

Voluntary Organisations offering Information and Support

Blind in Business

Blind in business specialises in helping blind and partially sighted students to find work. Support includes:

- Advice on writing a CV
- Practice telephone interviews
- Contact with a mentor (an adult with VI who works in a professional field that the young person is pursuing)
- Work with employers

Website: <http://www.blindinbusiness.org.uk/>

Email: info@blindinbusiness.org.uk

Tel: 020 7588 1885

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP)

Information on many different forms of counselling and help in finding a therapist.

Website: <http://www.bacp.co.uk/>

Email: bacp@bacp.co.uk

Tel: 01455 883300

Citizens Advice

Helping people resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing free, independent and confidential advice.

Websites: <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

Contact for families of disabled children

Supporting families through provision of guidance and information, bringing families together and through supporting families to campaign and fundraise to improve lives for themselves and others.

Website: <https://contact.org.uk/>

Email: helpline@contact.org.uk

Tel: 0808 808 3555

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC)

The umbrella body for the disabled children's sector in England, with links to other UK organisations. CDC's vision is a society in which disabled children's needs are met, their aspirations supported and their rights respected. CDC works at influencing Government policy, working with local agencies and producing guidance on issues affecting the lives of disabled children.

Website: <http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>

Email: cdc@ncb.org.uk

Tel: 020 7843 6000

Disability Rights UK

Information, products and services developed by and for disabled people. Provides information on a range of subjects including education, careers and benefits. Four distinct helplines; disabled students, independent living, welfare rights and equality.

Website: www.disabilityrightsuk.org

Email: enquiries@disabilityrightsuk.org

Local Offer (Oxfordshire)

The local offer for SEN and Disability (SEND) brings together information about education, health and care services for children and young people from 0 to 25 with SEND.

Website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer>

LOOK

Practical and emotional support to parents of Visually Impaired Children.

Support includes:

- Regional and national events (including Family Weekends)
- Magazine
- Mentors for young people aged 11 - 29
- Separate Facebook pages for parents and for young people
- Holiday flat

Website: <http://www.look-uk.org/>

Email: info@look-uk.org

Tel: 07464 351958

The Outlook Trust

The Outlook Trust organizes activity and residential breaks for blind and partially sighted children and young people. Feel the wind and the thrill of sailing, climb a tree, abseil down a rock face, scramble over rocks in a gorge all with the supervision of expert and experienced guides.

Website: <http://www.outlooktrust.org/>

Email: enquiries@outlooktrust.org

Tel: 07929 466 707

Oxford Association for the Blind (OAB)

Local support group offering advice, information, children's activities and a display/supply of specialist equipment.

Website: www.oxeyes.org.uk

Email: info@oxeyes.org.uk

Tel: 01865 725595

Oxfordshire County Council Family Information Service (OFIS) and Family Information Directory

Information on registered childcare, family support, resources for disabled children, services for children and young people and play opportunities:

- Advice on childcare
- Link to Oxfordshire Parent Partnership

Websites:

Family Information Service:

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-family-information-service-oxonfis>

Family Information Directory: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/information-parents>

Email: fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

The Partially Sighted Society

A national charity supporting anyone with visual impairment:

- Catalogue of specialist equipment for purchase including stationery, games and magnifiers.
- Information on a range of different visual conditions.
- Advice and support on living with visual impairment.

Website: <https://www.partsight.org.uk/>

Email: reception@partsight.org.uk

Tel: 01302 965195

PHAB

Phab creates opportunities for children and adults of all abilities to enjoy life together through:

- Activity clubs
- Holidays and holiday homes

Website: <http://www.phab.org.uk/>

Email: info@phab.org.uk

Tel: 020 8667 9443

RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind)

Information, support, resources and advice available including:

- Information and advice on a range of vision-related subjects
- Family support
- Telephone counselling service
- Library service for large-print, Braille and audio books

Website: <http://www.rnib.org.uk>

Email: helpline@rnib.org.uk

Tel: 0303 123 9999

The Royal Society for Blind Children (formerly The Royal Blind Society)

Supports families with blind and partially sighted children and make the lives of visually impaired people happier through:

- Network of family support workers
- Specialist hotels exclusively for visually impaired and disabled people

Website: <https://www.rsbc.org.uk/>

Email: enquiries@rsbc.org.uk

Tel: 020 3198 0225

VICTA (Visually Impaired Children taking Action)

Provides information, support and grants for young people and families living with visual impairment. Regular newsletters. Youth weekends and family weekends. Parent portal and parent forum.

Websites: www.victa.org.uk and www.victaparents.org.uk

Email: admin@victa.org.uk

Tel: 01908 240831