

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Calling all blind kids from South London

South London Actionnaires, a sports club for blind and partially sighted children, is looking for more children to come along and try sport at their next session on Saturday 3 December, 10am-1pm, at Tooting Leisure Centre. The club is run by national visual impairment charity, **Action for Blind People**, and it's free!

South London Actionnaires runs on the first and third Saturday of every month and is open to visually impaired youngsters aged eight to 16 – younger children can attend but parents must stay with them. Both Saturdays in December (3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) will offer trampolining and swimming, but the club offers a wide range of sports delivered by qualified specialist and mainstream coaches.

Club organiser, Nicky Holloway comments: "All visually impaired youngsters are welcome. Whether a child is a budding Beckham, has an untapped interest or has never tried sport at all, it doesn't matter! We want to give every blind or partially sighted child in South London the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of sports in a safe, fun and encouraging environment."

For more information about the South London Actionnaires club, please contact Nicky Holloway, Sports Development Officer on 020 7635 4905

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## Notes to Editors

- South London Actionnaires meets at Tooting Leisure centre, Greaves place Tooting SW17 0NE, the first and third Saturday of every month at 10am-1pm.
- There are currently 14 Actionnaires clubs across the UK in Huddersfield, Gravesend, Portsmouth, Essex, Liverpool, Sunderland, Blackburn, Coventry, Manchester, West London, South London, Hull, Birmingham and Southampton.
- Action for Blind People supports over 20,000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK every year.
- Action works to inspire change and create opportunities to enable blind and partially sighted people to have equal voice and equal choice and to live a full and valuable life.
- Action provides visually impaired people with opportunities through employment, housing, leisure and information and support.