



Brighter Futures

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Autumn

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Foreword – Fiona Brennan, CEO

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

2026 has been a busy year for Brighter Futures so far. As well as working with approximately 150 valued clients and their families every week, we have said hello and farewell to some team members, and we are about to welcome 2 new members to our Board.

During the Summer we have completed another successful Ruthie Raccoon's Summer Breakfast Club, enjoyed a fabulous Beach Day and have taken a Walk on the Bright Side to raise funds for Brighter Futures. Our Dads' Club still meets each month at The Bridge, and we continue to offer our Brighter Futures Fridays' family visits at La Moye Prison.

Our 2 venues, The Bridge and Communicare, give us more opportunity to meet a wider range of families.

A new government was elected after the Island went to the polls on the 7th June, so I have been busy meeting new and established politicians to remind them of our purpose – to create sustainable, positive futures for families in Jersey, with all our courses and programmes remaining free of charge, to ensure inclusion. This means that we need consistent, sustainable funding. It costs **£8,000** to support one Brighter Futures family for a full year.

Presently, we receive **8.7%** of our annual funding costs from government, and we continue to raise this challenge with Ministers, to ensure that we can continue to help as many families as possible who need us.

This is why we continue to rely on the kindness and support of individuals and organisations. There are some great opportunities to support the charity for the rest of the year, such as our Dinner Club, with more information inside.

Looking forward to next year, Brighter Futures has secured 2 places in the London Marathon, which will take place on the 25th April 2027. If running a marathon has always been your dream and you would like to support us, please get in touch - fundraising@brighterfutures.org.je.

Thank you for helping families in Jersey to have a brighter future.

Fiona Brennan, CEO
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News and Event Highlights

19th June: Jersey Funds Association Gala Dinner

We are very grateful to the Jersey Funds Association (JFA) for selecting Brighter Futures as its Charity of Choice for 2026. In June, we benefitted from its hugely successful Gala Dinner at RJAHS, which raised more than £12,000 - an incredible achievement.

A huge thank you to the Chair of the JFA Joel Hernandez, the Board of the JFA, and everyone involved in organising, sponsoring, and supporting this fantastic event. Your generosity helped to raise vital funds to support families across Jersey.



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30th May: Hobby Horse Family Day at the Races

We spent an enjoyable day at Les Landes Racecourse in May, raising awareness about Brighter Futures, doing crafts and helping children and young people to enjoy hobby horse racing in the parade ring!

Thank you to the Jensen Family for kindly sponsoring a race in the name of Brighter Futures.



24th July: Brighter Shores Beach Day

In July, many of our Brighter Futures families joined us for a wonderful Beach Day at St. Brelade, in glorious weather! Thank you to our friends at Healing Waves for all your support of our special day for the second year in a row, and to Pizza Box for providing us with delicious food.



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8th August: Walk on the Bright Side

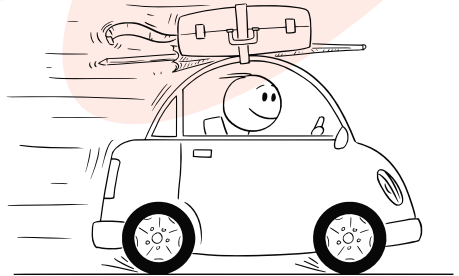
On Saturday 8th August 2026, many of our team and families enjoyed a walk together from La Fregate to Bel Royal and back. We wore orange and young walkers looked out for special stops to collect stickers, showing how far they had walked in the sunshine!

Here are some photos of the great event:



Hellos and farewells

In August, we said goodbye to **Marcel Bucur**, who had worked with us for over 2 years. Thank you Marcel for everything you have done for us, we are so grateful.



We welcome our new Corporate Partnership and Fundraising Officer, **Nikolett Jones**.

Nikolett will focus on the development and delivery of our fundraising, marketing and events programme, working closely with Judith Hanson, our Trusts and Grants Manager.

Nikolett and Judith can be contacted via fundraising@brighterfutures.org.je



New Board Members

We are delighted to welcome Connor Burgher and Sarah Nibbs to the Board of Brighter Futures with effect from October 2026.

Both Connor and Sarah are members of two of our sub-committees and they both enjoy meeting supporters at our events as Ambassadors.

Thank you both of you for coming 'on board', and continuing your support for Brighter Futures.



