

Visual impairment and communication

This brief factsheet highlights some of the impacts of visual impairment on participation.

It identifies general practical action you can take to remove barriers to participation that people with a visual impairment may face. Remember every person is different.

People with a visual impairment may have difficulty with accessing:

- unfamiliar buildings
- written information
- visual presentations
- non-verbal communication such as gestures and facial expressions.

Key actions

For a person with a visual impairment to engage more fully, ask them what they require. This may be:

- good lighting
- documentation that uses a large, clear font and simple layout
- audio advice and information
- audio recording of meetings
- access to equipment for producing braille documents or recordings of documents.

Further information:

RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) (www.rnib.org.uk)