



The Big Jump

Are you ready for the thrill of a lifetime?

Take on a skydive for RNIB and make the leap to support people with sight loss to face the future with confidence.

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Join RNIB for our Big Jump in 2018. You'll be part of a massive team taking to the skies on the same day.

Skydiving is the sensory experience of a lifetime. The unique sensation of freefalling through the sky as the wind rushes past your ears, the magnificent aerial views of Earth, and the overwhelming emotion as your parachute releases and you glide back to solid ground.

We will be jumping 'en masse' on Sunday 23 September to mark the end of National Eye Health Week 2018, and to raise vital funds and awareness for RNIB in our 150th year.

We want everyone to join us for this challenge. Whether you're blind, partially sighted, or sighted; we want all our RNIB skydivers to support each other and face their fears together. Everyone will jump tandem with a trained instructor so no one will go it alone.

Every day in the UK, 250 people start to lose their sight. Their lives will change completely and far too many people are left alone to cope. Right now, we can only reach one in three people who need our support. By jumping with Team RNIB, you'll be helping to make sure no one is left to face sight loss on their own.

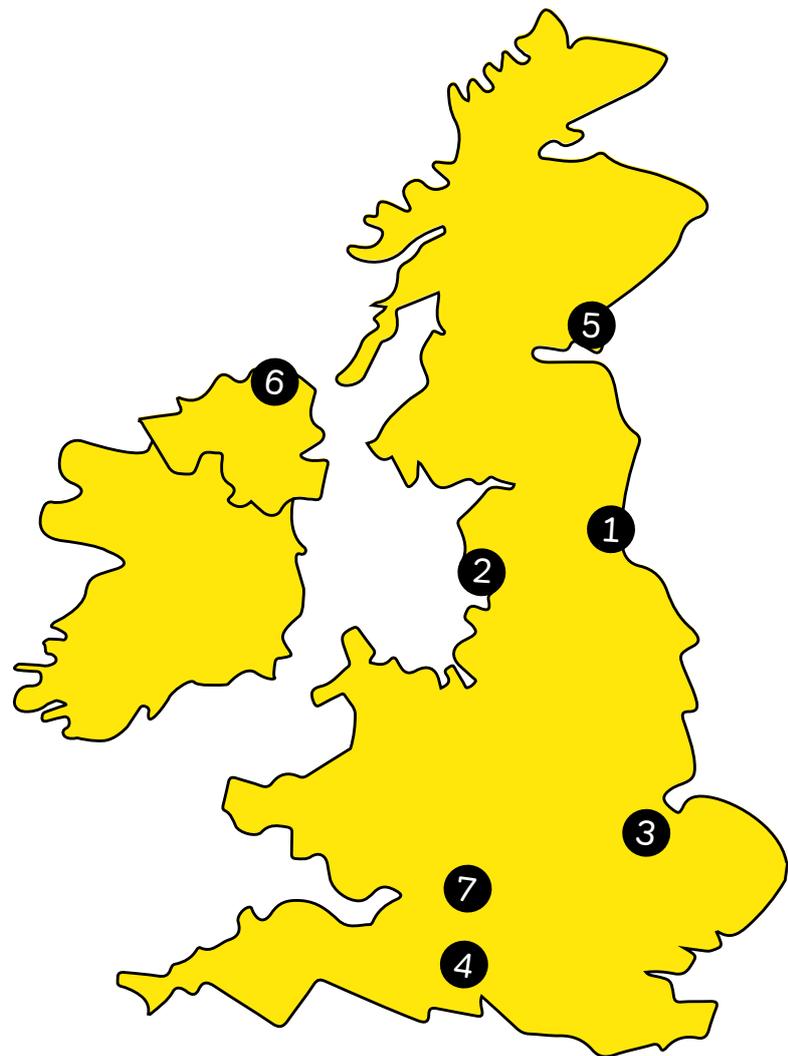




Where is The Big Jump happening?

To get as many people jumping together, we've reserved spaces at seven airfields across the UK.

1. Durham, England
2. Grange-over-sands, England
3. Cambridgeshire, England
4. Salisbury, England
5. St. Andrew's, Scotland
6. Coleraine, Northern Ireland
7. Swindon, England





Why take the leap for RNIB?

Take on this incredible challenge and not only will you be facing your fears, you'll be helping to make sure people living with sight loss can face the future with confidence.

Here are a few ways your fundraising could help.

£12

£12 could pay for 30 minutes with a Sight Loss Adviser, to help someone cope with the shock of finding out they're going blind.

£20

£20 could help someone feel more confident about living with sight loss, with personalised support from our expert Advice team.

£47

£47 could help someone feel more positive about the future, through a one-to-one phone or online counselling session.

£100

£100 could help a person with sight loss discover ways to live independently, through our two-day Finding Your Feet course.

£200

£200 could run our Employment Line for a day, so we can support people with sight loss to stay in their job or look for work.

£400

£400 could help two people rebuild their confidence through a six-day Living with Sight Loss course.

