# Monthly What’s on Guide for June 2024

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# Monthly What’s On Guide

Welcome to your monthly update of local accessible services and events across Bristol, Bath & NE Somerset, and South Gloucestershire.

In this update we have primarily included dates for June 2024, there are some events that are taking place later in the year to give you time if you need to plan ahead. Next month’s guide will be sent out at the end of June.

# Sight Support Events and Notices

## Eye Can Exhibitions

This year there will be two fantastic Eye Can exhibitions taking place:

* Eye Can Gloucestershire will take place on 3rd June 2024, from 10am at Dowty Sport and Social Club, Down Hatherley Lane, Down Hatherley, Gloucester, GL2 9QH.

This exhibition is held by our partner charity Insight Gloucestershire.

* Eye Can Bristol will be held on 9th October from 10am at BAWA, 589 Southmead Rd, Bristol, BS34 7RG.

Both events are free to attend and are a one stop shop for all things sight loss related. There will be a wide range of suppliers demonstrating equipment and assistive technology designed to make life easier for anyone living with sight loss. It’s a great chance to try them out and find what works best for you. You will also find local and national organisations offering helpful services. In addition each event has a range of interesting talks held throughout the day.

Find out more about the first upcoming event on this link t [Eye Can Gloucestershire webpage](https://www.sightsupportwest.org.uk/events/eye-can-gloucestershire/)

You can book your ticket for Eye Can Gloucestershire by visiting the [Eventbrite booking page for Eye Can Gloucestershire](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fbuff.ly%2F4cXNo66%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR24tSxvxqY7FPCiGG6TJp1EFTNjew8G9ZNdj7Q_5ZaLUTaFr8o6Np3sb1Q_aem_Afd4RarYF-L6Y6hFCf5iIHDSMHovufEQfhQ1nGbK_S3tkr8rXyxFt0L_GfR0pW-TJdlly9vFTE6UzKrCnSnRs64x&h=AT3w1HiAMDzJKRBDFfcAnGnSaUujx8Z70OS7alRNZ5HbYikpx-8I5iam18yS_0HFOS-ArCEl1_aHINFWHTB7Lw_scfCWo8-Q-Riqe_QJW8R_w__EAHpba7Te4K5pJ-VgWQ&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1p_TcYsSwfnTaDSlax-opSynVx5AjiHrebUJoZ0WVY0WD-VF51hT21L0C7HI1XXRgfWO1sg-3KoqB64vDsd8oOl40KYs2hx-omxYuypC3h0MtW8NPZyqY9JlxT5nOPxBxnMYBoSeg_ByRG_ECvtowqyjfHxiPw52yVGeE6ZpGywmRkWeV8K8gseyOzGJyMWaqpTwW3_kDMDCT1RhlfQRIiLAt9ARaFnX80) or call Insight Gloucestershire directly on 01242 221170.

These events are sponsored by:

Optelec - [lowvisionshop.co.uk/](https://lowvisionshop.co.uk/) and

Humanware - [humanware.com/en-united\_kingdom/home](https://www.humanware.com/en-united_kingdom/home)

## Tech Courses

**Improvers Smart phone & Tablet Training** – takes place this July.

For people living with sight loss, a series of themed sessions designed for those who are already using a smartphone or tablet and want to build awareness, confidence, and skills. You can choose to book for specific sessions or all 4.

**Session Topics**

**1: Reading** Apps, Audiobooks and screen readers.

**2: Travel** Maps, Apps & Navigation.

**3: Online shopping and Safety**

**4. Keep in touch!** Video calls, Voice notes & photo sharing

**Sessions will take place in July:**

Mondays in Henleaze

Wednesdays in Broadmead

Thursdays in Kingswood

**Discover Tech ‘Have a go session’** takes place in August.

Curious about what technology is available to help you independently keep reading and stay connected to friends, family, and your community. Come and try Smart speaker, Tablets, electronic reading aids.

