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NEWS RELEASE

Educational guide “@TheStates” has been updated

@TheStates, the one-stop educational guide to the workings of the States of Guernsey, has been updated following last year’s changes to the island’s political system.

This valuable learning resource, which is also online (www.atthestates.gg), targets students, teachers and newcomers to the island interested in finding out about Guernsey’s governmental system, its history and how to vote.

It includes information on how laws are made in Guernsey, what a Deputy does, how to become a Deputy and the make-up of the new States - Committees, Authorities, Boards and Commissions - as well as containing a new page on the role of Guernsey’s Douzaines and Constables. There is also a glossary with more than 30 terms and ‘did you know’ facts.

@TheStates will continue to be part of the citizenship curriculum for students in years seven and ten and has been endorsed by the States of Guernsey’s Education Services.

Hayley de Putron, a trustee of the Ana Leaf Foundation which has funded this project since its inception in 2011, said: “@TheStates is designed to encourage young people to take an interest in their island’s political system and potentially get involved at some point in the future, whether this is just by having their say or wishing to become more involved as one of our future political leaders.

“We always receive a great response from the schools and hope that this continues to be a valuable resource for years to come.”

Launched in 2011 by the Ana Leaf Foundation as part of the citizenship curriculum for school students, Deputy Matt Fallaize and Deputy Sarah Hansmann Rouxel have been integral to the project update.

Deputy Hansmann Rouxel said: “There have been a number of structural changes to Guernsey’s political system and it’s important that young people not only learn about

and understand how their island is run but @TheStates is also a valuable resource for the whole of the community, both residents and newcomers.

“In schools, @TheStates is a brilliant way for students to enhance their knowledge about the States of Guernsey and provides an opportunity for Deputies to go into schools and speak to students – perhaps encouraging them to become Deputies themselves one day.”

The Ana Leaf Foundation supports community projects, particularly educational initiatives, and the reprint of resources is a continuation of this commitment.

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Notes to editors

The learning resources which have been created are:

Printed learning resources:

Student folder: Containing seven information sheets covering:

- Where did your government come from?
- What does a States Committee do?
- How are Guernsey laws made?
- What does a Deputy do?
- Who can vote and how do they do so?
- How do you become a Deputy?
- What is the Youth Forum for Guernsey and Alderney?
- Douzaines and Constables

Three activity sheets: Topics to debate, matching the States Committees, Authorities, Boards and Commissions to various responsibilities and a true or false quiz.

Three voting cards: For use in mock debates reflecting the French voting terms: Pour, Contre, Je ne votre pas.

A glossary booklet: Containing a variety of terms and ‘did you know’ facts.

Teacher packs: Containing a guidance sheet and copies of all student information and activity sheets.

Branded exhibition stand: For use in various public locations on the island to promote the project, for example: The Performing Arts Centre, Beau Sejour Leisure Centre foyer, Guille Alles Library, The Market Inner Street, The Royal Court, all secondary schools and the Guernsey Careers Show.

Three large posters: The Structure of the States of Guernsey, Voting districts, The States Chamber

Web resource:

www.atthestates.gg – a dedicated website reflecting the content of the printed materials, offering learning activities and an opportunity to download copies of the materials.

While the creators of this initiative have sought to cover all major issues within the teaching packs is not designed to be an exhaustive resource which covers all areas of The States of Guernsey.