

# Economic Viewpoints of Guernsey - 2021



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The events of 2020 – Covid-19, Brexit and a new States via Island-wide voting – will have ramifications, if not closure in 2021.

This WEA course has seen massive changes to our island in its 38 years but these transitions could be the greatest.

The contributors will strive to bring understanding through facts and informed opinion to its 'students'.

## Programme -

*As of 6 January 2021. WEA reserves the right to change the speakers without notice.*

### **26 January – Guernsey's Economy & indications for the future.**

**John Ogier**, *Intellectual Property Economist*

A description of the island's economic standing, income streams and running costs.

### **2 February – Covid-19, The financial outcome**

**Bethan Haines**, *States Treasurer*

Covid will not be over by February, but we do need to know its financial effect to date.

### **9 February – Half term break**

### **16 February – BREXIT Update.**

**Jo Reeve**, *Director of International Relations & Constitutional Affairs*

By February Brexit will have happened in the UK – How will Guernsey have fared?

### **23 February – Zero-10, A Report**

**Nicky Forshaw**, *Director of Revenue Service, States of Guernsey.*

Zero 10 was thrust upon us by the Isle of Man 12 years ago – what has been the outcome?

### **2 March – Government Advisory Groups**

**Lord Digby Jones**, *The Guernsey Policy and Economics Group*

Island- wide voting spawned a number of advisory groups. How have they prospered?

### **9 March – Green Finance**

**Roy Tilleard**, *Alpha Investment Funds.*

Some see Green Investing and finance as a future income stream – we will take a look.

### **16 March – Cannabis growing and processing – A New Opportunity?**

**Paul Smith**, *MD The House of Green.* **Roger Saunt**, *MD Pommier Renewables Limited.*

There has been a sudden flurry in Cannabis culture – can it bring horticulture back to Guernsey?

### **23 March – Capital Projects – Economic stimulators?**

**Hydroport – Eastern Seaboard Project - Jon Buckland**, *Presenting on behalf of Hydroport*

**Extension to the Airport Runway – Jerry Girard**

**Cruise Liner berth on the White Rock – Gary Naftel**, *Naftel Associates.*

**Inter Island Tunnel – Martyn Dorey**, *Dorey Financial Modelling.*

A new port for St. Sampson, electricity from Belgrave Bay, an extended airport runway, a tunnel to Jersey – the media continue to publicise crazy ideas and opinions – Can we? Should we? Afford?

The talks will be held at La Villette Hotel, St. Martin where there is ample parking.

Each evening will start sharp at 7.30pm and last until 9.30pm.

Course costs £50 for all 8 sessions. Guests are welcome on individual nights at £10.

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