Committed to Community

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Reach earlier
serve for longer
in more places

Offering Christian response to people with sight loss through local, national, international activities and partnership
Torch Trust:
A Christian response to sight loss

At Torch our core belief is that we are all made in God’s image and wholeness is found in community.
We are guided by our values, we are Christian, relational, open and creative.

The impact of sight loss affects us all

Each day across the UK an average of 100 people begin to lose their sight

There is a strong link between sight loss and a reduction in wellbeing, frequently leading to depression

Statistics from UK Vision Strategy 2014 and RNIB

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Almost half of all blind and partially sighted people feel cut off from people and things around them, including their churches, communities and activities

Only 17% of people are offered emotional support at the time of diagnosis

The number of blind and partially sighted people receiving social care has fallen by over 35% as social care budgets fell by over 31% between 2011 and 2016

It is not good... to be alone.
Gen 2:18

What we make
Provide accessible Christian literature enabling full participation in Christian community.
Ensure the right resources, get to the right people at the right time.

What we say
Raise awareness of the impact of sight loss.
Inform and equip churches, communities, supporters and partners to better meet the needs of people with sight loss.

What we do
Build relationships with blind and partially sighted people locally, nationally and internationally.
Work in partnership with churches, charities and sight loss professionals.

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More responsive to changing demands

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More targeted on extending our reach

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More localised and supporting more people with sight loss at every stage of their journey

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We aim to **reach** people **earlier** in their sight loss journey, **serve** people **for longer** and extend our presence to more people in more places.

**WE PRAY**
Seeking **God’s guidance, blessing and provision** throughout every aspect of our work and prayer.

**WE SERVE**
Coming alongside people with sight loss through **Torch resources and presence activities**.

**WE SHARE**
Reaching and engaging our key partners, **clients, professionals, churches and supporters**.

**WE WORK**
**Thoughtfully managing** our people, premises, finances, technology, information and access to Torch activities and resources.

**WE PLAN**
Engaging with **trustees** and advisors who are at different stages of the sight loss journey, sharing wisdom, the voice of people with sight loss, challenge and encouragement for Torch **leadership** and strategy.