Connor Burgher

Director



Sarah Nibbs

Director



Looking ahead

7-13th September: Jersey Legacy Week

A gift in your Will can make a lasting difference. Jersey Legacy Week runs from the 7th – 13th September 2026. This year's campaign, Leave a Better Tomorrow, is raising awareness of the important role that gifts in Wills can play in supporting local charities such as Brighter Futures, and helping to shape Jersey's future.

If you would like to leave a charitable gift in your Will, please speak to your legal adviser. Look out for more information on #JerseyLegacyWeek in social media posts, or visit our website for more information.

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A better tomorrow?

The Jersey we enjoy today exists because someone chose to give back. Discover how a gift in your Will can make a lasting difference.

**JERSEY LEGACY WEEK
7-13 SEPT 2026**


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<https://www.brighterfutures.org.je/get-involved/leave-a-legacy-to-brighter-futures>

Brighter Futures Small Canvases, Big Impact.

Small Canvases, Big Impact will provide Brighter Futures families with access to professional arts education. Delivered in partnership with ArtHouse Jersey, this great opportunity will see families receive tuition and creative learning from two lead artist-educators, developing artistic techniques, creative thinking, communication skills, confidence and self-expression.



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Help us to make a difference.

Dates for your diary

Brighter Futures Dinner Club

Our Dinner Club is taking place throughout the year and you can get involved! Have supper with friends, lunch in the park, or a BBQ on the beach... and donate to Brighter Futures. Please register for the Dinner Club on our website, with the opportunity to enter the monthly prize draw for a voucher for a meal for four people at various venues in Jersey.



20th September: 6-A-Side Football

Our annual 6-a-side football tournament is back! Join us at Oakfield Playing Fields for a fantastic morning of football, friendly rivalry and fundraising.

Adult teams will battle it out for the ultimate prize, the much sought after, Brighter Futures Champion of Champions Trophy. Plus, of course, those all-important bragging rights for the year!



24th September: Susie Watson Designs – Open House

Susie Watson Designs continues her kind support for us during September. Visitors will be able to explore new additions to the collections and view beautiful Christmas pieces. As part of their Open House in Gorey, @ourclapboardhomebythesea, there will be a raffle in aid of Brighter Futures.



5th November: Annual Ladies Lunch

Our Ladies Lunch takes place once again this year at the home of one of our generous Ambassadors. This event always sells out and features a well-known guest speaker, entertainment, an auction and raffle prizes.



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To find out more about any of the events mentioned, please contact us via fundraising@brighterfuture.org.je

This Christmas

Buy 'A Brighter Experience' gift opportunity to help our families

We are often asked if presents can be donated to Brighter Futures for use at Christmas. We are always grateful for these offers, but feedback from many of our families has been that they would really value a shared experience. Could you help our Brighter Futures families enjoy time together with a unique day out or adventure? Your support now will help families to enjoy shared activities and meaningful time together throughout the year.

You can browse the list of available choices online.

Thank you for your support.



Awards and recognition



Ambassador OF THE YEAR

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Nominee: **Fiona Brennan**
Nominator: **Sam Goguelin**

A CHARITY leader who has helped transform the lives of hundreds of families across the island has been nominated for the Ambassador of the Year award.

Sam Goguelin said Brighter Futures chief executive Fiona Brennan went above and beyond to support parents and children, giving families hope, understanding and the tools they needed to build a brighter future.

Ms Goguelin said the charity dedicated countless hours to supporting local families through initiatives including beach days, breakfast clubs, respite opportunities, holiday outings and a range of courses – despite receiving just 8.7% of its funding from the government.

As both a former client of the charity and a parent ambassador, Ms Goguelin said she had experienced first-hand the difference Mrs Brennan and her team had made.

“Without Fiona and her amazing team at Brighter Futures, so many families would be at a loss,” she said. “I would be in a completely different position now if it wasn’t for Fiona and her team.”

She added that Mrs Brennan’s dedication and commitment to helping families made her a deserving nominee for the Ambassador of the Year award.

■ Without Fiona Brennan and her Brighter Futures team, “so many families would be at a loss” IN LINE: DAVID HENNINGSON

Ambassador of the Year nomination:

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- Sam G, Parent Ambassador

Our exceptional CEO, Fiona Brennan, has been nominated as Ambassador of the Year in this year’s Pride of Jersey Awards. One of our Parent Ambassadors, Sam, nominated Fiona. The nomination recognises Fiona’s longstanding commitment to supporting children, parents and families across Jersey and the difference that Brighter Futures has made to hundreds of local families.

