

**Iconic Women of the future for  
International Women's Day 2022**

Accessible plain text version of our Guernsey Map.

Alphabetical order

**Harriet Aldous-Granby**

Nominated by Joni Nettleship

Harriet is one of those people who just gives - quietly and consistently and their efforts have a huge positive impact on others. She works in the charitable sector and does an amazing job - but she also uses her social media skills to help charities in her own time. She is always keen to make a difference and she does. Communities are held together by the people who make them stronger from the ground up and this is precisely what Harriet does. She is an inspiration.

**Harriet Andrews**

Nominated by Karen Blanchford

Harriet or Haribo is an inspiration to so many. Being neuro diverse she and her amazing mother share their everyday stories of living with autism. The struggles, the gifts and so much more. By sharing life stories she inspires and reassures both other young neuro diverse children and carers.

*Also nominated by Jo May*

What to say about this young lady? More a case of where to start. Harriet has an amazing talent for art and photography, is a fashionista and a Guernsey Twitter legend (through her mum's account). Harriet has used her artistic talents to produce fab Christmas cards to raise money for Harvey's Gang and, has collected money on flag days for Autism Guernsey. Many would say she is already iconic (and I would agree) but, with her talents, she is definitely one to watch for the future too.

## **Lauren Barker**

Nominated by Wendy Dorey

One of the island's top female tennis players, Lauren has represented Guernsey at junior and senior level, including four Island Games. An LTA Level 3 tennis coach she shares her love of the sport

with everyone she coaches, especially children and young people. As the island's first full-time Tennis Development Officer, she promotes the physical and mental sides of the sport: fitness, coordination and agility but also how to be a good loser, take responsibility, and control your emotions on court. She wants tennis to move beyond the elitist stereotype and is creating more opportunities for less privileged families to play, setting up £1 'pay and play' sessions. Lauren has already achieved more than many do in a lifetime.

*Also nominated by Sophie*

Lauren has surpassed her life long dream of becoming a tennis coach - she not only coaches full time but coaches full time for her own business. She built the business from scratch and is continually fully booked. She inspires her students to be the best players they can be all the while her constant positivity, energy and general Lauren-ness encourages those around her to up their game and face challenges with a smile. Lauren is an amazing tennis coach, brilliant business woman and a fab impromptu therapist.

## **Elizabeth Beacom**

Nominated by Hannah Beacom

My daughter Elizabeth is first and foremost a percussionist, drummer and composer. But she can also be a conductor, producer, coach,

rapid learner of random instruments when a score requires it, tutor or mentor. She is dedicated to, and passionate about, music and the music scene in the Bailiwick and beyond. For the 75th anniversary of Liberation in Guernsey, she composed a brass band piece 'Liberation Day Chorale. which was recorded remotely during lockdown bringing together players in Guernsey, Cardiff and further afield.

After her Masters in Composition, she took a music assistant's position at Wells Cathedral School, a music specialist school famous for teaching the next generation of elite musicians and she is about to embark on the University of Cambridge's prestigious PGCE course to become a teacher. She wants to put her skills to use inspiring the next generation of musicians. She has progressed so far musically, and I am so proud that she has decided to share these skills with others. The island has a vibrant music life and I expect that she will contribute to it for many years to come.

## **Nicky Bourne**

Nominated by Andy Snell

Nicky is an inspiration. She has a passion for educating children who are members of the Beaver Section, teaching them skills for life, developing social skills and above all having fun.

Nicky brings lots of transferrable to skills to Scouting as a popular primary school teacher at Haute Capelles Infant School.

As well as being a Beaver Leader, Nicky takes an active role in coordinating and supporting other Beaver Leaders across the Bailiwick. Highlights in the last year have seen Nicky lead the Beaver Fun Away Day to Herm and the Beaver specific activities at the hugely successful Summer Activity Camp at Rue Mainguy. She is not only an expert in the Beaver age group but also now leading adult volunteers. Nicky has made a fantastic start to her Scouting career and I look forward to seeing her many successes in the future.

### **Sophie Brehaut**

Nominated by Jo Dowding

I am nominating Sophie for her outstanding commitment to make Guernsey history, heritage and art accessible to children and young people.

