



Guernsey Adolescent Smokefree Project

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To: all members of the media

From: Alun Williams, Chairperson of GASP

Re: Invitation to the GASP 'Thank you' Breakfast

Tuesday 11th March 2008 - 7.45am at The Rowan Tree, Salerie Corner

As the current States of Deliberation draws to a close we would like to invite all members of the media to attend a 'thank you' breakfast that is being held in recognition of the support that GASP and colleagues have received in our attempts to get across the Smokefree Guernsey message over the past few years.

Alun Williams comments:

No doubt there will be much reflection and discussion about the work of this States of Deliberation over the next few weeks. The arguments will probably focus on fiscal and taxation measures but, at GASP, we believe that the community should not lose sight of the impact that measures such as the legislation to ban smoking in public places will have on the future well-being of the island's young people.

It is particularly pertinent to quote from a Guernsey Press editorial four years ago in response to the three year plan that GASP had recently announced to make Guernsey smokefree. The editorial comment is;

'Following New York and Dublin's lead by making smoking illegal in public places is the next logical step.

That would mean no more smoking in restaurants, offices and – the big one – pubs.

If such a law were passed GASP would consider the three-year push a massive victory in a long-term war' 9th March 2004

The farsightedness and courage by the States of Deliberation to introduce a package of smokefree measures, ahead of the United Kingdom, has done much to assist our work. The Guernsey press is right that we have seen ' a massive victory in a long-term war' . For that reason we would like to thank our island deputies and to invite them to share in our celebration at a special breakfast at the Rowan Tree cafe on Tuesday 11th March - the day before No Smoking Day.

Colleagues from island businesses, charities, health and education organisations will also be attending.

At the breakfast we will also be making a very exciting announcement about the latest contribution to our Ana a Topa charity

Following the breakfast which starts at 7.45am Deputies and guests are invited to jump on our party bus and accompany us to a special assembly to be held at St Sampson's School.

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