

VOTE SARAH

HANSMANN ROUXEL

Dear Vale Voter,

I am standing as a candidate to be one of your Vale Deputies as I believe that the parishioners of the Vale deserve and expect a new and energised voice within the States of Deliberation.

Do we need a States that is crippled by careless communication? Do we need a States divided by egos and political posturing who fight and get nothing done? Do we want our States actions to speak louder than their words?

I believe that the parishioners of the Vale demand and require a States that ***listens to the people*** of Guernsey, ***works together*** to make decisions and takes ***action*** for the good of a united Guernsey.

My key message to you, the parishioners of the Vale, is that if elected, I will take to the States an energised and invigorated understanding of our ***community***, the need for ***cooperation*** and, most importantly, ***action***.

I respectfully ask that you consider giving me one of your votes on the 27th April.



Read the full manifesto at

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So, who am I?

A South African by birth, I am married to a local lad, Stephen Rouxel, who grew up in the Vale going to Vale Primary School, St Sampson's High School and then Sixth Form Grammar.

Both of our children were born in Guernsey and are currently in Primary School. I feel privileged my children will be growing up in a safe, embracing community with access to their rich, varied heritage here in the Vale.

Before coming to Guernsey, I qualified in Speech and Drama at the University of Cape Town. Since graduating, I have used my expertise to run corporate training and development programmes for companies and individuals in the UK, South Africa and Guernsey. I have also undertaken many communities-based arts projects.

In 2014 I created HOGISM (History of Guernsey in Sixty Minutes), a play that premiered in 2015 and is currently bringing Guernsey's rich history to schools across the Bailiwick. I also work with the Guernsey Arts Commission developing and delivering workshops in the community from the very young - with Baby Art Club and youth workshops at Les Genats Estate - to working with the elderly and infirm with Reminiscence Arts Project. In 2012, I used my experience to train up local talent and founded the Guernsey Improbables.

What would I bring?

I believe that I can bring something new and different to the States.

When I look at our current States, I do not believe that it is either representative of the full cross section of people of Guernsey, or inclusive.

Having been actively involved in the island's cultural and educational community for many years, I have seen the impact of a disjointed culture and education strategy first hand.

I have worked for more than twenty years in the creative industries, managing many individuals with large egos who often had separate agendas. Getting them to work together has, I believe, provided me with unique experience for working in our current States.

- **Community** -

I believe that **listening to the electorate** through active, meaningful engagement and participation in community endeavours are the bedrock of a **deputy's duties**.

- **Cooperation** -

I believe that all members of the States should be **working together** to create a holistic, cohesive plan instead of a loose patchwork of ideas.

- **Action** -

I believe it is long past the **time for action**. The States need to ensure that target driven, accountable and measurable actions can be taken once plans are formulated and agreed.

On the Economy

I believe we need to effectively balance our services and taxation. Currently we are spending more on services than we generate through taxation. This cannot continue.

Before considering any new taxes, we should be ensuring that government's own house is in order, by cutting waste and restoring the public's confidence in the States' ability to deliver. I would vote against implementation of GST.

There must be no addition to existing government debt. We are already in a position where we are going to saddle future generations with the repayment of the existing government debt.

Guernsey is a unique place, and through history our forefathers have been industrious in exploiting our island's position and building industries around what others might have seen as disadvantages.

We need to identify innovative industries that can build on already established skills within the economy. and broaden the reach of these projects. Investigating areas such as micro renewables, and bringing tourism together with other industries such as the digital and creative, will further expand the economy.

On Education

This area is personal to me. My two children will both be affected in different ways by the proposed changes.

While I agree that the 11+ selection system is flawed and it should be scrapped, we need to make a clear decision as to what will replace it and the Education Department needs to demonstrate that they can deliver it.

I would look at ways of ensuring active public engagement with the process, as most importantly the public need to be assured that all the island's children will have access to an excellent education.

Having looked at all the available information, it is my belief that La Mare De Carteret school needs to be rebuilt. Further, if elected, I would do everything to ensure that the decision on La Mare's future is made so the children across the whole Bailiwick can be taught in fit-for-purpose facilities.

Finally, I would like to see what can be done to free up our teachers' time and allow them to teach. Our teachers and what they teach, much more than any building, are vital to our children's futures.

On Health

I believe we must tackle the task of maintaining a fair and comprehensive health service within the resources that we have.

Holistic strategies that look at health from every perspective are essential. Cross-department coordination of strategies will be key to maintaining the balance between services and resources. The States should foster these channels of communication with mental health and well-being playing an integral part.

We must expand and make sustainable the on-island training of medical staff.

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Transport Links

It's essential, not only for tourism but for the people of Guernsey, to have a reliable ferry and airline service with sensible and realistic timetables. We need to look at all options to secure a reliable ferry service.

The strategic importance of maintaining strong reliable air links should not be compromised in pursuit of getting Aurigny into profit, but we should continue to seek efficiencies.

Housing

Having recently bought a house, I experienced first hand the effects of the current housing market stagnation.

I believe it is important to provide help to first-time buyers (for instance, through reducing document and bond costs) and look at socially and environmentally sustainable ways of building new houses.

Social policy

I believe in a fair and sustainable welfare system that seeks to help those who are most vulnerable, whether through low income, disability, sickness or age.

At the same time, I want to ensure that everyone can make an economic contribution to our society, when they are able to do so.

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I strongly agree that we need island-wide voting. However, I want to see a system in place to ensure that there would still be some Vale representation in the States.

Whatever the system, it must have the support of the electorate and must be capable of evolving.

In the Vale

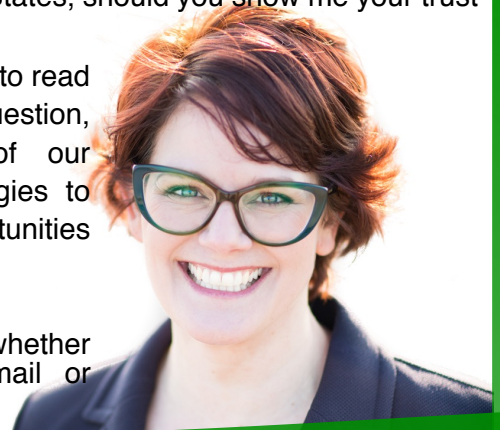
I understand the need to keep a close eye on the development of Leale's Yard, making sure that the impact of traffic and accessibility to school places is properly understood before making any decisions. It is vital that the communities of both the Vale and St Sampson's are part of the process.

The Vale has become a very big part of my life – I would not want to live anywhere else. I love the sense of community, natural environment and the buzz that makes the Vale different. If elected I would do everything in my power to protect and preserve the unique community that is the VALE.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto. These are the beliefs and ideas which will guide my decisions in the States, should you show me your trust and **vote for me**.

If elected as your representative, I promise to read and analyse every billet, to challenge and question, **on your behalf**, the assumptions of our government, and to devote all my energies to sustaining the unique community and opportunities that this island can offer.

I will welcome engagement with you, whether through direct contact at surgeries, email or community networking.



Please vote for Sarah Hansmann Rouxel