One of our fabulous Guernsey Museums visitor attendants, she works closely with our visiting families, school groups and our toddler group. Sophie is truly committed to researching, planning and thinking of ways to provide meaningful engagement and comes into the office brimming with new ideas and enthusiasm. Her attitude has a positive effect on those around her and she

approaches every project with dedication, hard work and kindness. A fantastic role model for the children she inspires.

### **Carys Broome**

Nominated by Louise Dowding

Carys is an amazing and inspiring individual. After starting out as a learning support assistant at Vale primary she soon realised that teaching was her dream and gained her degree while working as an LSA, which required much hard work and determination. She also had to deal with close family bereavements during this time. As her mentor for the final part of her teaching qualification, I have seen how much the children love her, how inspiring she is and what a nurturing person she is too. We are very lucky to have her teaching in Guernsey and I look forward to seeing what else she will bring to our school and the island in the future.

### **Beth Brown**

Nominated by Jack Ingrouille

Beth is a library assistant at the Guille-Allès library and on her way to becoming a full librarian. She can often be found at the library's front desk, ready to support anyone who needs it. She is a big part of the

library's community outreach programmes, such as Tea and Tales, where she and her colleagues visit local care homes and day care centres for group reading sessions, providing vital social engagement. Beth's vision, creativity, and passion will surely see her play a vital role in the library and Guernsey's literary evolution for years to come. Always willing, helpful, and kind, Beth is a brilliant woman who will only get brillianter.

## **Chloe Brown**

Nominated by Sam Brehaut

Anyone meeting Chloe can't fail to be impressed by her positive approach to life – but dig a little deeper and you will find a mature and intelligent resolve way beyond her years. With a great academic background and experience living in many countries, she could have worked anywhere after university. Yet she was eager to return to Guernsey and take up a role in a challenging change environment with Agilysys.

It takes a certain kind of person to pursue a career delivering IT transformation to the public sector. Someone who is truly passionate about enacting change and giving back to their community. Someone who aspires to support the public servants and the services that improve people's lives.

Chloe exemplifies all these qualities – and more. As a young woman in tech, Chloe is already a champion of people-focused project delivery. She loves tackling new and exciting challenges. She is energized by the potential of technology to make a difference. But what truly makes Chloe an iconic woman of the future is her drive and determination to support the people who deliver public services for the island.

### **Ali Buckland**

Nominated by Rollo de Sausmarez

I first worked with Ali on a green group before the last Guernsey election in 2020. She was engaged in trying to drive change for the better then. She is now based in India where she has co-founded Skizaa where she's helping teachers with tools to support their wellbeing and professional development, contributing to the education of thousands of people across sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Charlotte Cleal**

Nominated by Lindsay de Sausmarez

Charlotte has already helped change the course of Guernsey history for the better, shaping a brighter future for her generation and

beyond. As a school student she helped to coalesce phenomenal youth support for action on climate change and played a key part in organising two seminal events which led to the States' decision to develop a climate change policy and many politicians individually pledging their commitment to net zero.

I was on the Royal Court steps for the student march for climate action in 2019 and we could hear and feel the energy of all those people long before we could see how many they were. It was electrifying. As Charlotte spoke to the huge crowd of over 1000 I could feel political opinion shift. The strength of numbers and of feeling made a climate change policy not just a realistic possibility but a political imperative.

Charlotte's sensitive grasp of the issues, her commitment to social and environmental justice, and her hard work and determination to make a positive difference through practical action and amplifying the voices of young people played a critical role in bringing about Guernsey's climate change policy. She is already an icon in my eyes.

## **Zoe Collins**

Nominated by Jo May

After witnessing the fantastic end of life care Les Bourgs Hospice gave to her friend's mum, Zoe was moved to raise money for them.

Since July 2020 she and her friend have organised four fantastic events, raising more than £15,000. Having the drive at such a young age to organise such popular events shows real dedication and, while in my opinion Zoe has already proven herself to be an iconic young lady, she is definitely one to keep an eye on for the future too.

### **Alisha Crocker**

Nominated by Rebecca Silk

Alisha joined the Youth Commission to pursue her passion for supporting young people with their emotional health in the local community. She set up the complex health needs service to support young people with health conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and cystic fibrosis. Alisha focuses on young people's emotional wellbeing, helping them to get back into hobbies, activities and even supporting them in medical appointments. She is devoted to running groups and events for these young people, so they can socialise and share their experiences.

