



# Action Activity Breaks 2017



**Action** for blind people  
working with RNIB

Our activity breaks give an opportunity for children and young people to meet other people of a similar age, with sight loss. For some this could be the first time that they meet and share experiences of this kind with their peers. Not only do the breaks provide a great opportunity for improving social skills, they also encourage personal independence, and help teach new life skills.

With our help and support everyone is encouraged to meet new challenges, and achieve their personal goals.

## Who can apply?

Our breaks are designed for blind and partially sighted children and young people, aged 8–17 years, who are able to understand and follow instructions.

## Want to join us?

To take part, applicants should be:

- Aged between 8 and 17 years with a visual impairment.
- Willing to try new activities.
- Reasonably independent in self-care and mobility skills.
- Keen to meet new people.

We try to make all our activities accessible to everyone, but there may be some occasions when an activity may not be suitable due to an individual's specific needs. Previous experience of any of the activities isn't important, but everyone should be prepared to 'have a go'.

Please take a look at the venue and your travel requirements before you book, to check that the location is suitable for you.

## What does it cost?

The fee for each residential is £180. Whilst we're not able to provide any financial support towards the cost of the break, families can apply to VICTA by contacting them on 01908 240 831 or visiting [www.victa.org.uk](http://www.victa.org.uk) If you would like support finding alternative funding please contact the CYPF team.

## Who staffs the residential?

All residential staff are experienced in working with children and young people and we have a high ratio of staff to the number of children. All staff and volunteers are checked to the enhanced level of disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

## How are places allocated?

You should apply directly to the Action contact provided for the break you have chosen, before Friday 28 April.

- Priority is given to first time applicants.
- We aim to get a mix of gender, ages and levels of impairment. This will also need to reflect the accommodation available at the centre.

We depend on the information given on the application form to ensure we can meet the needs of everyone and have the right number of staff and safety arrangements in place. It's essential that all sections of the application form are completed accurately and in full and that two recent photographs are attached.

All places are assessed on an individual basis.



## Care and welfare

We have a high standard of policies and procedures in place to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people on our events. All venues have been carefully selected and checked for suitability and safety. Our policies and procedures are available on request.

## Dates for 2017

### Closing date for applications: Friday 28 April

#### 8 to 12 Years

Date: Monday 14 August –  
Thursday 17 August

Venue: Hothersall Lodge Outdoor  
Education Centre, Hothersall Lane,  
Preston, PR3 2XB

Cost: £180

Contact: Karen Hirst

**0113 386 2800**

**[karen.hirst@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:karen.hirst@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)**

Action for Blind People, Fairfax House,  
Merrion Street, Leeds, LS2 8JU

#### 8 to 12 years

Date: Tuesday 15 August –  
Friday 18 August

Venue: Braeside Education Centre, Bath  
Road, Devizes, SN10 2AP

Cost: £180

Contact: Jo Phillip

**0117 934 1723**

**[joanne.phillip@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:joanne.phillip@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)**

Action for Blind People, 10 Still House  
Lane, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4EB

#### 12 to 17 Years

Date: Sunday 30 July –  
Wednesday 2 August

Venue: RNIB Loughborough College,  
Stan Bell Centre, 74 William Street,  
Loughborough, LE11 3BZ

Cost: £180

Contact: Tom Norton

**01509 632402**

**[Tom.Norton@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:Tom.Norton@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)**

Action for Blind People, c/o RNIB College  
Loughborough, Radmoor Road,  
Loughborough, LE11 3BS



# Further information on Activity Breaks

To apply for a place on an Action Activity Break contact the residential leader for the chosen venue.

For general information, or if you'd like this leaflet in an alternative format, contact Sarah Winch, Children, Young People and Families Service Manager South England, on:



**0121 665 4225**



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## Helpline



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