

Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind Chairperson

Sight conservation and work with the blind have been synonymous with Lions Clubs International. All activities are aimed at the integration into society of people who are blind or visually impaired while respecting their human dignity, rights and potential.

Chairperson Duties

- Become familiar with the Information for Chairpersons section on the association's Web site and LCI's sight partnerships with professional organizations.
- Collaborate with local health care and blindness professionals to help develop and implement training and educational programs for presentation at club meetings. Utilize expertise and advice of people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Encourage work with the blind, such as support for and participation in:
 - Mobility training
 - Rehabilitation programs
 - Education
 - Social and recreational services
 - Lions recreational camps for the blind and visually impaired
- Conduct public awareness campaigns, which can involve community organizations, local businesses and schools
- Stimulate club activities in preservation of eyesight including:
 - Vision, glaucoma, cataract and Diabetic Retinopathy screenings. Help to organize a community screening event and provide assistance to local health care professionals and/or organizations, as needed, on the screening day.
 - Collection and distribution of used eyeglasses for the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program
 - Support Lions Eye Banks
 - Public awareness campaigns for eye health and safety
- Encourage clubs to partner with professional organizations and agencies in developing programs to aid blind and visually impaired persons
- Encourage club and district participation in annual Lions sight events, such as Lions World Sight Day, International White Cane Day, Lions Eye Bank Week, Sight Night, Helen Keller Day and World Diabetes Day
- Develop district goals and report your plans and accomplishments to the district cabinet
- Encourage sight conservation activities through the SightFirst program