The demand has been so high that within a year, Alisha reached full capacity for the service! Alisha's determination shines through every day and her energy is infectious.

### **Penny Dawes**

Nominated by Alison Ozanne

Penny gave her time to help produce a locally made film 'Dare to Dream' and is already assisting with their next film. She has set up an illustration and creative business and her first children's book on Guernsey folklore will be published later this year. She produces work on commission which has already exhibited and sold. In London she was a production assistant with Sky and she brings that knowledge and experience to the island. She is constantly executing creative new ideas and will make a great contribution to the Guernsey Art community.

### **Daisy Doardo**

Nominated by Karen Blanchford

Originally from Alderney, Daisy has openly shared her life story of mental health, suicide, the care system and abuse. Her openness has inspired other people to come forward, to make changes in the system and tackle stigma in so many areas. Daisy uses her voice to inspire others, to drive change and open discussion. She is now not only a Bailiwick inspiration but globally through her strong social media and open voice in all circles.

## **Grace Dovey**

Nominated by Bonny Hamilton

Grace is the Biodiversity Officer for Westward Investments who own the La Grande Mare Hotel and estate. After completing her Masters, she had planned to visit Africa for an environmental study, but COVID-19 had other ideas. Africa's loss was Guernsey's gain!

Grace has advised on all aspects of ecology for the redevelopment of the La Grande Mare site. She has worked brilliantly alongside subject experts, sharing her knowledge and learning new skills. In addition to being an absolute joy to work with, Grace's tireless energy and enthusiasm to make our world a better place is infectious, meaning that those of us lucky enough to spend time with her find ourselves also doing what we can to improve our habitat.

In whatever environment, this world needs many a Grace.

## **Monica Drabot**

Nominated by Bridget Spinney

Monika has quietly and determinedly changed the face of the public visual art world in Guernsey. She has revitalised Guernsey Art Commission by introducing new opportunities for Guernsey artists. She has created and curated many exhibitions across many genres in

a contemporary and professional manner. Her hard work and integrity have been a breath of fresh air.

### **Martha Eker-Male**

Nominated by Nathaniel Eker-Male

Martha is an exceptional business professional who is an associate solicitor in international arbitration and public international law at Withers LLP in London,. She is a markedly hard worker and is integral to her team, acting as an impactful player in every case she takes on. She is an inspiration to local women looking to climb the ranks of the legal profession. Best of all, she does it to help others including volunteering to fight death penalty cases in America and petition the UN for women's reproductive rights in South America, as well as providing free support at a legal aid clinic in London.

### **Heather Ewert**

Nominated by Dr Nicola Brink

In three years Heather has become a vital member of our public health team, making a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of islanders as a public health practitioner and programme manager. This dedication to public service, as well as her attention to

scientific detail, makes her a worthy nominee as an iconic woman of the future, as a scientist and as a public servant.

Heather is a passionate advocate of an approach that places population health and health inequities at the heart of all we do.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, she stepped up in the pandemic to join the Public Health COVID-19 response team.

Heather is one to watch – I have no doubt she will continue to make further significant contributions to the lives of islanders over the years. Hard work and dedication, together with a passion for tackling inequalities are central to all she does.

## **Amy Fallaize**

Nominated by Emily Green

Amy has championed women's sport in Guernsey all her life. Since her teens she has played netball for the island and is now the netball development officer, and a passionate rugby player for the Guernsey Raiders. Every night of the week she can be found volunteering in, coaching or playing sport. I've always been inspired by her ability to bring people together through sport. Her love and dedication to what she does is infectious. I can't wait to see what she does next.

## **Zoe Fitch**

Nominated by Tim Hunter

Zoe has already proved herself as a brilliant journalist but is now helping victims of domestic abuse through a new company called kulpa.

## **Georgette Fletcher**

Nominated by Katrina Bray

Georgie is one of those people who give 100% to everything they take on. She works in investment management at Ravenscroft and is hugely committed to the company, to her colleagues and to the clients.

Georgie will always be one of the first to volunteer for community events outside work hours and she is also heavily involved in Ravenscroft's sports and social committee, giving up her own time for the benefit of her colleagues and their families. Despite having faced health issues of her own, Georgie volunteers for Teenage Cancer Trust to help young people in Guernsey battling this dreadful diseases.

Georgie is committed, determined, selfless and will undoubtedly achieve everything she sets out to.

