



CICRA media release

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CICRA awards second bursary to local student

Ladies' College A-level student, Christina Hodgson, has been awarded a bursary by the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA).

This is the second bursary awarded by CICRA to Guernsey students with the aim to build up a level of competition law and utility regulatory knowledge in the islands.

Miss Hodgson hopes to read Law at the University of Dundee this coming Autumn.

Interim chief executive of CICRA, Michael Byrne, said; "Christina's application was extremely impressive. It's encouraging to see all the work experience she has undertaken in order to further her career in law.

"We believe that it's so important to help local students achieve a high level of education and encourage them to return to the island so we're pleased to be able to support Christina through her degree."

Miss Hodgson said: "I was so excited when I heard that I'd been awarded the CICRA bursary. Being able to work with the regulator during the holidays will give me a unique insight into regulatory law and help enhance my professional development within this industry."

Guernsey student Kieran Ashworth was awarded a bursary in 2010. He graduated from Bath University with a 2:1 in Economics and is returning to the island over the

summer to work for the regulator before going on to spend a year in China to teach English and to continue his study of Mandarin

CICRA's primary role is to promote consumer welfare through competition and measures which encourage appropriate pricing and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available to islanders. It enforces competition legislation and regulates the telecoms and postal sectors in both Guernsey and Jersey.

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.