Sessions will take place in August at **Broadmead Baptist Church in Bristol** and at many of our sight loss advice Hubs**.**

**Fishponds, Henleaze, Whitchurch, Kingswood, Thornbury, Yate, Keynsham, Bath, Midsommer Norton**

Contact us to book your place on 0117 322 4885

**Beginners Smart Phone and Tablet Training** – takes place in September.

We will introduce you to the core skills of using a touch screen device. Learn how to navigate around a device and the features which can make it more accessible to you. Be part of the digital world emailing; messaging, using a digital assistant, and helpful Apps.

Our 4-week training will take place:

**Mondays In Henleaze**

**Tuesdays in Bath**

**Wednesdays in Broadmead**

**Thursdays in Kingswood**

Contact Sam Edwards to book your place on 0117 322 4885 [sam.edwards@sightsupportwest.org.uk](mailto:sam.edwards@sightsupportwest.org.uk)

## Tech Training & Support

We offer one-to-one support to help you become confident using everyday technology. The sessions take place at either our Fishponds or Thornbury Resource Centre.

We are also offering one-to-one support with your phone / tablet from our tech volunteers in our Bristol, Bath and South Glos community hubs. Call us to book an appointment.

# Sight Support Hubs and Social Groups

Here is a listing of our community hubs and social groups coming up this month. You can also find up to date information on our website at [Events - Sight Support West of England](https://www.sightsupportwest.org.uk/events/eye-can-bath/)

**Hubs** – At our Sight Loss Advice hubs you will find information, guidance, and advice. Our Sight Loss Advisors can demonstrate a variety of assistive equipment and technology. They have lighting, magnifiers, talking watches, liquid level indicators and much more, so please think about coming along. We also offer tech support and training from a trained advisor or trained volunteers at many of our hubs. For some hubs you will need to book an appointment but others you can just pop along, check each hub listing for more information.

**Social Groups** - Some of our Hubs have a volunteer led social group running alongside them, and some social groups take place independently of a hub. Our social groups are a place where people with sight loss can come together, share experiences, swap tips and tricks for living with sight loss and most importantly chat, relax, and enjoy each other’s company. Our groups are run by lovely volunteers who will make you feel welcome. Sight loss doesn’t have to mean being isolated, so why not come along to one of our friendly social groups.

## Ashton Coffee & Convo – Social Group Only

Bristol Indoor Bowls Club, South Liberty Lane, Ashton, Bristol

Every second Tuesday, 11am to 1pm: 11th and 25 June.

## Bath - Sight Loss Advice Hub and Social Group

New location and day / time - Good Living, St John's Hospital, Chapel Court, BATH, BA1 1SQ

1st Wednesday of the month – 5th June

* Drop in to see your advisor between 2pm and 3pm
* Appointments available – contact us to book
* Social Group at this hub between 2pm and 4pm

## Bedminster - Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group

Guide Dogs Southwest Regional Centre, 10 Stillhouse Lane, Bristol, BS3 4EB. Enter using the pedestrian gated entrance to the left of the car park entrance as you look at it. You will then need to ring the doorbell on the left of the front door, and someone will let you in.

1st Friday of every month: 7th June

* Drop in to see your advisor between 10am & 11am.
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 10am & 1pm.
* Tech support available with volunteers 10am to 1pm

## Bradley Stoke Sight Loss Advice Hub – Appointment Only

Bradley Stoke Library, 1 Fiddlers Wood Lane, BS32 9BS.

3rd Thursday of the month 10am to 1pm: 20th June - appointment only, contact us to book.

## Bristol Coffee & Convo – Social Group Only

Boswells, The Galleries, Bristol

2nd Saturday of each month – 11am to 1pm: 15th June

## Bristol Resource Centre – Appointment Only

Sight Support West of England, The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ.

Tech support and training available by appointment.

You can visit our resource centre every Thursday by appointment only.

## Chew Valley Sight Loss Advice Hub – Appointment Only

Stanton Drew Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Stanton Drew   
BS39 4EL

2nd Wednesday of the month: 12th June – appointment only, contact us to book.

## Henleaze Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group

Meeting at the Coffee Bar, entrance off the Waterford Road Entrance. Trinity Church Henleaze, Waterford Road, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4BT.

1st Monday of the month: 10am to 1pm: Due to bank holiday will be running on 3rd June.

