

Introduction to Visual Awareness

A stimulating and engaging 1 day workshop lead by a blind tutor which aims to explore the nature and effects of serious sight problems, help organisations comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and increase awareness and confidence for staff to work with Visually Impaired People in an appropriate and sensitive way.

The workshop also aims to:

- Address issues of employment of blind and partially sighted people.
- Discover more about what helps when purchasing, designing and refurbishing accommodation and equipment.
- Update and increase knowledge of assistive technology, electrical information and printed material design which enables blind people to participate fully in life.
- Encourage delegates to consider best practice when guiding and assisting a blind or partially sighted person.

Content includes:

- Lively group discussions and question and answer debates.
- Practical exercises in etiquette.
- Statistics, definitions and the legal framework.
- Demonstrations and explanations (wherever possible) of assistive technology used by blind people.

What you get:

- Experienced knowledgeable blind tutor, HearFirst folder, quality handouts, HearFirst Pencil, personalised laminated certificates for each delegate and quality course materials.
- Handouts are available in large print, audio tape, Braille – please contact us if you require any of these.
- BSL/SSE interpretation is also available – please contact us if you require this
- If you require more information about one specific aspect of blindness, e.g. more about access to services for blind and visually impaired people, please let us know and we can expand this area for your workshop.

There's more:

Don't just take our word for it – some comments from previous participants.



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"I never realised how much equipment has improved in the last few years"

"A professionally delivered course which has completely changed the way I view blindness and partially sighted people"

"This course has given me a much broader insight into the changes I can make to make my service more accessible."

As with all HearFirst courses, participants are encouraged to contact us after workshops to find out more information about blindness, or to ask any questions which may arise.

Although this workshop is usually presented over a full day, we are happy to provide it as a half day workshop or 2 day workshop – please contact us to discuss your requirements.



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