **Jane Gladstone, Chris Hudson, Justine Gilman, Chantelle-emma Hilton, Anne Paris-Smith** Games Office/administrators

Other key volunteer roles that we are looking to fill now include a **merchandising coordinator**.



**Can you help Drive the Games?**

The NatWest International Island Games will be returning to Guernsey **8-14 July 2023** and we are looking for volunteers to join our driving team.

We will need to move thousands of people around the island during the week of the Games, and we are looking to recruit a team of drivers to help us with this task.

If you hold a **category D1** (over 8 seats and up to 16 in addition to driver) or **category D** license (over 16 seats in addition to driver) and you are available during the week of the Games, we would like to talk to you.

For further details on this and other volunteer roles please visit [guernsey2023.gg](http://guernsey2023.gg)

Recruitment poster for drivers

We've had a good response to our call for **minibus drivers**, but we're still looking for people who have a category D1 or D license.

For anyone interested in becoming a volunteer official for the **triathlon**, the British Triathlon Federation has a full day training course on Saturday 27th August from 9am till 6pm. As well as the Games, the course will enable you to support other triathlon competitions. For further information email [triathlon@guernsey2023.gg](mailto:triathlon@guernsey2023.gg)

**We look forward to sharing more about Guernsey 2023 with you in the near future.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q When do the volunteer applications close?

We're working towards a deadline of 30th September to close the volunteer applications. This may seem well in advance of the Games week, but it takes time to assign roles, do the training, and sort out the uniforms and accreditation passes. By the end of October we should be in a position to confirm the volunteer appointments.

## Q Do you still need more people to sign-up to become a volunteer?

Yes! Please help us to spread the word by telling your friends, family and colleagues about this great opportunity. People can sign-up at [www.guernsey2023.gg/volunteer](http://www.guernsey2023.gg/volunteer)

## Q I registered to volunteer for the Island Games when they were due to take place in 2021. My personal circumstances have now changed – how do I de-register?

We totally understand that people's circumstances can change, and it is very straightforward to de-register.

1. Log on to [www.myvolunteerpage.com](http://www.myvolunteerpage.com) (if you are not logged in already)
2. Click on the MY PROFILE tab
3. Click on the 'Organisations' section
4. Click the [Resign from Guernsey 2023] green button
5. Select one of the options provided
6. Click on the [Resign] button

## Q Will off-island volunteers have to attend the registration and training sessions in-person?

We are aiming to fill the volunteer roles with as many Guernsey residents as we can because of our accommodation challenges. Having said that we will need off-island volunteers for a small number of key roles where people have relevant experience. Home hosting is one option that we are looking into for this.

We realise that some off-island people will be disappointed, but with up to 3,500 athletes and team members due to arrive in the island, accommodation is very limited.

Selected off-island volunteers won't need to attend the registration and training sessions in person because we can arrange remote training, but we may ask them to arrive in Guernsey two days before the opening ceremony.



## Introducing... Our cheeky puffin

The puffin will be our mascot for the Guernsey 2023 Games. Puffins have family values and usually pair up with the same partner as previous years – some have been together 20 years.

We are planning a competition and vote to name our puffin at a later date.

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GUERNSEY  
PUFFIN  
PARADE



To tie-in with our puffin mascot, we will be supporting the Autism Guernsey and GSPCA Puffin Parade.

62 four foot high individually painted Atlantic Puffin sculptures will be decorated by local artists, clubs and community groups, schools, charities and day centres. The puffins are made of high quality, durable polyresin and fibreglass and will be placed on plinths around the island.

The puffins will go on display at various locations around the island - including local businesses, schools, local attractions, landmarks and places of interest - at the beginning of April 2023 and will remain in position until end August 2023. They will then be auctioned off in September to raise funds for Autism Guernsey and GSPCA to continue carrying out their vital work supporting individuals impacted by autism and vulnerable animals in and round the Bailiwick.

For further details see <https://puffinparade.org.gg>



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