



Beyond Sight Loss Annual Report of the Chair to Members and the Charity Commission.

The Chairs Report covers the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Beyond Sight Loss

Throughout this financial year Beyond Sight Loss (BSL) has kept all forms of communication open with other organisations dedicated to enhance the lifestyle of the Visually Impaired Person (VIP). Throughout the last decade, BSL striving in excellence has extended their boundaries. They have continued to champion their ethos. BSL has done this by focusing on reducing isolation to its members. BSLs optimism continues to gain such positive energy. Inspired to build upon their growing legacy, promoting quality their infectious enthusiasm grows.

Promote Quality of Life

BSL continues to work to enhance and promote the VIP quality of life. Their activities and events covered a wide range of topics for members to engage, socially, economically and or politically.

Trustees and Members

Throughout the year their scheduled trusty meetings, and members monthly meetings continued. In addition, Zoom meetings for all members, plus women only meetings were held. Discussions covered feasibility, suitability and the practicality of the different potential activities and events members wish to experience. The potential activities and events were relaid to the trustees at the next scheduled meeting. Risk assessments were carried out, upon which final decisions were made.

Members Activities and Events

BSL has accommodated members with a wide range of activities and events, such as: a Trip to the British library, Buckingham Palace. There was a trip to Go Boating, a birthday celebration held at the Lucky Voice, a trip to the Postal museum, the Shard as well as the Wellcome museum. What was really popular amongst members were the trips to the following:

- British Library
- Browns Afternoon Tea
- Christmas Meal
- Jack & the Beanstalk
- Lavender Farm
- Seaside Margate

Focusing on members independence and their culinary flair for dining in, collaborating with Croydon Vision it was made possible for the design of cooking lessons for members to experience.

Podcast

The 'eye believe' podcast continued to grow., various topics were broached. Feedback showed most comforting to the visually impaired listener were the shared experiences. The reality of I am not alone was driven home, with an outlook of discovering alternative ways of dealing with similar obstacles faced.

Organisations Invites

Knowing that time or technology waits for no one, BSL promoting self-reliance for the VIP, invited different organisations to share relevant information on enervative products and services that were current and available to the VIP.

Finances

During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024:- To be found on page 4



Summary

Throughout this financial year BSL kept all forms of communication open with other organisations dedicated to enhance the lifestyle of the VIP. They extended their boundaries, reducing isolation to its members. Their activities and events covered a wide range of topics for members to engage in person or on Zoom.

Collaborating with Croydon Vision, cooking lessons for members to experience were designed. The 'eye believe' podcast continued to grow, most comforting to the VIP were the shared experiences, discovering alternative ways of dealing with similar obstacles faced. BSL invited different organisations to share relevant information on enervative products and services.

Once again I can only convey how proud I am of our Management, Trustees and Volunteers. The commitment of BSL and the service it provides for the VIP is a tribute to its work over the last decade, well done all.

Darren Meade MSc BA(Hons)

BSL Chair (on behalf of the trustees of Beyond Sight Loss March 2024)



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Financial Report - 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024:-

Bank Balance as at 1 April 2023 = 13,495.01

Petty cash Balance as at 1 April 2023 = 566.45

INCOME

Donations\Grants (B) = 11,025.00

Activities (collected) (B) = 3,175.60

Meetings (collected) (PC/B) = 599.00

TOTAL INCOME = 14,799.60

During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 expenditure:-

Volunteer costs (PC/B) = 611.67

Admin = 1,812.00

Consultancy = 4,550.00

Visionary = 29.00

Activities (PC/B) = 5,682.33

Meetings = 710.35

Insurance = 192.00

Living with Sight Loss = 300.00

Podbean (PC/B) = 107.70

Stamps/stationary/key (PC/B) = 71.57

Microphone = 69.99

Registered Charity Number 1194143.

Registered Office c/o REAL, Jack Dash House 2 Lawn House Close, Docklands E14 9YQ Bank Account Beyond Sight Loss
Barclays Bank Sort Code 20-45-45 Account No 00046078



TOTAL EXPENDITURE	=	14,136.61
Giving a year end balance money in bank	=	14,733.30
Giving a year end balance money in petty cash	=	146.15
OVERALL TOTAL	=	14,879.45