* Drop in to see your advisor between 11am & 12pm.
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 10am & 1pm.
* Tech support available with volunteers 11am to 1pm

## Keynsham Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group

Libourne Lounge, Keynsham Library, Keynsham Civic Centre, Market Walk, Keynsham, BS31 1FS

3rd Friday of the month – 10am to 1pm: 21st June –

* Drop in to see your advisor between 11am to 12pm.
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 11am to 1pm.
* Tech support available with volunteers from 10am to 1pm.

## Kingswood Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group

The Park Centre Kingswood, High Street, Kingswood Bristol BS15 4AR

1st Thursday of the month: 6th June

* Drop in to see your advisor between 10am & 11am.
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 10am & 12pm.
* Tech support available by appointment.

## Midsomer Norton Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church, High St, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, BA3 2DR

2nd Friday of the month: 14th June

* Drop in to see your advisor between 10am & 11am
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 10am - 12pm.
* 2nd social group takes place 4th Friday of the month: 28th June 10am – 12pm at this venue. No sight loss advice will be available at this secondary social group.
* Drop-in Tech support available with volunteers

The hub will be in a room just off the main hall. People on reception or in the hall can direct visitors to the hub.

## Thornbury Resource Centre – Appointment Only

Sight Support Charity Shop, 18 High Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AH

Appointments are available every Monday – please contact us to book your appointment. Please note, the Resource Centre will not be available for appointments on 3rd June.

Tech support and training available - by appointment.

Please note: the consultation room is on the first floor, we have a stair lift in place but if you feel you would have difficulty using it, we can make your appointment at Thornbury Library instead.

## Whitchurch Sight Loss Advice Hub & Social Group - New Location, Day and Time

Please note the new details for this hub.

Whitchurch United Reform Church, 24 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PQ

2nd Wednesday of the month:12th June.

* Drop in to see your advisor between 11am to 12pm.
* Appointments available – contact us to book.
* Social group at this hub between 11am to 1pm.
* Tech support available by appointment.

## Yate Sight Loss Advice Hub - Appointment Only

Yate Library, Unit 44 Yate Shopping Centre, West Walk, Yate, BS37 4AX.

2nd Thursday of the month: 13th June Appointment only, contact us to book.

## Yate Sight Loss Friendship Group – Social Group Only

Soho Coffee Co, Yate Leisure Centre - first floor, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ

1st Wednesday of each month, 11am to 1pm: 5th June.

# Events & Notices From Other Organisations

These events and notices are from other organisations. Please check with the contact given that the event is going ahead as planned. Sometimes changes need to be made to dates and times at short notice.

## Macular Week

“It is nice to be with other people, to listen to their problems and how they cope with their sight loss.”

John, who was diagnosed with macular disease 15 years ago, explains how the camaraderie and support from other people can make such a difference to those living the biggest cause of sight loss in the UK.

“Talk to people and get support and from the Macular Society there are groups for you which are very supportive,” he said.

National charity the Macular Society supports people like John with macular disease. The organisation will lead the conversation around the condition, the importance of eye health and the journey to find a cure as part of Macular Week, which runs from Monday, June 24 to Sunday, June 30.

There are many different ways you can get involved and raise funds to Beat Macular Disease. Follow the link below or join the conversation on social media platforms using the hashtag #MacularWeek

<https://www.macularsociety.org/get-involved/>

For support call the Macular Society Helpline on 0300 3030 111.

# Local Leisure and Sporting Activities / Events

## Para Football Open Trials Day (13th July)

Para Football Open Trials Day at St George’s Park on Sat 13th July, 10.30am to1pm. The event is open to players over the age of 16 who would qualify for one of the following:

* **Female Deaf players16+**
* **Male Partially Sighted players 16+**
* **Female Blind or Partially Sighted players 16+**

Please note: The Blind Women’s game is open to players who are blind or partially sighted. However, the pathway and format of the game played is B1 football (IE: under blindfold)

The players registration link is: <https://forms.office.com/e/6nn7HfT0aJ>

Any further questions can be directed to Liam Drake | Talent Inclusion Lead 07816 354045 or [Liam.Drake@TheFA.com](mailto:Liam.Drake@TheFA.com)

## Purnell Bowls Club

The Sports Ground, Old Bristol Road, Paulton, BS39 7NX

The Bowl for Health programme takes place each Thursday between 4.15-6.15pm. For more information and to book your place on any session, please contact: Karin Webb on

