

Directory of Information on Services for Blind and Partially Sighted People in Leeds

A

Access Bus

Wellington House, 40/50 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 2DE

Telephone 0113 348 1900 for the Leeds area

Telephone 01274 30 42 97 for other areas

www.wymetro.com

Access Bus is a dial-a-ride, door-to-door bus service for people who have difficulty using conventional public transport. Access Bus is provided free of charge to eligible West Yorkshire residents. Services operate between 9.00am and 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID)

19 - 23 Featherstone St, London, EC1Y 8SL

Telephone 020 7296 8000

Minicom 020 7296 8001

Email informationline@rnid.org.uk

www.rnid.org.uk

RNID provide a wide range of services for the deaf and hard of hearing including advice and support on employment, welfare rights, equipment and provide direct services they also have a helpline.

Association of Blind Asians (ABA) Local office c/o Touchstone, Harehills Avenue, Leeds, LS7

Touchstone Support Centre, 53-55 Harehills Avenue, Leeds, LS8 4EX

www.abaleeds.org.uk

Association of Blind Asians support Asian People in the community who are blind or partially sighted they offer, interpretation and support groups and welcome enquiries.

B

Braille and Large Print Transcription Services

Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, LS2 8JS

Telephone 0113 243 8328 (voice or minicom)

Email info@cohearentvision.org.uk

www.cohearentvision.org.uk

Transcribes material into Braille or large print for individuals or groups. It can also record material onto tape.

British Blind Sports (BBS)

Pure Offices, Plato Close,

Tachbrook Park, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV34 6WE

Telephone 01926 42 42 47
Email info@britishblindsport.org.uk
www.britishblindsport.org.uk

A national organisation working to enable blind and partially sighted people to have the same opportunities as sighted people to access and enjoy sport and recreational activities in the UK.

**British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society
(New working name: RP fighting Blindness)**

PO Box 350, Buckingham MK18 1GZ
Telephone 01280 82 13 34
Helpline 0845 123 2354
Email info@psfightingblindness.org.uk
www.rpfightingblindness.org.uk

The BRPS is a self help group which seeks to help its members live with and overcome their visual problems and to bring relief by stimulating research into this condition.

C

CAB – Citizen’s Advice Bureau

Westminster Buildings, 31 New York Street, Leeds, LS2 7DT
Telephone 0844 477 4788
www.leedscab.org.uk

CAB offers general advice and advocacy on many issues including benefits, debt, employment and housing. This is provided in person in the city centre and a network of offices around the city, and through telephone advice and written enquiries. They also offer a home visiting service for people with disabilities and advice in some Asian languages.

Calibre Audio Library

Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 5XQ
Telephone 01296 43 23 39
www.calibre.org.uk

Calibre audio library offers a wide choice of books on standard cassettes and MP3 disks, fiction and non-fiction, for both children and adults. The service offered free.

Cobalt Systems Ltd

The Old Mill House, Mill Road, Reedham, Norwich, Norfolk NR13
3TL
Telephone 01493 700172
Email sales@co.uk www.cobolt.co.uk

Cobalt Systems Ltd are a UK based company specialising in the design, manufacture and supply of innovative aids for the blind and partially sighted. They

have a printed catalogue with photographs of their complete range of products which they can mail to you.

Cohearentvision

Centenary House, North Street Leeds 2

Telephone 0113 243 8328

Fax: 0113 243 3553 **E-mail:** info@cohearentvision.org.uk

Cohearentvision provides a meeting space for Deaf, Hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted social groups to socialise; They also host the Braille/Talking Newspaper Service.

F

Finding Your Feet RNIB

RNIB National Leisure Service, 58-72 John Bright Street,

Birmingham B1 1BN

Telephone RNIB Helpline for more information 0845 766 9999

Email fyf@rnib.org.uk

This project offers three day breaks designed for people over the age of 18 who for whatever reason, are struggling to come to terms with losing their sight. Over the three days you will stay in a good quality hotel and there are a range of interactive discussion groups and workshops with professional facilitators.

G

Leeds Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (GDBA)

Leeds GDBA provides guide dogs and related mobility training to people in the Leeds area.

Shire View, 72 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2DJ

Telephone 0113 275 6326

Email guidedogs@guidedogs.org.uk

www.guidedogs.org.uk

H

Henshaws Yorkshire Society for Blind People

Bog Lane, Starbeck, Harrogate HG1 4ED

Telephone 01423 886451 Fax: 01423 885095

E-mail college@henshaws.ac.uk

www.henshaws.org.uk

Henshaws society for blind people operate out of centres in Greater Manchester, Merseyside, North Yorkshire and the North East, providing a range of educational, residential, day care and community services in response to the needs of blind and visually impaired.

