

Providing life-changing
services to people
with sight loss

Our services

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Every hour, another person in the UK goes blind. When someone loses their sight, Guide Dogs is here to make sure they don't lose their freedom as well.

In the UK today, almost two million people are living with sight loss and of those, around 180,000 rarely leave their homes alone.

Guide Dogs is here to help solve this problem. We provide individual support that overcomes the emotional and physical challenges faced by people living with sight loss.



Guide dogs

Our world-renowned guide dogs have changed the lives of thousands of blind and partially-sighted people across the UK. Some have even saved lives. We're committed to providing these incredible partnerships to as many people as we can. We now provide guide dogs to people under the age of 16 and you don't need to have lost all of your sight - most people who own a guide dog still have some vision. We provide all the essential equipment free of charge and we can help with food or veterinary costs, if you need us to.

"With guide dog Autumn by my side my life has changed completely."

Laura, guide dog owner.

My Guide

My Guide is one of our fastest growing services providing sighted guiding to people with sight loss. Following an initial assessment to ensure the service is right for you, we can match you with a fully trained and checked sighted guide. This volunteer will enable you to get out and about and do the things that you want to do. We work with community groups, local blind societies and faith groups to train volunteers to the agreed national standard of My Guide sighted guiding, so they can support people with vision impairment. We can also train family members and friends to guide you with confidence.



"I cannot speak highly enough of the My Guide service and feel so lucky that it was available to me – this was the beginning of getting my confidence and self-esteem back."

Liz, My Guide service user.



"It's such a joy to see how much Elodie loves her visits from the Habilitation Specialists. She enjoys learning new things, which is great as I know she will take on any challenge she may face in future with a smile."

Children and young people

Our range of children and young people services, previously offered through Blind Children UK, sensitively supports thousands of parents and their children through engaging, enjoyable and highly beneficial activities and techniques to help your child develop and grow to reach their full potential. From babies and toddlers through to young adults, including children with additional complex needs, we can help where it's needed most with our Helpline being the first port of call. We provide essential skills and technology advice through our Habilitation workers. We also lend parental advice and support at early diagnosis through our family recreation events and provide schools and homes with our unique range of tailored large-print reading materials via our CustomEyes books. Our children and young people services can help you now to build a confident future for you and your child.

Campaigning

Together we campaign for equal mobility and genuine independence for people with sight loss. We lobby and work with the government, councils and organisations to bring about real-world change to laws, local policy, attitudes within businesses and public perceptions. Our mission is to ensure that blind and partially sighted people have the same freedom of movement as everyone else.

Find out more at www.guidedogs.org.uk/signup



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