### **Mathilde Flouquet, 13**

Nominated by Joni Nettleship

Mathilde has already made a big difference in her school and the wider community. She is never afraid to speak up for others and has used her voice on the school council at St Sampson's High to ensure that people are treated fairly. For example, she instigated the use of gender-neutral language in school/home communications.

Mathilde gives up her time at weekends to volunteer for a local charity. She says she wants to work in human rights when she's older. To my mind she already is.

### **Maisie Foote**

Nominated by Laura Clayton

I met Maisie aged 18 when we employed her as a trainee journalist at Island FM because we were so impressed by her character. I later employed her at Bailiwick Express and by then she was proving her capability as a responsible and ethically minded journalist. Maisie has been a supportive friend to me during difficult times and I know she is a supportive friend to others and to her family. Maisie's caring nature has led to her new career path. Working with the Youth Commission and island schools, she is mentoring young people and

helping them through difficult times in their lives.

Her continued efforts to educate and challenge herself and to always help others make me very proud to know her.

I can only imagine what Maisie may achieve in the future, and what she may encourage others to achieve.

*Also nominated by Rebecca Silk*

Maisie has always wanted to work with children and young people, and is particularly interested in mental health and education. She builds trusting relationships with young people through weekly one-to-one sessions and flexible support tailored to their needs. She runs a targeted youth group called Indigo for 8 to 11-year-olds which focuses on managing emotions, self-esteem and positive friendships. It is lovely to watch the group grow in confidence over the weeks as they build relationships with one another and Maisie.

## **Abi Galpin**

Nominated by Tom Druce

At 21 years old, Abi has already established herself as Guernsey's fastest woman in history (60m, 100m & 200m). Her fierce determination and strong mentality have played a huge part in her journey, meaning she is a fantastic role model for young sportswomen. I'm sure that her demonstrations of explosive speed

and power on the Footes Lane track at next year's Island Games will inspire many young girls begin their own sporting journey

### **Louise Goddard**

Nominated by Rachel Le Prevost

Louise works tirelessly to help girls and young women in their journey through Girl Guiding, from Rainbows all the way through to helping leaders.

### **Yvette Griffiths**

Nominated by Andrea Griffiths

Yvette is living in Campeche, Mexico where she works for an environmental charity. She has been there since graduating in 2019. It was living and growing up in Guernsey that sparked Yvette's passion for environmental issues.

Her role with the charity is very varied and encompasses turtle conservation, sustainability, plastic free, green markets, children's club to mention a few of the things she helps with.

I know that wherever Yvette is based she will use her knowledge and experienced gained from working with developing countries to help other communities achieve their environmental aims.

## **Katie Guilmoto**

Nominated by Beth Brown

Katie is a credit to the States of Guernsey Communications team. Covid has been a worrying time of uncertainty for islanders and she has gone above and beyond, working all hours of the day to ensure the people of Guernsey have access to clear, well-written and accurate information across the States communication channels. We're lucky to have her!

## **Emma Harris**

Nominated by Lucy-Ann Kirby

Her colleagues believe that Emma lives in a 'parallel dimension in which days contain more than 24 hours' – and they may be on to something. Not many people can dedicate themselves to supporting young people in their community, balancing leadership roles in the charity sector while juggling other volunteering commitments and a career in marketing. But Emma is a driven and dedicated young woman and so, somehow, she manages.

She was an inspirational role model to other girls as a Brownie leader and cultivated the strong teamwork and leadership skills that she

now brings to her role as Board Member of the Youth Commission for Guernsey and Alderney.

Emma brings this same infectious enthusiasm to her role as a volunteer expedition supervisor and assessor for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. She has also undertaken a digital marketing and leadership qualification with the Digital Greenhouse.

Emma has achieved so much already – and I look forward to seeing her achieve so much more.

## **Nicky Harris**

Nominated by Liz Sweet

Nicky is a passionate young woman who views the status quo as a challenge and, if a solution is not proposed by others, takes it upon herself to be the catalyst for change. While working for Island Rib voyagers Nicky observed a significant increase in the number of dolphins. She proposed a monitoring project to the States and together we launched the DolFin ID Project. She has embraced all aspects of project work, from grant applications, designing and delivering educational talks, planning public events, to coordinating and training volunteers and leading the scientific analysis. She now works in marine protection for the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) who advise the UK Government.

