

NYSTAGMUS NETWORK (UK) NETLETTER October 2005

'Real Lives'

'Real Lives' is Europe's leading event for people with a personal or professional interest in Albinism. It is being held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Edinburgh from Friday 18th - Sunday 20th November 2005. For more information go to www.albinism.org.uk.

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Sense & Sensuality 2006

Stimulate your senses, Challenge your perceptions, Feel the difference!

BlindArt invites all artists in all media to submit work that does not exclude the visually impaired and can be explored through touch and the other senses. (Submission deadline 10 January 2006).

£5000 First Prize and BlindArt Purchase Prize

100 entries will be chosen for exhibition from 14 September to 8 October 2006 at the Bankside Gallery, London. For an entry form visit <http://www.blindart.net> or call 020 7245 9977.

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Accessible V&A

Entry to the museum is free and people with disabilities are entitled to free admission to the V&A exhibitions with up to two friends. All assistance dogs are welcome. An escort can be provided, if booked in advance.

Visit http://www.vam.ac.uk/activ_events/disabilities/v_impaired/index.html for information on forthcoming events for VI visitors.

Some museum guides are available in tape, large print or Braille from the Information desks.

Large print and tactile books are available in the Paintings and the Photography Galleries. Large print label books are also available in a range of galleries.

Screen readers and other magnification technology: JAWS and MAGIC software and CCTV magnification are available on computer terminals in the National Art Library and in the Print Room.

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A set of free online educational games for vision-impaired children has been launched. The three games: 'Typer,' to help players learn to type on a QWERTY keyboard; 'ABC,' to help players learn the English alphabet and 'Numbers Stuff,' for players to learn basic maths, can be downloaded from the VIP Games Zone site <http://www.vipgameszone.com/>.

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The Department of Work and Pensions has launched a DVD to promote Jobcentre Plus services to people with a disability or health problems. 'We can help' follows one character as she goes from her first interview at a Jobcentre through to employment. Copies are free from disability employment advisers at Jobcentre Plus offices.

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As the new football season gets into its stride, a co-ordinated effort has begun to provide vision-impaired fans with wireless audio description in more stadiums, including those of lower league clubs.

Coca Cola league clubs Brighton and Hove Albion, Bristol City, Cardiff City, Doncaster Rovers, Huddersfield Town, Swansea City and Nationwide Conference side Halifax Town are to test such services. The clubs, working in partnership with the RNIB, aim to have the equipment installed and volunteer commentators in place by the end of the year.

Contributions

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