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Message from the Commissioner

As we approach the end of what has been a quite extraordinary year, for the Bailiwick as well as across the whole globe, this is just a short message from all of us at the ODP.

Firstly, we want to wish you and your families very best wishes for a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas period. Locally, we are in the most fortunate position of being free of any restrictions, but our thoughts are with the many people in our local community, and around the world, who are dealing with significant challenges.

Looking ahead to 2021, we must remain hopeful that our lives and our economy can rebound quickly and effectively from this difficult chapter.

This past year has shown how nimble and responsive the Bailiwick can be in the face of adversity. It has also highlighted the remarkable community spirit that the Islands have. We need to harness that as we look to adapting to our post-Covid world.

We all have a part to play and here, at the ODP, we have been working hard to ensure we continue to develop an effective and relevant regulatory oversight regime for the Bailiwick. This will be increasingly important as we propel into the fourth industrial revolution which is so dependent upon data.

There are lots of changes afoot for us and the regulated community as we look towards implementing our new registration and fees regime. We are determined to support the community through these changes and beyond as best we can.

We always try to fulfil our role with focus, professionalism and above all integrity. We recognise that



what we do will not always be popular. We also recognise that those who benefit most from what we do rarely have a voice. This is not a popularity contest, this is a question of rights, autonomy and respect and we are proud to play our part in ensuring those things sit at the heart of social and economic activity of the Bailiwick.

Very warmest wishes of the season to you all.

- Emma Martins

Data Protection Commissioner



**Merry Christmas to all, those near and those far
May joy and peace find you, wherever you are
Love, laughter, lightness, family and fun
And here's to an all together better 2021**



- from everyone at the ODPA

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Please help us spread the message: registration and beyond

For those of you who are Island FM listeners, you may have heard our message played in recent

weeks.

- We have added the audio to this [short video](#), and produced a [summary image](#), if you can **share these on social media to help spread our message further we would be very grateful.**

Summary:

If you are based in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and work with people's information then during January and February 2021 you must register with the [Office of the Data Protection Authority](#) and meet your legal duties.

If you care about people then care about their data. Show you care: [visit www.odpa.gg/2021](http://www.odpa.gg/2021).



Registration and beyond:
how to *feel good* about data protection



EVENT: Registration and beyond: how to feel good about data protection

(13 January 2021 8am-9am) This is an introductory event for anyone who is new to data protection and wants to understand an organisation's legal duties in this area.

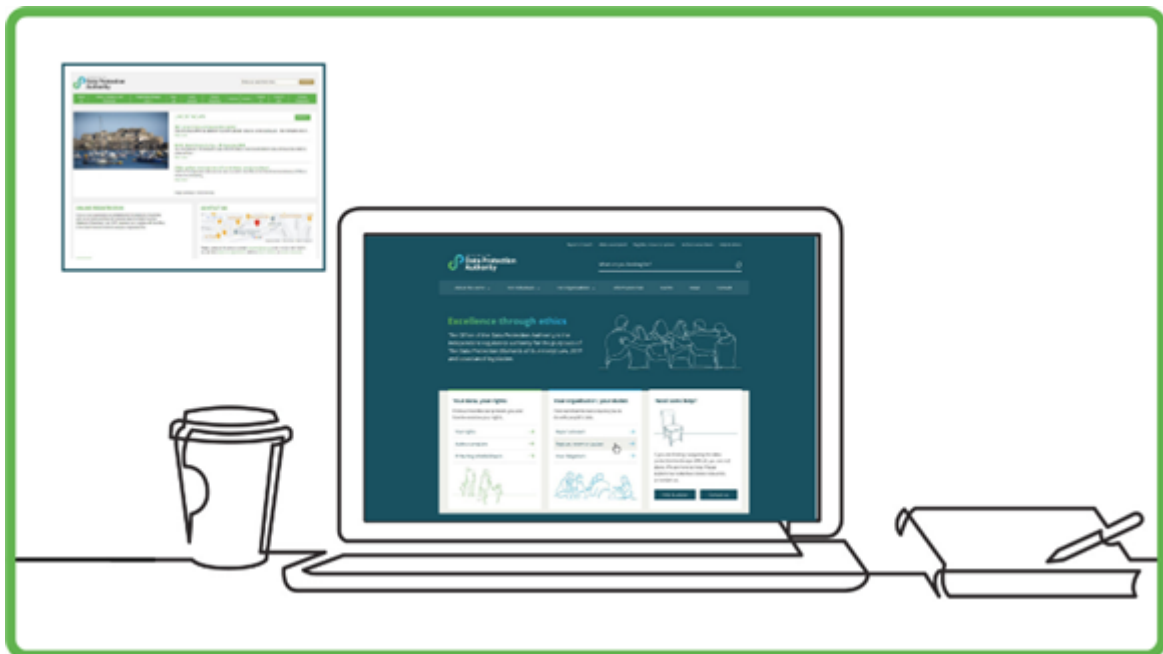
[Book your free place](#) (very limited spaces left)

* PLEASE NOTE: this is an in-person event, please only book a place if you are based in Guernsey *

New website launched

Yesterday we launched our new website - [please visit odpa.gg to take a look at:](#)

1. Improved **registration** module (will be live from 1 January 2021)
2. Improved **breach reporting** mechanism
3. Improved **complaints form**
4. New **information hub**
5. Improved **'search'** function
6. Improved **navigation**



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