07719679360 or e-mail [karin.webb13@gmail.com](mailto:karin.webb13@gmail.com)

## Blind and VI Golf

England and Wales Blind Golf are planning to run have a go days throughout the year at local driving ranges with tuition included for all ages. Driving ranges technology now make golf far more accessible, with feedback for people with limited sight. If you have played golf in the past and gave up through sight loss, or are interested in trying a new a sport,  please visit the charity website [www.ewblindgolf.co.uk](http://www.ewblindgolf.co.uk)  or by emailing [enquiries@ewblindgolf.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ewblindgolf.co.uk)

## VIP Reading Group – Bristol Central Library, College Green

The reading group, for visually impaired people takes place on the last Thursday of every month from 10.30 till 12. New members are welcome.

Audio books are chosen by members mainly from RNIB’s talking book service so it’s helpful if you have already signed up. The next books are:

* 27 June – Kazuo Ishiguro – An Artist of the Floating World. Set in Japan after WW2. An ageing painter looks back at his life and contemplates how his once great reputation faltered after the War.
* 25 July - Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

For further information please email [vibookgroup.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:vibookgroup.bristol@gmail.com) or ring Katharine Seymour at the Central Library on 07880 069877

## National Trust VI Walks at Tyntesfield Estate

Learn about the history of this fascinating place and use your senses to engage with nature on this intimate and interactive tour.

The free tours will take place on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 11am – see website for dates. They will accompany 6 visually-impaired individuals (and an accompanying individual) on a 3/4 mile accessible trail. [National Trust website Walks at Tyntesfield](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/tyntesfield/events/e072f0cd-02d8-4ad4-b6c6-a6afc350c4e5) Call 01275461900

## Visually Impaired Tennis

Chipping Sodbury Tennis Club, Tuesday evenings 6 to 7pm, contact Ben Hardwick [tennisaceben@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tennisaceben@hotmail.co.uk)

## RNIB Telephone Groups

* Gardening Group Talk everything gardening. Every two weeks on Tuesdays from 11am to 12 noon.
* Book Group. Different book each month. Third Tuesday of the month

[Bernice.Cocking@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Bernice.Cocking@rnib.org.uk) or 07761 328571.

[George.Hinton@rnib.org.uk](mailto:George.Hinton@rnib.org.uk) [Tricia.sail@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Tricia.sail@rnib.org.uk)

## Visual Impairment Friendly Rowing

Learn to row in a fun and friendly environment. Sighted rowers will provide support if required. Contact [volunteering@allaboardwatersports.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@allaboardwatersports.co.uk)

## Find a Sensory Walk Near You

Sense have partnered with [Ordnance Survey](https://updates-sense.org.uk/6RW-8AFYT-A1ZIP7-559AJL-1/c.aspx) to help you find and follow an accessible waling route. Call Sense: 0300 330 9256 or visit [www.sense.org.uk/our-services](http://www.sense.org.uk/our-services)

## Street Dance Sessions from Steetenvy Dance Academy

Supported by Access Sport. Classes are for all ages contact: [streetenvydanceacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:streetenvydanceacademy@hotmail.com) or Access Sport - Email: [jonny.fenner@accesssport.co.uk](mailto:jonny.fenner@accesssport.co.uk) / 07878 814396

## Robins Foundation VI Football Sessions

Adult & youth VI football sessions from the Robins Foundation. Email [edward.studley@bcfc.co.uk](mailto:edward.studley@bcfc.co.uk) or call 07899 991983.

## Free Accessible Cricket Sessions

Fully accessible free cricket sessions. No experience necessary. Contact [jeanette.tate@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org](mailto:jeanette.tate@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org)

## Fitness Class for Blind and Visually Impaired People

Specialised low impact exercise class for blind and visually impaired people at Kingswood. Contact Hayley or Marcella for more info: 07525 790951[rechargeft@gmail.com](mailto:rechargeft@gmail.com)

## VI Runners Bristol

If you would like to find out more about this group visit their ‘VI Runners Bristol’ Facebook page and send them a message.

