

Blind Since Birth – Governance & Operation Supporting Documents

Vision:

Blind Since Birth, is an organisation set up to provide, supporting mechanisms, services and guidance to people with a visual impairment. We will strive to work with individuals, families, friends, carers, communities, businesses and other organisations to help promote an individual and independent lifestyle for all people with a visual impairment.

How we aim to achieve this:

The organisation is supported by Martin and Samantha, two visually impaired people that have been 'Blind Since Birth'. Both have skills and knowledge in different supporting aspects of our vision and services. Martin's skillset is all around technology, information services and innovation whilst Samantha is a creative artisan and complimentary therapies tutor and practitioner for adults and children. Bringing a thorough understanding of living with a visual impairment and a holistic approach.

We will work to support visually impaired people, when it is the right time for them by providing:

- Knowledge
- Advice
- Practical support
- Peer support
- Friendship

This will be achieved by providing an online community hub and knowledge space. With opportunities for face-to-face and interactive support. Meaning you can get the right support, when it is right for you.

Families, friends and carers will be supported by providing:

Guidance

- Informal bespoke training
- Exchanging of experiences

Blind Since Birth will establish, online support, face-to-face meetups and lived experience training, to ensure everyone is on the same page when supporting others.

We want businesses and other organisations to be more accessible and inclusive and we will do this by offering:

- Audits
- Unique training
- Customer focused support
- Advice and guidance

We believe anyone with a visual impairment has the right to an individual and independent life, businesses and organisations can benefit from being more accessible and inclusive. For this we will offer digital inclusion and accessibility support, technology and innovation guidance and best practice training for supporting someone with a visual impairment.

By working to all of these objectives and more, the Blind Since Birth team, will support visually impaired people and everyone they want to interact with to live a complete, individual and independent lifestyle.