

# 200

days to go

The NatWest International Islands Games will be taking place in Guernsey 8-14 July 2023. 24 Member Islands of the International Island Games Association will be taking part in the Games and will be participating in 14 sports.

The Organising Committee and a large number of the volunteer team have been working hard behind the scenes for many months now. This is an overview of how the planning is going as we get ready to welcome some 3,000 people to our Guernsey shores next year.

### Sports



14 sports will feature in the Guernsey Games, with over 220 events taking part during the week. We have been working closely with the Sports here in Guernsey and would like to thank all of the coordinators for the time and effort they have put in.

Our venues are in good shape and we have our first draft programme. Final numbers have to be submitted by the member islands by the 31 December, and the final programme of events will be available in early February.

We will be awarding over 1700 medals during the week. One particular highlight will be the triathlon relay on the final Friday as this will be the first time that this event has featured in the Games.

*Pete Vidamour Sports Director*

### Logistics



The logistics involved with hosting an event of this size and scale are huge, and there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes with our logistics teams.

With some 3,000 team members expected, one of the key areas of focus in the New Year will be people movement and our transport team are already working on an extensive strategy to move people around the Island for the week of the Games.

*Steve Champion-Smith and Anne Thomas Logistics Director*

### Accommodation

The increasing costs involved with travel and accommodation are a challenge for all host Islands, including Guernsey, as teams from member Islands travel from all over the world. We have explored a number of options for accommodation

and have been liaising with the member Islands for several months about their requirements. We are now making the final allocations and confirmations. It has been a huge task and we appreciate the support from the local accommodation providers that have been working with us, as well as the volunteers who have been assisting with this.

*Julia Bowditch Games Director*

### Volunteers



The planning and implementation to deliver the Games is a huge undertaking. We have completed our volunteer drive and held a number of registration sessions, and have had a great response with over 1200 local people signing up to be involved with the Guernsey 2023 Games. We are now in the process of allocating roles and will be running a full training programme in the New Year.

With only two full-time and one part-time members of staff, the volunteer team has been vital in the planning

process for the Games and we would like to thank all of those who have already given so many hours of their time.

**Wayne Bulpitt** *Volunteer Director*

## IT

Connectivity is vital for the delivery and running of an efficient Games, and the IT team have been working with our technology partners, Sure, to ensure that we have good internet access at all venues for our communications teams, the results service, members of the media and the viewing public.

**Colin Le Conte** *IT Director*

## Youth Engagement



We are developing a Youth Engagement programme in conjunction with the local Health Improvement Commission, Sports Commission, Arts Commission and Department for Health and Social Care. Students from the Sixth Form Centre have developed a number of activities, which they have trialled with a local Primary School. The plan is to produce a pack which will be made available to all local schools and to other member islands. A Youth Volunteer Programme is also being developed.

**Emma Beardsell** *Deputy Games Director*

## Communications



We will be publishing regular updates from the New Year to keep everyone informed about plans for the Guernsey 2023 Games. Please visit our website at [guernsey2023.gg](http://guernsey2023.gg) and follow our social media pages for further information and to keep up to date with plans.

We are also working with the IT Team to produce a Live Updates schedule for the week of the Games.

**Amanda Hibbs** *Communications & Events Director*

## Medical



Our medical team are working hard on plans to provide cover during the week of the Games. We are planning to provide a medical base near Beau Sejour Leisure Centre which will be where our swimming and basketball competitions will be hosted, as well as the main Games Office. We are currently building a team of local volunteers as well as working with St John and UCLan

(who assisted with a similar set up during the Gibraltar Games in 2019). The Centre will be available to all accredited athletes.

**Dr Ian Gee** *Medical Director*

## Finance

As we picked up the planning of the Games after the postponement of 2021, we have had to revisit all of the budgets and finances. We must say a huge thank to our core sponsors - without their ongoing support, we would be unable to host the Games and bring them back to Guernsey for a third time.

**Ian Damarell** *Financial Director*

We hope this short overview has given you an insight into the huge amount of work going on behind the scenes as we prepare for the Guernsey 2023 Games. If you would like to find out more or have any queries, please visit our website at [guernsey2023.gg](http://guernsey2023.gg) or email [info@guernsey2023.gg](mailto:info@guernsey2023.gg)

## Next key dates

**31 Dec** Entry by number  
Non-team sports

**1 Feb** Final programme and  
list of events

**30 April** Entry by participant  
name for all events



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