## Roll and Stroll

Free walking and rolling group for disabled people. Contact Dan [Mch.bristoldef@gmail.com](mailto:Mch.bristoldef@gmail.com) or call 07552 580678.

## Two’s Company

A tandem cycling project for adults and young people in Bristol who are blind or visually impaired. Call 0117 353 4580 or email [twos-company@lifecycle.org.uk](mailto:twos-company@lifecycle.org.uk) or visit [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk)

## Soul Trail Wellbeing Walks

Soul Trail Wellbeing have received training in how to offer sighted guiding. Email: [soultrailwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:soultrailwellbeing@gmail.com)

## Ignite Bristol Multi Sport Festival

The afternoon is a great opportunity for d/Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent people and their families to try local inclusive sports and activities. It will take place on Thursday 30th March from 12:30pm-4:00pm at Merchants Academy, Gatehouse Avenue, Bristol BS13 9AN.

For more information, go to:  
[Ignite Bristol Mult Sport Festival event page](https://www.ignitebristol.co.uk/event-details/ignite-bristol-multi-sport-may-2024-event)

# Support Groups and Courses

## RNIB Living with Sight Loss Course

Covering a broad range of subjects relating to sight loss including confident tips for everyday living, eye health, magnification, lighting and technology, wellbeing and much more.  Upcoming course dates:

### Living Well with Sight Loss Phone Group.

**Session 1:** Monday June 10th

**Session 2:** Wednesday June 12th

**Session 3:** Monday June 17th

**Session 4:** Wednesday June 19th

Times: 11am

**Session 1:** Friday 7th June

**Session 2:** Friday 14th June

**Session 3:** Friday 21st June

**Session 4:** Friday 28th June

Times: 11am

**Session 1:** Tuesday 2nd July

**Session 2:** Thursday 4th July

**Session 3:** Tuesday 9th July

**Session 4:** Thursday 11th July

**Times**: 11am

### Money Matters Focus Group.

**Session 1:** Tuesday 11th June

**Session 2:** Thursday 13th June

**Session 3:** Tuesday 18th June

**Session 4:** Thursday 20th June

Times: 11am

### Focus on Technology

**Session 1:** Wednesday 3rd July

**Session 2:** Friday 5th July

Times: 11am

[George.Hinton@rnib.org.uk](mailto:George.Hinton@rnib.org.uk) 07711 188292

[Bernice.Cocking@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Bernice.Cocking@rnib.org.uk)  07761 328571

[Tricia.Sail@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Tricia.Sail@rnib.org.uk) 078439 79975.

## Sensory Support Service

Drop-in sessions on Thursdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Support you with reading letters / bills, making calls etc. Bedminster Library, 0117 914 1440, SMS: 07775 695 434.

## RNIB Tech Training Session Yate

RNIB run tech training sessions at Yate Library. Contact Chris Turner on 0303 123 9999 or [tfl@rnib.org.uk](mailto:tfl@rnib.org.uk)

## Assistive technology training - Yate

Assistive technology training hub based in Yate library - Wednesday afternoon during school term times. Trained volunteers are on hand to get visually impaired people up and running with their mobile devices. They will be offered 6 sessions. This can usually be extended if required.

If anyone is interested in attending, they should contact the tech for life team.[tfl@rnib.org.uk](mailto:tfl@rnib.org.uk)

## Macular Support Groups

* Broadmead - meets third Wednesday of every month:   
  10 am – 12pm. Broadmead Baptist Church, Union Street, Broadmead, Bristol BS1 3HY.
* Cote Lane - meets last Thursday of the month   
  2:30pm – 4pm. Saint Monica Trust, Cote Lane, Bristol, BS9
* Bath Macular Support Group - meets at The Bubble, St Johns Foundation, Bath, behind the Cross Bath. on 19th June at 2.0pm when the the speaker will be Bernice Cocking from the RNIB. We meet in The Bubble at St Johns Foundation situated behind The Cross Bath. The cost is £2 which includes coffee or tea and biscuits.
* Keynsham Macular Support Group - meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm at Saint Monica Trust, The Chocolate Quarter Retirement Village, Trajectus Way, Keynsham, BS31 2GJ.