I have watched her grow into a confident and extremely knowledgeable young scientist who excels at scientific communication. She is already motivating the next generation and I am sure will continue to make considerable positive changes to our island over the years to come.

*Also nominated by Davina Mansell*

Nicky has been instrumental in setting up marine monitoring for cetaceans by leading the Bailiwick DolFin project and working on marine conservation initiatives around the island.

## **Georgia Harvey**

Nominated by Rajesh Amin

I have known Georgia since joining the Coop in 2019 but it is impressive how fearless and adventurous she has shown to be. Having started work at 16 she has grown with the company, taking on media, training and managerial roles along the way and is always open to new challenges. She is currently working towards her NVQ3 diploma as a pharmacy technician. Outside work she equally impresses, playing football and softball and taking part in pantos and plays. She embodies what it is to be a well-rounded individual regardless of age or gender.

## **Jasmine Hislop**

Nominated by Paul Chambers

An equality rights champion, fundraiser, actor, artist, and youth worker at Trinity Church, Jasmine is a sane voice of reason from the community of faith who embodies diversity and speaks eloquently into thorny issues concerning politics, religion and sexuality.

She is also part of the Sheppards Estate Agents team who won the property professional of the year award at the Property and construction awards this year.

## **Charlotte Horsepool**

Nominated by Samantha Rouse

Charlotte has shown time and time again that she cares about her community and works hard to do what she can to help others. As a three-time President of the Leo Club of Guernsey, she has organised regular successful fundraising events and volunteering opportunities for local charities. Charlotte helped to pioneer the annual Project Sparkle initiative, a donation drive for gifts and essentials for islanders spending Christmas alone. In 2018, she was awarded a Guernsey Community Award for her voluntary work, which also

includes being a regular driver for Meals on Wheels, and for Health Connections. Charlotte works for the Guernsey Employment Trust, helping disabled Islanders into the workplace.

## **Rebekah Johnston**

Nominated by Linda Johansen

Having been appointed one of the youngest police commissioners in Guernsey, as well as studying law, Rebekah has huge potential to become a future voice for women in Guernsey and possibly beyond. She's well spoken, devoted and hard working.

*Also nominated by Elaine Gray*

Rebekah is an inspiring young woman, motivated to use her fantastic brain and legal abilities to help her community in so many different ways. Whether volunteering as a mentor to young people or standing and being elected as the youngest ever member of the police complaints commission, she is set to be one of the iconic Guernsey women of the next few years, if not already. It is a privilege to watch.

## **Maya Le Tissier**

Nominated by Zoe Lihou

Recognised as one of the top ten young female footballers in world in 2021, Maya has always stood out as a role model. She learned her trade as a footballer, outplaying her male counterparts over the years, and is now a regular with Brighton & Hove Albion. She has been a joy to watch play and a pleasure to know off the pitch. I'm delighted to be able to nominate her and grateful to have her permission to do so.

### **Emily Le Tocq**

Nominated by Grace Smith

Emily is a talented illustrator and supplies many local boutiques with her greetings cards, despite having launched in the middle of lockdown. She has also written and illustrated a short story about singleness which discusses the topic in an approachable yet profound way. "Single Susie" is accessible for all ages and has an incredibly important message about finding fullness in life without relying on a romantic relationship. Emily demonstrates how fulfilling a single life can be through her own pursuits and is a role model to young people of all genders.

### **Jasmine Lockwood**

Nominated by Joni Nettleship

Jasmine has been nominated because she is somebody who is always doing good things but never telling anyone. She has volunteered at the Mill Street Community Cafe, at Pride 2020 and gives up her Saturdays to volunteer for a local charity. She is a great LGBTQ ally and never gets a pronoun wrong! Jasmine quietly works to help make Guernsey a better place for young people. She is a great role model.

### **Charlotte Long**

Nominated by Kita Smith

Charlotte is an inspirational and confident young woman for young people to look up to and a great role model. She became the youngest person ever to be elected as a douzenier when she joined St Peter Port douzaine in November 2021 and does a lot of work for the community. She is always there to help anyone who needs her and has a kind heart. She would greatly deserve some recognition for her hard work.

