Looking to the Future: your future, your vision, your choice
RNIB Scotland’s Looking to the Future project - based Scotland - is there to help blind and partially sighted people aged between 15 to 25 making the move from school to college, university, training or work.

Many young people find it difficult moving on from school. But young blind or partially sighted people can face additional barriers, including lack of knowledge from employers, difficulty accessing opportunities or low expectations from family or teachers. In addition to this, only one in four registered blind or partially sighted people of working age is in paid employment and this number is falling.

We work with young people to help them agree their next steps. Our service can offer:

- One-to-one work with our transitions staff to identify skills and strengths.
- An agreed action plan to detail how we will address barriers.
- Linking with school, college and university staff where appropriate.
- Help building confidence.
- An introduction to other RNIB services.
- Accompanying the individual on an introductory visit to college, university or work place.
- Group information sessions.
- Support to settle in to a new course or employment.
Think about your time at school. You'll be familiar with the staff that support you and the adjustments that are made to ensure you can access your subject materials. You may have worksheets and textbooks provided in large print or Braille or perhaps you have a support teacher who takes notes for you in class. At school, both you and the staff are aware of the support that you need to ensure that your sight problems don't interfere with your learning. But have you thought much about what happens when you leave school and go on to college, university or work?

Think of your transition from school and beyond as a series of journeys from one stage to another. For example:

- school to employment
- school to college
- college to university
- school to training
- university to employment
Each of these journeys involves change and it's important that you and the different agencies that support you plan for these times of change well in advance of them happening. This will ensure that your move, for example, from sixth year to university, is smooth and effective and that you're fully aware of what support you'll get and who will be responsible for providing it. Careful planning is also really important for practical reasons, for example to make sure that you have access to assistive technology, such as screen readers or magnification software from the outset of your course.

There is a lot of support out there but you may not be aware of it. Knowing what's available to help you enables you to take control of your future and allows you the freedom to make informed choices about what you want to do next.
School and planning ahead: What you can expect at school, how they help, what they provide, how they help the transitions. **How RNIB help in this process.**

**What next? - Transition**

- College
- University
- Employment
- Other work based opportunities
- Volunteering
- Chang of Mind

**RNIB L2TF Project**
- 1 to 1 sessions
- Transition Planning
- Identify Opportunities
- Define Abilities
- Requirements
- Barriers
- Support

**Past Events**
- Haggeye
- Parents/Young People
- L2TF Events
- Conferences
- Confidence and Experience Building Events

**Other Help - RNIB can help you contact these organisations**
- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) Funding
- Other Funding
- Skills Development Scotland
- Education Maintenance Allowance Scotland
- Blind in Business
- Speaking Out
- Self Advocacy
- Help with Low Vision
- Young Scot

**Future Events**
How to get in touch
If you want any information, or would like to meet with us, please get in touch. We want to help any young blind or partially sighted people, so wherever in Scotland you are, feel free to contact us.

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