

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 40 people in Croydon has some form of sight loss?

WELCOME TO CROYDON VISION

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WHO WE ARE

WE'RE DETERMINED TO SMASH TABOOS



Our Culture

We put People First

We Empower our People, on the journey to independence

We take great pride in our Vibrant Community.

Our Why

We envision reaching every person with sight loss in Croydon, to transform their lives from dependence to independence.

Our Values

Our core 5 values are Awareness, Compassion, Teamwork, Integrity and Diversity.

Our Mission

We're here to encourage independence, confidence and personal development among the blind and partially sighted community of Croydon - there is life after sight loss.

WHERE WE BEGAN

WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS SINCE 1923

1923

Croydon Voluntary Association For The Blind (CVAB) was formed.

1924

The Ministry of Health granted CVAB £100 pa to appoint an administrator and teacher, to support people with sight loss as well as an office space.

1939

War Time Evacuation - Approximately 90 blind people and 60 necessary guides were evacuated to East Sussex County Council with CVAB paying for their board and lodgings.

1973

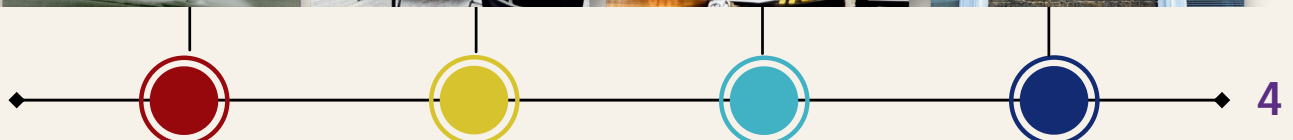
Bedford Hall became the headquarters and social centre for CVAB. Transport was provided to bring members into Bedford House for activities and socials, plus keep fit club and handicraft classes. Wireless sets were given to members along with various aids provided by the RNIB. Financial help was given to those in need. Grants were given to owners of guide dogs.

1980

The Queen makes a visit to CVAB to see the various work at hand, supporting people with sight loss. Furthermore, to appreciate volunteers and staff.

The New Now - Croydon Vision

Our members at the centre of their care pathways.



OUR 5 STEP MODEL

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE TRANSFORMATION IS A JOURNEY

From Surviving to Thriving

Members empowered as agents of change, as ambassadors for sight loss and mentors

Applying Knowledge

We empower those with the skills to volunteer with us or other community organisations

Upskilling

Skills to step into independent living

Redirecting

Encourage members to soul search, purposeful living

Rebuilding

Building confidence and personal development for people with sight loss



EMPLOYMENT

VOLUNTEERING

IMPROVING SOCIAL MOBILITY
THROUGH EDUCATION

PERSONALISED ACTION PLAN

JOINING OUR VIBRANT
COMMUNITY



HOW WE CREATE CHANGE

THE SERVICES WE OFFER

There's no fee to become a Croydon Vision member, and our members and their families / carers can take advantage of a range of free and low-cost services and activities such as:



Advice & Advocacy



Low Vision Clinic



Route to Employment



Sight Loss Workshops



Tech Training



Outreach Service



Young People



Transport & Lunch



Social Groups



Just one in four people living with sight loss are in work (27% approx), a situation that has only worsened in the last few years. In Croydon, only 10% are employed – we need to act fast...

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

WE HAVE BIG PLANS AHEAD



By the year **2025,**
Croydon Vision will

Build the ultimate
lifelong learning
community for
our people

Expand our
reach to all
individuals
with **severe
sight loss**
from 60%
to 100%.

WE ARE DEVELOPING FROM OUR AWAY DAY

- 1) Co-Creation – using our broad and engaged community to pilot new services, partner with businesses to improve accessibility and increase employment.
- 2) Strengthening – cementing our heart of a charity and mind-set of a business model in everything we do - we test, fail, learn and grow.
- 3) Resilience – we want to remain impactful and will continue to work together as a unified community to build for the next 100 years.

CONNECT WITH US

TO BREAK BARRIERS AND TRANSFORM MORE LIVES

HIRE WITH US

BEDFORD LOUNGE AND HALL

Looking for an affordable venue hire in London?

Located in the heart of Croydon, Bedford Hall (capacity 100) and Bedford Lounge (capacity 50) boast excellent facilities and competitive rates making either option the perfect space for a variety of events.

All areas are equipped with accessibility features.

Email: Hallhire@croydonvision.org.uk



LEARN WITH US

VISUAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Our Visual Awareness Workshops are designed to boost empathy, promote inclusion and develop confidence around visual impairment for sighted people.

Once you partner with us through workshops and other education, we will recommend your business as sight loss friendly and promote your partnership to our people and stakeholders.

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TRANSFORM WITH US

VOLUNTEER TO GIVE BACK

Croydon Vision is indebted to a strong pool of Volunteers who work alongside staff and together, we are a team, laser focused to transform lives. Whether or not you are volunteering to gain skills and experience or simply to offer your free time, Croydon Vision will have something for you.

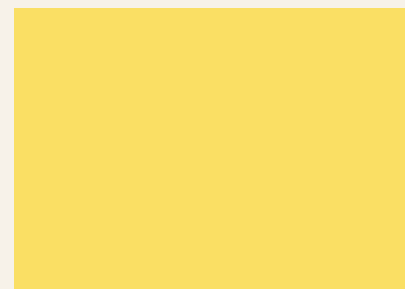
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CHANGING HOW WE SEE

Membership is free. Please print in the box as block capitals.
Please post or hand in completed form at reception.



Personal Details

Title

Full Name

Address

Post Code

Date of Birth

Contact No.

Any relevant information on Sight Loss

Where referred from?

Specific Eye Condition

Mobility/Mobility aid

See below suggested services

Tick circle for interests



Lunch Services



Transport Service



IT Tuition & Resource centre



Arts & Craft/Social Groups



Working Age



Children and young people



Talking News/ Newsletter



Information and Advice

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