*Also nominated by Elizabeth Orton*

My daughter Charlotte was chair of the youth forum and received the community foundation youth award. At school, she was vociferous in supporting her peers and remains a student voice at the CoFE while she continues her health and social care studies. She

worked with the Sunflower Trust locally, a charity helping young, bereaved islanders, following the death of her father.

A St Peter Port douzenier. she is keen to give a younger perspective on parish matters. I believe she can go further in island politics should she choose to do so. I am immensely proud of her.

### **Sian Merrien**

Nominated by Danielle Lesbirel and Colette and Phil Merrien

Sian started working for The Beauty Boutique in 2015 before buying it in 2018. Since then, she has worked many hours to make her business a success, building up a large client base and always greeting them with a welcoming smile and confidential ear.

Sian has volunteered with Girl Guiding Guernsey for ten years as a leader for 12th St Marys Rainbows. When on holiday she volunteers her time at a dog shelter in Skiathos and also supports them from Guernsey. We think Sian is an iconic woman of the future as a successful businesswoman and someone who volunteers to make others' lives better.

### **Alice Millis**

Nominated by Mia Stanforth

Allis Millis is iconic as she organised events for teenagers several times to help those who may have struggled through lockdown due to isolation or mental health issues. Kind-hearted and always there to give helpful advice, she's also courageous in taking herself off to study abroad.

*Also nominated by Isobel Dudley-Owen*

Alice organised events for children and teenagers post lockdown helping their mental health recovery and livening their spirits once again. She has made the brave decision to move to university in Hungary to study international relations.

*Also nominated by Jack Migasiuk*

## **Poppy Murray**

Nominated by Sasha Kazantseva-Miller

Poppy has been a bright voice raising awareness about women's safety by launching BE LADS, a campaign to educate men and boys about how to make women feel safer when on a night out. It has been picked up by stakeholders in Guernsey and the UK and added to the Guernsey school curriculum for 16-year-olds. Poppy is a trustee on the Lloyds Community Foundation board and a journalist at the Bailiwick Express. Her articles on the sexual offences

legislation helped raise important awareness during the seminal States debate.

## **Bee Nicholson**

Nominated by Connie Armstrong

At school Bethany (Bee) had significant struggles with anxiety and lack of confidence, but she overcame them to be the first person in her family to go to university. While at university, it was discovered that she is dyslexic, another challenge she faced with determination and positivity. She drew on her own experiences to mentor other students and was highly thought of by the university. Bee also spent a summer in Rwanda and Tanzania as a Tumaini fund volunteer. She is now teaching on the mainland and is a representative for young teachers at a national level. Her journey so far is inspirational, and there is more to come. I'm proud to know her.

## **Krista Osborne**

Nominated by Olivia De Lisle

Krista does such a great job of encouraging and promoting a more plant-based diet and lifestyle. Whether through social media, her website [theekoway.com](http://theekoway.com) or via print articles in the local paper.

Krista's recipes are accessible, even for non vegans like me. She has such a positive attitude. I really think she is a great role model and deserves a nomination.

## **Laura Oxburgh**

Nominated by Claire Barrett

Laura has dedicated her career to serving the people of Guernsey and is a key contributor to the excellence of our public service.

Proactive, enthusiastic and self assured without any hint of arrogance but with a hunger to learn and progress, she is an inspiration to her peers and especially young public servants and new recruits. Her positivity and caring and helpful nature are matched by her determination to succeed and 'do the right thing'.

Always there with a big smile when you need her. Laura is a talented singer, entertainer and loyal friend.

*Also nominated by Sophie Bonakdar*

Initially starting out on the graduate scheme with the States of Guernsey, Laura then worked in the communications team, supporting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She now works in the strategy team.

Laura is a team player, dedicated to her role, and will always go the extra mile. Not only is she an active supporter of the community, but

she is a kind-hearted and loyal friend.

I truly believe that she will be a future voice in the public sector and the community for years to come and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this accolade.

## **Lottie Parkes**

Nominated by Jo Meerveld

Lottie was instrumental in starting an anti-discrimination group – Guerns Against Discrimination (GAD) – to raise awareness and pressure the States of Guernsey to approve proposals for a new discrimination ordinance in 2020. She and the group worked closely with two incredible charities, GDA and Liberate, to help engage young people in the discussion.

Along with getting their message out in the media, they also engaged with business groups, to help them fully understand the issues and discuss how they could be addressed as a community.

