

WEA Economic Viewpoints of Guernsey.

All Sessions 7.30pm - 9.30pm, La Villette Hotel, St. Martins.

10th May

Growing and protecting Guernsey's Finance industries: Tony Mancini Director KPMG, William Mason Director General GFSC, Rick Denton Chairman Guernsey's Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme.

17th May

Public finances now and in the future. Bethan Haines States Treasurer.

24th May

States Education an economic enabler and how to deliver it. Deputy Dudley Owen President of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture with Enabling entrepreneurs and up skilling for the future.

31st May

How the other half live - relative poverty and under employment on the Island and how to address this. Helen Walton Head of Data and Analysis States of Guernsey, Ed Ashton Director of Operations Social Security States of Guernsey, Susi Glegg Guernsey Welfare Service, Andrew Kewell Caring for Ex-Offenders, Kerry Ciotti Citizens Advice.

7th June

The Island housing crisis and how we address affordable housing needs. Deputy Peter Roffey Chair of the States Housing Action Group; Guernsey Housing Association Steve Williams Chief Executive; Estate Agents representative *tbc*.

14th June

Carbon Net Zero, Guernsey Green Growth, Natural Capital Accounting: Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez President of the Committee for Environment & Infrastructure.

21st June

"Mind the Gap" A taxing problem? Deputy Mark Helyar Policy and Resources Treasury Lead.

28th June

Review of Guernsey's Economy & indications for the future. J. P. Ogier. Economist.

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Guernsey is at a crucial economic juncture. We seek to recover from the Covid pandemic and the impact on the World Economy of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, while adjusting to new ways of working. Moreover the Island is facing the long-term issues of developing an economy and funding States services with an ageing demographic. This will result in increased health care needs. In July the States will consider the Report from Policy and Resources following a period of engagement and consultation. Many would argue that the current housing crisis is related to the Island's economic future as there is a great need for affordable housing to rent or purchase.

Environmental economic issues also cannot be ignored if we are to progress to a greener, low carbon future. What will this look like and how can we become more a part of the solution rather than the problem?

Across the breath and depth of all these issues affecting how we will live, earn and pay for public services, there is now an even greater need for informed public debate and engagement with States policies. These decisions that will influence all our futures.

This course on the Guernsey economy will both inform you and give you the opportunity to engage in these issues that will affect both current and future generations.

John P Ogier.

Convenor and Series Chairman.