Employment

Our Employability service helps vision impaired young people in Wales to get qualifications and jobs.

We strongly believe that sight loss should not prevent people from reaching their potential and being successful in longterm employment.

Our tailored one-to-one support goes on throughout a young person's employment journey:

- Developing confidence and skills through CV writing and mock interviews
- Identifying potential training, work experience and employment opportunities
- Continuing support and mentoring for young people and their employers
- Training for employers to ensure they can make vision impaired people's job placements a success

Assistive Technology

We champion the use of new and existing technology to empower vision impaired children and young people on their journey to greater independence. Our one-to-one Assistive Technology sessions are adapted to young people's sight and technology needs, teaching how to navigate the world using devices like smartphones, computers and braille readers. We also teach parents how to use Assistive Technology to support their children.







Partners working with us to support families in Wales are:

- North Wales Society for the Blind: <u>www.nwsb.org.uk</u>
- Vision Support: <u>www.visionsupport.org.uk</u>
- Wales Council of the Blind : <u>www.wcb-ccd.org.uk</u>
- Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services Council: www.cwvys.org.uk
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales <u>www.bgc.wales</u>















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The Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC) along with our partners in Access Unlimited supports blind and partially sighted children and young people and their families in Wales.

Our range of services includes:

- Activities, both in person and online
- **Family Support**
- Post 16 and Employment support
- Information and Advice
- **Assistive Technology**



Family Support

Our **Families First** service is here to help! We have Family Practitioners across Wales, dedicated to offer practical and emotional support. Our service is flexible, responsive and confidential and we can meet families in person or online.

We also have an online forum to enable families to meet each other and discuss common problems and solutions.

Information and Advice

RSBC's free advice service provides guidance to vision impaired young people and their families. Our Advisor covers eligibility for extra help including: Welfare Benefits, Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Universal Credit and Grants. Our partner Vision Support can also offer support in this area.

Activities

Our activities bring vision impaired young people together to have fun, build friendships and develop skills for life. Our wide range of online sessions includes everything from music to gaming, cooking to reading, sport and fitness, or just hanging out with friends. We work closely with our partners Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales to offer local activities within local communities.