Their hard work was rewarded when the proposals were unanimously approved in July 2020 and legislation is now underway. This being said, there is still lots of work to be done around raising awareness, education and ensuring the legislation is put in place in the timelines outlined in the proposal and Lottie and GAD are continuing to work for equality in the island.

## **Maria Parra**

Nominated by Hannah Robilliard

Maria began with Health Connections as a volunteer when she moved to Guernsey. Her talents shone from the start, and we were delighted to employ her as part of the shop management team. As a community connector she is highly skilled at engaging in discussions with people about their wellbeing and signposting them to support. Maria is incredibly creative, and coordinates makers and artists who sell from our shops. She encourages new volunteers and supports them to grow in confidence. Maria's warmth and welcoming nature to our customers is truly helping to create a connected community in Guernsey.

## **Lucy Porritt**

Nominated by Jo Porritt

Lucy is an incredible artist, working as a self-taught tattoo artist and an accomplished make-up and vintage stylist. She has overcome severe anxiety in childhood to make a unique mark for herself in the local tattoo industry. She regularly speaks up to support younger women who have gone through similar issues. She has never

followed the crowd and has embraced her own distinctive and unique style. Her kindness to others saw her win a prize from Art for Guernsey and she has worked as part of a team of independent creatives on a project to dispel myths around living with cancer and chronic illness.

### **Isabel Rabey**

Nominated by Dr Nicola Brink

A nurse in the PEH, Isabel stepped up to be the hospital's COVID clinical lead at the start of the pandemic, liaising with public health. She was instrumental in setting up the LFT programme to enable rapid self-testing for islanders. Izzy worked across the PEH caring for patients with COVID-19, while also training staff in the use of PPE and the safe care of patients with COVID, and setting up a multidisciplinary clinic to advise on the management of people with Long COVID. Her quiet, calm competence is often unrecognised, but very appreciated by all of us.

### **Victoria Robinson**

Nominated by Hannah Spittal and Emily Trebert

Victoria is an inspiration. Four years ago, Victoria became a Silver Accredited Tour Guide and enjoys telling the tales about her favourite parish of the Vale. In 2020, Victoria took her interest in Guernsey's occupation history, together with her creative skills, to publish a children's book called 'Occupied!' which she has distributed to local schools. As an elected Vale Douzenier, Victoria has been actively involved in the running of the parish and is a member of the Vale Commons Council. Victoria carries out all her roles and interests around her full-time job, with great commitment and enthusiasm. If this is what she has achieved in the last four years, we are excited to see what she takes on next.

*Also nominated by Soo Wellfair*

The youngest member of the Vale Douzaine, Tor is passionate about her parish and the island. She manages to balance a full-time job with her parish duties, is a fully accredited silver tour guide, and has written and illustrated her own children's book about the Occupation. All this, and she is still in her twenties! I see big things for Tor in the future, certainly as a Vale constable...maybe even a future Chief Minister!

**Alexandera Rowe**

Nominated by Laura McKerrell

Alex has been a great campaigner for equality and diverse representation from a very young age and gives a considerable amount of her time to help those around her. She helps to facilitate the queer support group with charity Liberate, as well as offering one-on-one mentoring of queer youth.

Alex was recently involved in the consultation for anti-discrimination legislation offering invaluable feedback, and in her teenage years led a campaign called 'Bell House Letters' to expose malpractice in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

## **Megan Seward**

Nominated by Melissa Mitchell

Megan has an infectious enthusiasm for her work. She has been a physical and health education teacher, head of house and assistant head of KS4 at Guernsey Grammar School & Sixth Form Centre. A dynamic young woman and great role model, Megan is also the founder of Isle Health, an inclusive exercise referral business helping to improve people's quality of life through physical activity and movement. She is passionate about inspiring, educating and encouraging everyone to move their bodies to reap the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise.

## **India Silvester**

Nominated by Judith Divers

India is a local artist who returned to Guernsey after gaining an MA in illustration in Bristol. She has supported local mental health and community projects and volunteers with the Art Commission. She has exhibited locally, using her illustration as social commentary.

## **Alishcia Simms**

Nominated by Cathy Bailey

Alishcia joined us as a carer two years ago. She has overcome adversity and completed her apprenticeship in care which is a big achievement for her. I believe that young women performing this vital role for the community deserve to be recognised and Alishcia epitomises what it is to care. Alishcia wants to progress in her career, to gain more qualifications and I have no doubt she will achieve this.

