



Action for blind people

Making it happen



Liam, from
Actionnaires

We put visually impaired people first

More to us than meets

Without Action for Blind People, 24,000 blind and partially sighted people would have been left in the dark last year.

As one of the largest and most respected visual impairment charities in the UK, we prove that sight loss is not a barrier to living a happy, successful and fulfilling life. We help visually impaired people get jobs, play sport, go on holiday, adapt their homes, learn to use technology, access information and much, much more.

Losing sight doesn't always mean that you can't do things anymore, just that you might need to do them differently. Action understands the life changes that people need to make and provides practical support, information and advice to help them adjust.



“Every 15 minutes, someone in the UK begins to lose their sight and the effects can be devastating. Action provides a lifeline at the time they need it most.”

Sian Williams

BBC Breakfast Presenter

the eye...



“Working at Action I see first hand the difference we make. No two days are alike, no two people’s needs are the same; it’s the best job in the world.”

Action Coordinator, Julie with client

the eye...

Employment Matters

Action focuses on working with visually impaired people to help them find the right job or to retain employment following sight loss. We also provide advice, support and training to employers on the best way to recruit and support blind and partially sighted people.

Roof over your head

Everyone wants to live where they feel comfortable and safe. Our housing support service is designed to help visually impaired people live in the home of their choice, as independently as possible.

Applying for benefits

This can mean the difference between getting by and going without. Our experts guide visually impaired people and their advisors through the benefits maze, ensuring that the right benefits go to the people who really need them.

Information Technology

Advances in technology have provided visually impaired people with the opportunity to communicate more effectively. Action offers impartial advice on the latest assistive technology - from specialist software to buying the best computer.

Mobile Sight Loss Information Service

Covering some 30,000 miles a year, our Mobile Sight Loss Information Service travels the UK, offering free impartial advice and information on the latest aids to daily life.

Actionnaires sports clubs

We offer blind and partially sighted children and young people, aged 8-16 years, the chance to make friends, keep fit and have fun. In a safe and supportive environment, they can develop their social skills and confidence, and learn to believe in their own abilities.

Holidays and activity breaks

Our quality, specialist hotels offer a much needed break to people on low incomes, allowing them the time and space to breathe, and get things into perspective.

Contact Action's experts

Our National Freephone Helpline **0800 915 4666**, provides free, impartial, and confidential advice to visually impaired people, their family and friends.

Our website **www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk** allows people to get the help they need, no matter where they live, whatever the time of day. They can download factsheets, publications and search for information, even when our offices are closed.

Helpline Action Coordinator

Actionnaires at play





“Life can be complicated - sight loss just makes it more so. Action understands the life changes people need to make and helps them get back on track.”

Dame Judi Dench

Actor

You make it happen...

Action relies on voluntary donations and the support of volunteers. Help us continue to have a positive impact on the lives of blind and partially sighted people and we will make sure your support is channelled to help those people most in need. From making a donation or involving your company in volunteering, to running the marathon or leaving a legacy in your Will, you can help us make it happen for the UK's two million blind and partially sighted people.

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If you or anyone you know needs support with sight loss, talk to our experts - talk to Action.



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