



Boost for services for local blind people as Greenwich charity joins forces with Royal London

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Blind and visually impaired people in Greenwich are set for improved services following the announcement of the merger of Blind Independence Greenwich (B.I.G) and the Royal London Society for Blind People (RLSB).

The merger will ensure that all the existing B.I.G services such as advice sessions, classes in Braille and other skill, and regular social activities, will be guaranteed for the future. The RLSB link will also lead to an expansion of the opportunities available for local visually impaired children and young people. The new RLSB services, aimed at helping clients develop independent skills, will be introduced over the coming months.

Henry Bufford, Chair of Blind Independence Greenwich said:

“This exciting move ensures that B.I.G’s services to Greenwich will not only continue long into the future but will expand and improve. I would like to thank our team for all their hard work in making this merger such a success.”

Ian Stephenson, Chair of the Royal London Society for Blind People said:

“The merger is an excellent example of the way charities can protect and expand their services in these difficult times. We’re working together to ensure our clients in Greenwich get the support they need to live the life they choose.”

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The Royal London Society for Blind People is the capital's leading charitable organisation acting on behalf of blind and partially-sighted people. The Society was founded in 1838 and undertakes a wide variety of practical and campaigning activities for and on behalf of blind and partially sighted people. The Royal London runs the Dorton House educational campus in Sevenoaks, Kent, one of the leading educational facilities for blind and partially sighted people in the country.

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