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Winter 2004

Welcome to our Winter 2004 Newsletter!

The festive season is upon us once again and on behalf of everyone at Visibility may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In this shorter newsletter you will read about the success of our Go! Bowlers at the British Blind Sports Ten Pin Bowling Finals and our first Corporate Fundraising Event.

We are also delighted to use this issue to introduce our new Chairperson of Visibility, Liz Anderton, who took over from Bobby Simpson when he retired as Chairperson at our AGM in December.

Liz is a retired Physiotherapist who has been visually impaired since birth. Liz feels that she can contribute to the work Visibility does from her personal experience and professional background.

Liz has a genuine interest in the needs of those with visual impairment and a real desire to improve the facilities and services Visibility has to offer.

For your information our offices will be closed from 4pm on Friday 24 December opening again on Wednesday 5 January 2005.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments on any aspects of Visibility please contact Fiona Sandford, Chief Executive.

Publication of Go! Write Anthology

An event to mark the publication of the Go! Write Anthology took place at Visibility on Monday 13 December attended by tutors, contributors, participants of the Go! Art Group who designed the front cover, and former tutors and staff.

Fiona Parrot who tutors the Creative writing group and edited the Anthology said, "All of the students from the creative writing, music and art groups at Visibility have worked very hard on the 'Go! Write Anthology'. It's a wonderful collection of eclectic work and we all looked forward to celebrating the fruits of their labour at the launch party".

Go! Bowlers come out Tops!

Two teams from the Go! Bowlers travelled to Bracknell in November after qualifying to take part in the British Blind Sport Ten Pin Bowling finals.

Shirley Hay and Sharon Moncrieff won the finals outright by winning seven out of their nine games. The other competitors representing Go!, Catherine Leckie and Thomas McLean, fought hard and came in eighth.



The winning team
Sharon Moncrieff and Shirley Hay

Recently staff and Go! service users have been involved in recruiting staff for the Go! project and they should be starting work with us in the New Year. We hope to introduce our new Co-ordinator and group workers in the Spring issue of the newsletter.

Please call 0141 332 4632 for more information on any of our Go! activities.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Visibility's first Corporate Fundraising Event

On Thursday 25 November fifteen teams including a team from Visibility's Go! Bowlers gathered at AMF Finnieston to compete for the Visibility Ten Pin Bowling Challenge Shield.

It was a ten pin bowling fundraising event with a difference as sighted participants were asked to wear blindfolds and visual impairment simulation spectacles.

Teams from Thomas Tunnocks Ltd went home with the prizes for first and second place, with Opfer Logan Architects coming in a very close third. A total of £700 was raised on the evening thanks to the support we received from all the teams involved.



Participants from **Gerrard Ltd**

Woolworth's support Go! Youth

At the end of October we were delighted to receive a cheque from Lynne Mone based at the Woolworth's store in Shawlands. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of Lynne, her colleagues, customers and the local Buzz Youth Group a cheque for £882 was handed over to Visibility's Fundraising Manager, Sarah Hunter.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during 2004.

If you would like more details on making a donation or further information on how you can help please contact Sarah Hunter, Fundraising Manager on 0141 332 4632.

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Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded

The Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded has changed their constitution that enables them to offer support to a wider group. This means that any person who has been a member of the armed forces and has a visual impairment can apply for financial assistance. A member of the armed forces includes the regular forces and the Territorial Army.

If you would like more information on this please contact the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded on 0131 229 1456.

Visibility Newsletter

We produce our newsletter approximately three times a year. The next issue will be sent out in Spring 2005 and is available in Braille or audio format. It can also be emailed.

If you would like us to send it to you in any of these formats please contact Claire Williams on 0141 332 4632 or email claire@visibility.org.uk.

**For more details on any aspect of Visibility
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