£980

£980 could run our Eye Health Information Service for a day, so our expert advisers can support people across the UK to understand their eye condition and available treatments.

£1,500

£1,500 could make a new children's book available in our Talking Books library, enabling a child with sight loss to experience the joy of reading.



We support you every step of the way

Our friendly events team will be there every step of the way to support you. We'll make sure you are fully prepared for your epic challenge, help you to raise as much money as possible and make sure you have an experience you'll never forget.

Once you're signed up, we send you an RNIB t-shirt and fundraising pack full of our top tips, and will be in regular contact with expert fundraising advice, giving you all the inspiration you need to smash your personal and fundraising goals.

Join us for this epic challenge and you'll help us make every day better for everyone affected by sight loss: by being there when people need us most, supporting independent living, creating an inclusive society and preventing sight loss. Together we will make sure no one faces sight loss alone.

We can't wait to welcome you to the team!

You can contact the Events team on 0345 345 0054 or email events@rnib.org.uk. We are available Monday to Friday, 9am – 6pm.



“Wow, falling at approximately 120 miles an hour, with no sensation of the ground rushing up on you, the noise of the wind rushing past your ears, breathing the cold air and no sense of panic at all...I loved it! ...as we gently came in for our landing, a ridiculous grin had fixed itself firmly in place...”
Jason, RNIB Skydiver



Frequently asked questions

What does a tandem skydive involve?

We've teamed up with Skyline Parachuting, one of the UK's largest skydive organisers, who'll coordinate your jump and make sure you are fully prepared in the run up.

On the day of the jump you'll spend time with a professional trainer until you are ready to take the leap. Once you're up in the air and harnessed to your parachute instructor, you will skydive from 10,000 feet, free falling for several thousand feet before deploying the parachute at 5,000 feet. You'll then glide under the canopy before your instructor steers you safely to the ground.

How much does it cost RNIB?

The total cost of the jump ranges between £270 and £350 (the costs vary depending on the airfield). The £70 registration fee you pay to our skydive provider Skyline on sign up goes towards some of the cost of your jump and is non-refundable.

We then use £200 to £280 of your £475 fundraising pledge to pay the rest of the costs. So this means RNIB receive between £195 and £275 per person to continue our vital work. Our amazing supporters usually fundraise well above their pledge and our brilliant events team will be on hand to help you do this, so it's likely RNIB will receive even more.

80% of your £475 fundraising pledge will need to be sent to RNIB no later than two weeks before the event. Unfortunately, if this has not been received you will not be able to jump. This is to ensure we cover the cost and RNIB doesn't lose money.

We recommend fundraising online through **justgiving.com**, it's quick, easy and secure and all the money you raise comes directly to us without you having to send it in.

Can I claim back my registration fee?

No. You will not be able to recoup the cost of your registration fee, as this goes towards paying for the cost of your jump. As a charity we need to cover all of the costs, whilst making a reasonable profit to help RNIB continue supporting people with sight loss.

Can I pay for the cost of the skydive myself?

Many supporters kindly choose to pay their own costs, so all fundraising comes directly to RNIB. If you are in a position to do this, you can email events@rnib.org.uk to arrange.

What if I can't get to the airfields listed above?

We have reserved spaces on the 23 September at each of the airfields listed on page three, so we can get everyone together and fill the skies with RNIB skydivers. However, if you can't make it to one of these airfields, let us know and we can arrange for you to take part at one of the other ten airfield sites across the UK: Perthshire, Bridlington, Lancaster, Brigg, Nottingham, Norwich, Brackley, Maidstone, Honiton, and Cornwall.

What if I can't make it on 23 September?

We want to hold the biggest ever RNIB skydive! This is why we want to get everyone jumping on the same day. However, if you're not available on this date, you can still join us, because you can book a jump on any other day of the week, all year round.



Are there any age and weight restrictions?

You must be at least sixteen years old to take part, and if you're between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, you'll need permission from a parent or guardian. There is no upper age limit. Most airfields require jumpers to be under 15 stone in weight, but this can be lower or higher depending on the airfield. All of these restrictions will be identified when you register with our Skydive organiser Skyline.

Will I need to fill out a medical form?

You will be required to sign a medical form before jumping to declare your fitness to take part. There are some restrictions in relation to medical conditions like diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. Full details will be stated on the registration form when you sign up, and if you have any of the medical conditions stated, you will need to have your medical form signed by your doctor.

What about insurance?

If you are a UK resident, you will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance. However this will not cover you for any

personal injury so if you wish to take out personal injury cover, you will need to arrange this yourself.

Can I film my jump?

Of course! Most airfields have professional filmers available to capture your big jump. There will be an additional cost, which you'll have to pay yourself and you'll need to contact the airfield in advance to organise the filming.

How do I sign up?

The easiest way to book is online at rnib.org.uk/thebigjump. If you require a paper copy of the registration form please contact the RNIB Events team.

More questions?

Please contact our friendly Events team, who are here to answer any questions you may have. Please call **0345 345 0054** or email events@rnib.org.uk.



We won't stop until everyone living with sight loss can face the future with confidence.

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