

Understanding the needs of children and young people with vision impairment

A two day introductory course for teaching assistants new to working with sensory impaired pupils

Day One:

Venue:

Course programme

9.30	Registration and coffee
10.00	Introductions and course aims
10.10	Understanding the population of children and young people with vision impairment
10.40	Roles and responsibilities in supporting children and young people with vision impairment
11.00	Coffee
11.20	The structure of the eye and how we see
11.40	How is vision assessed?
12.00	Visual disorders and their implications
12.30	Lunch
1.15	Experiencing the effects of vision impairment – practical workshop
2.00	How vision impairment impacts on development and learning
2.45	Case studies
3.15	Questions
3.30	Close

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Day Two:

Venue:

Course programme

9.30	Registration and coffee
10.00	Strategies for providing access to the curriculum
11.00	Load2Learn demonstration
11.15	Coffee
11.30	Curriculum access workshop
12.00	ICT and communication tools used by children and young people with vision impairment
12.45	Lunch
1.30	Access to tests and exams
2.00	Developing mobility and independence skills
2.30	Strategies for promoting social interaction
3.00	Further sources of information and training
3.15	Questions
3.30	Close