Congratulations, Fiona! And thank you, Sam, for sharing your journey and for your recognition of Fiona as the ultimate Brighter Futures Ambassador. Public voting for the Pride of Jersey Award opens on the Saturday 19 September 2026, at 10 am.

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Community Champion of the Year nomination:

We are delighted that the Brighter Futures team has been nominated for Community Champion of the Year at the Pride of Jersey Awards 2026.

Our anonymous nominator described Brighter Futures as *“more than a charity, it is a cornerstone of Jersey’s community”*, recognising the dedication of our team and the difference they make to children, young people and families across the Island every day.

We are incredibly proud of our whole team and very grateful to whoever put us forward!

Nominee: **Brighter Futures**
Nominator: **Anonymous**

A CHARITY which has been supporting children, young people and families across Jersey for more than 15 years has been nominated for the Community Champion of the Year award.

The anonymous nominator said Brighter Futures had been transforming lives since 2008 by providing free early intervention support that “strengthens families before problems escalate into crisis”. Each week, around 150 families and more than 270 children access the charity’s services.

The nominator said the charity empowered families to develop the confidence and skills to build brighter futures for themselves, while its work also helped reduce pressure on health, education and social care services.

Despite increasing demand and funding challenges, the nominator said the charity continued to innovate, build partnerships and ensure that “no family feels they have to face life’s challenges alone”.

They added that Brighter Futures was “more than a charity, it is a cornerstone of Jersey’s community”, supporting families today while helping “creating stronger communities for tomorrow”.



■ Brighter Futures is “more than a charity, it is a cornerstone of Jersey’s community” PICTURE: PAUL WRIGHT

Children & Young People Now Awards 2026



Brighter Futures is incredibly proud to have been shortlisted for the 'Family Support Award' at the Children & Young People Now Awards 2026. To be recognised alongside inspiring organisations from across the UK is a tremendous honour and a testament to the dedication, passion and hard work of our amazing team, volunteers, partners and, most importantly, the families who place their trust in us every day.

The Award ceremony takes place Thursday 26th November, so wish us luck.

We will let you know how we get on!



Focus on Partnerships

We would like to thank all funders, donors and supporters for your sustainable funding, which is vital for Brighter Futures charity to continue our work in the community.

Also the following organisations for their sponsorship in the recent quarter.

New partnerships:

▶ **Integritas Wealth Partners** for part-sponsorship of our Achieving Better Connections (ABC programme)

▶ **St Helier Youth and Community Trust** for part sponsorship of our Baby Massage programme

▶ **WO Street Trust** via the Jersey Community Foundation, for supporting our NEW English for Everyday Life programme.

This programme aims to strengthen parents' ability to support their children at home. This includes helping with homework, encouraging bedtime reading, and contributing to their child's overall language development.

To ensure accessibility, free crèche facilities are provided while participants attend the course. The programme is delivered by Lingo Language in partnership with Brighter Futures.

▶ **Hawksford**, for its continuing support of Brighter Futures Fridays' family visits at La Moye Prison.

▶ **Waitrose and Partners - Green token scheme.**

We are delighted to share that Brighter Futures has been selected for the Waitrose Community Matters green token scheme this quarter! Every time you shop at the Red Houses branch, please drop your token into our box to support families in Jersey

▶ **JEC -100 Projects That Matter**

It means a lot to the team at Brighter Futures to have received a new fridge freezer for the team's office at The Bridge. We are very grateful. Thank you!

▶ **Association of Jersey Charities and Aztec**

Congratulations to our clients who have successfully completed the Incredible Years Preschool Programme, supported by AJC and Aztec.

Your commitment to learning is an achievement worth celebrating. Thank you for your dedication and congratulations on this well-deserved accomplishment!



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thank you!

In 2026, the Government of Jersey (CYPES) provided **8.7%** of Brighter Futures' funding.

The remaining **91.3%** comes from the generosity and commitment of our grants from trusts, corporate partners, fundraisers, donors and supporters.

Your continued support enables us to keep our services free and accessible to families across Jersey, providing help when it is needed and creating lasting change for children, young people and their families.

**Quite simply, we could not do what we do without you.
Thank you for being part of Brighter Futures.**

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