## **Lizzie Singer**

Nominated by Rebecca Silk

Lizzie has been working at the Youth Commission for over a year and has taken on every role with dedication and devotion. She has been passionate about making sure every young person has a voice. She

has recently been appointed as an education mental health practitioner. She cares about young people by actively listening, building trusting relationships, being respectful and taking her time to get to know every young person as an individual. Lizzie goes over and beyond in her role and deserves the recognition of being a great person.

### **Megan Thoume**

Nominated by Lucy-Ann Kirby

Megan is always on the lookout for new and innovative ways to harness the power of technology and constantly exploring how best to support her clients in leveraging today's digital tools and channels. A passionate and driven individual, as account manager at Orchard PR Megan brings a real customer-centric and digital-first mindset that makes her invaluable to her clients. Anyone who meets Megan can't fail to be impressed by how tirelessly she strives to deliver results. Having been sponsored by the Digital Greenhouse to undertake a digital marketing and leadership qualification, she has since implemented her learning across various areas of Orchard's business.

She is one to watch – and undoubtedly a future iconic woman and role model in our community.

## **Melissa Toll**

Nominated by Kelly MacDonald

Melissa joined Saumarez Park Manor Residential home at the age of 17 and achieved her level 2 and 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care and became a mental health first aider.

Melissa is a well-regarded advocate for our vulnerable residents. She must be particularly commended for her dedication and support throughout the pandemic, especially through the early stages, sacrificing her family commitments to ensure the needs and well-being of our residents were met. Her motivation to learn and her positive outlook means she will continue to succeed whichever pathway she takes in healthcare in the future.

## **Abi Tostevin**

Nominated by Beth Brown

Abi is deeply passionate about her job in the Children's Team at the Guille-Alles Library and it shines through all the different projects she gets involved with. You'll often see Abi out and about each week delivering rhyme times all over the island and inspiring a love of

reading and fun in children - both neurotypical ones and those with autism and down-syndrome.

## **Charlie Walker**

Nominated by Crystal Guilbert

Charlie is honestly an inspiration to all women. She's held such important roles business wise as MD of the Little Big Hotel Group and visitor economy head for the Chamber of Commerce at such a young age and despite challenges, she always has such a positive outlook on life and everything she does. Having also co-founded a company (LBBC) during a pandemic, she truly never stops amazing me with what she has planned next. She really is someone to look up to.

*Also nominated by Ian Walker*

Charlotte has taken Little Big Group Ltd from a one hotel operation to three hotels, a brewery, property development and environmental solutions. She has circa 100 employees and is the go to contact by the media for all things hospitality related. She was the chamber lead for hospitality and her enthusiasm and energy is contagious. She constantly researches new ideas and opportunities to keep Guernsey ahead of the game. She will undoubtedly be one of the individuals shaping the future of Guernsey.

## **Lauren Walsh**

Nominated by Sarah Walsh

Lauren is one of five Lieutenant-Governor's cadets who play a special role in supporting the Queen's Representative at official functions throughout the year. She is very active in the Girl Guides, Boys Brigade and her school's environmental and scientific groups. Lauren has a real passion to make a difference and give her best to the community.

## **Oriana Wheeler**

Nominated by Sasha Kazantseva-Miller

Oriana is a rising swim star specialising in the butterfly and the individual medley distances. She was the youngest Guernsey athlete at the Island Games in Gibraltar and the water bearer at the opening ceremony. Oriana considers swimming her passion and practices daily, sometimes twice a day on land and at the pool. She has been part of the Barracuda Squad for six years balancing this with studying the International Baccalaureate full time at the Sixth Form Centre.

## **Amy Woodland**

Nominated by Andy Snell

At just 21, Amy holds key leadership roles in the Bailiwick Scout Association. As a Beaver Scout Leader, she plans and delivers an inspiring weekly programme to 23 Beavers. As the Bailiwick Youth Commissioner, she ensures that all youth members have a voice to influence the activities they undertake. She is also an active member of Scout Network. This year Amy became the first local recipient in 10 years of the prestigious Queen's Scout Award. She balances her scouting with an internal design career and a passion for shooting. Amy is a true inspiration for all young people, and I look forward to seeing her become an iconic Bailiwick leader of the future.