J

Jewish Welfare Board / Jewish Blind Society

311 Stonegate Road, Leeds, 17 6AZ

Telephone 0113 268 4211

Email sara.korn@ljwb.co.uk

www.ljwb.co.uk

Leeds Jewish Blind Society works on behalf of sight impaired people within the community. It offers social care support and advice for people who are struggling with visual problems together with access to helpful equipment. It organises social events, and provides the Jewish Telegraph (LISTEN) on tape.

Jobcentre Plus

21-22 Park Place, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS1 2SL

Telephone 0845 604 3719

www.jobcentre.gov.uk

Jobcentre Plus supports people of working age from welfare into work, and helping employers to fill their vacancies. It is part of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). They have disability employment advisors who can support people find employment and support people who have a disability remain in employment.

L

Leeds Vision Impairment Team – Children’s Services, Leeds City Council

Adam Court, Kildare, Whitehall Road, LS12 1DB

Telephone 0113 395 1111 or 0113 3951099

Supports visually impaired children (0 to 19 years) and students in mainstream education.

Leeds Vision Consortium

Floor 5

Fairfax House

Merrion Street

Leeds

Tel 0113 3862888

Info@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

Provides a wide service of services including employment, emotional health and well being, computer skills, drop in facilities and support, information and guidance to dual sensory loss, blind and partially sighted adults

LOOK (The National Federation Of Families with Visually Impaired Children)

C/O Queen Alexandra College, 49, Court Oak Road, Harborne,
Birmingham, B17 9TG
Telephone 0121 428 5038
Email steve@look-uk.org
www.look-uk.org

Look is an organisation that supports parents and families of children who have visual impairment they offer many services these include, practical advice and emotional support, information on eye conditions, opportunities to talk to other families with similar problems and support with sorting out welfare benefits.

M

Macular Disease Society

PO Box 1870 Andover SP10 9AD
Telephone 01264 35 05 51
Email info@maculardisease.org
www.maculardisease.org

The Macular Disease Society is a self-help society for those diagnosed with any of the eye conditions encompassed by the overall name of Macular Disease. The Society provides information and practical support so that those with the condition may make the most of their remaining vision.

There are also local meetings to Leeds, call Leeds Vision Consortium on 0113 3862888 for details.

N

Nystagmus Network

Telephone 0845 634 2630 or 029 2045 4242
Email john.sanders@nystagmusnet.org
www.nystagmusnet.org

The Nystagmus Network is a UK-based self-help group set up in 1984, providing support for adults and children with nystagmus, their parents and teachers and fostering research into the condition.

O

Otley and District Talking Newspaper

Secretary: John Barker
50, Riverside Park
Otley, LS21 2RW
Telephone: 01943 461401

R

Rail Services

Telephone 0845 7484950

www.nationalrail.co.uk

National rail enquiries have details on support for disabled passengers it is available either through their phone line or website. You can download their booklet on rail travel for disabled passengers from their website.

Regional Access to Work

Job Centre Plus

Access to Work Operational Support Unit

Anniesland JCP

Baird Street

Glasgow

G90 8AN

Tel: 0141 950 5327

Textphone: 0141 602 5850

Fax: 0141 950 5265

Email: Scotland.atw@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

Access to Work Advisers have specialist knowledge of the Access to Work programme which provides support to disabled people and their employers to help overcome work related obstacles resulting from a disability.

Rehabilitation Team, Leeds Adult Social Care

Telephone 0113 2224401 or 38623888

www.leeds.gov.uk

Rehabilitation officers offer support advice, rehabilitation and mobility training.

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)

Supporting blind and partially sighted people.

National contact details:

105 Judd Street, London, WC1H 9NE

Telephone 020 73881266

RNIB Helpline 0303 123 9999

Email helpline@rnib.org.uk

www.rnib.org.uk

RNIB Welfare Rights

Telephone RNIB Helpline on 0845 766 9999

You can also contact Shire View for information on welfare rights by telephoning 0113 214 4544

www.rnib.org.uk

S

SENSE – Leeds Office

The Rodney Clark Resource Centre, Leeds Road, Robin Hood, Wakefield WF3 3BG
Telephone 0113 205 9500

Sense supports children and adults who are deafblind or have associated disabilities. Sense works with a wide age range of people, from babies who have just been diagnosed to older people. Sense also offers training and other services related to deafblindness.

T

Talking Books Services

RNIB Talking Books

PO Box 173, Peterborough, PE2 6BR
Telephone 0845 762 6843 (local call rate)
Email cservices@rnib.org.uk
www.rnib.org.uk

The Royal Blind Society (RBS)

RBS House 59 -61 Sea Lane, Rushington, West Sussex, BN16
2RQ
Telephone 01903 85 70 23
Email info@royalblindsociety.org
www.royalblindsociety.org

The RBS supports blind and partially sighted people and has two Hotels for sight impaired people.

The Belmont in Llandudno - telephone 01492 87 77 70 for details Honeywood House in East Preston - telephone 01903 770339 for details. Grant assistance for holidays is available depending on circumstances.