



**Nottinghamshire  
Royal Society for the Blind**

# Membership Booklet



Registered Charity no: 511288

# Membership



The Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind is a local independent voluntary organisation providing a range of services, support and aids for blind and partially sighted people living in Nottinghamshire.

Over the last few years we have dramatically changed the way we involve visually impaired people in our organisation. This all began with the IMPACT project when we consulted on a range of issues to ensure that NRSB offers the most appropriate support and that the needs of visually impaired people are fully met.

Since IMPACT we have been committed to empowering, involving and consulting with the visually impaired community we support. We have involved individuals with important issues such as staff recruitment, the development of the Service User Group, planning and organising events including the Nottinghamshire Low Vision Service Committee's Sight Matters Day.

At our 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) we held a consultation between visually impaired people, trustees and staff on what kind of membership local visually impaired people would like NRSB to provide. We have used the feedback from that event to develop and launch our new NRSB Membership Scheme. We invite you to join us in developing NRSB into reaching its full potential.

Mr NR Galloway – Chairman



# What's in it for me?



**We believe one of the best ways for your views to be heard is through joining our membership. The greater our membership becomes, the more representative we will be of the views of the visually impaired people of Nottinghamshire.**

**You can become a member if:**

- You are visually impaired.
- You live within the Nottinghamshire boundary.
- You are over 18 years of age (if you are under 18 your parents / guardians may join on your behalf).
- You subscribe to the £5 annual membership fee.

# Benefits to you



## As a member of NRSB you will:

- Have voting rights at the AGM including electing members to the Board of Trustees.
- Have opportunities to get involved in future consultations by attending member events and workshops.
- Be able to voice your opinions and connect with other members through the Members Forum.
- Express your loyalty and support for NRSB.
- Receive discounts and special offers on events, trips and services.



# Communication and Interaction



**We believe membership is a two-way relationship, not only for the benefit of the individual but also for the benefit of the organisation.**

Positive relationships rely on positive communication. To achieve this we ask that all parties commit to the policies and procedures that are in place (available on request).



# Benefits to us



## **By becoming a member you will help us:**

- Develop a closer relationship with visually impaired people living across Nottinghamshire.
- Communicate, lobby and campaign on behalf of visually impaired people in Nottinghamshire.
- Deliver needed and relevant services and support.
- Create a more credible professional and public profile.

# Join today



If you are interested in joining, please complete the application form and return it to us using the self-addressed envelope.

Don't forget to include your £5 fee. You can pay with cash, cheque made payable to NRSB or you can set up an annual direct debit by calling us on 0115 970 6806.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Contact Tel number:**

**Email address:**

**Eye Condition:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Membership fee  
(£5) included?**

Once your application has been received we will contact you with your membership details.