Contact Jo Fishwick on 07947 373 244 or [Jo.Fishwick@macularsociety.org](mailto:Jo.Fishwick@macularsociety.org) to find out more information or find other groups.

## Thornbury Macular Support Group

Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 10.30 to 12.30 in the Methodist Church Hall in Castle Court, Thornbury, just off the High Street. Speakers and entertainment are arranged for each week. Tea / coffee and biscuits are provided. Contact [marye.king@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:marye.king@blueyonder.co.uk) to find out more information.

## Chipping Sodbury Vision Support Group

Meets at Chipping Sodbury, Grammar School Rooms on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm.  They have speakers and a social group.

Tel: 01454 851507 E-mail: [csvision1924@outlook.com](mailto:csvision1924@outlook.com)

## Torch fellowship groups

Torch Trust offer Christian based fellowship where blind and sighted people meet on equal terms. Tea is provided.

South Fellowship Group - Usually meet the last Saturday of the month at 3pm, Location: Counterslip Baptist Church Hall, 648 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 9HT. Contact: Stewart Simmons Tel: 0117 9624220 e-mail [s@stewartsimmons.plus.com](mailto:s@stewartsimmons.plus.com)

## Retina UK Bristol, Bath & Wilts Peer Support Group Meeting

This Peer Support Group provides a welcoming, safe and friendly opportunity for people to meet up to share experiences, tips and information.

This meeting will be held online via Zoom, the next Session is on Tuesday 11th June 7pm to 8pm.

Register now on this link [Retina UK Peer Support Group](https://retinauk.org.uk/event/bristol-bath-wilts-local-peer-support-group/)

Call [0300 111 4000](tel:0300%20111%204000) or contact [Mark.Baxter@retinauk.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Baxter@retinauk.org.uk) for more information.

## Retina UK ‘Talking’ Travel peer support group meeting

This group will give you the opportunity to share your travelling experience, tips, hints & advice from general mobility, including white cane and guide dog training, to public transport and V.I Activity Holidays to Travelling abroad. Please come along to meet other like-minded travellers & day trippers across the UK via this online meeting and share your pros & cons of getting out and about or fears & frustrations of travelling with sight loss. Contact [Mark.Baxter@retinauk.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Baxter@retinauk.org.uk) for more information.

## Audio Description Association (ADA)

The Audio Description Association (ADA) supports describers, venues, and users with workshops, training, and guidance. ADA Chair, Edward Copisarow, emphasises the need for VI members' involvement in training and policy influence.. To get involved, contact ADA Vice Chair, Tim Calvert at [info@audiodescription.co.uk](mailto:info@audiodescription.co.uk) Join online at <https://www.audiodescription.co.uk/join-ada>.

## Dry eye | Digital Glaucoma Support Group (online)

Join the Digital Glaucoma Support Group: all about dry eye, a condition that affects many people with glaucoma. They will be joined by Dan Calladine, OcuPlan Founder and Consultant Ophthalmologist. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

Contact the helpline on to book 01233 64 81 70.

Contact Robyn Asprey on [r.asprey@glaucoma.uk](mailto:r.asprey@glaucoma.uk)

# Local Audio Described Arts Events

## Galleries and Museums

### Arnolfini Gallery

Arnolfini Gallery, 16 Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA

On 27th July and 3rd August from 10 - 11 there will be described tours of Adébayo Bolaji’s solo exhibition *In Praise of Beauty*

There will be sighted guides available and complimentary tea and coffee will be served in the [café bar](https://arnolfini.org.uk/cafe-bar/) so people can have a chat about the work afterwards. Free event. But please email [community@arnolfini.org.uk](mailto:community@arnolfini.org.uk) to book a space.

### Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

Until 1 September - National Treasures: Constable in Bristol “Truth to Nature”

Constable’s Hay Wain is on loan from the National Gallery - as well as accompanying sketches from the V&A. Other exhibits are on show, throughout the museum, on the theme of landscape and nature. Many of the main works have pre-recorded descriptions.

Described tours are being planned for later this summer. So - watch this space. Further information from reception on 0117 922 3571

### Royal West of England Academy

Queens Rd, Bristol BS8 1PX

On 14 June and 10 August from 10.30 – 12

Audio described event exploring their triple bill of summer exhibitions, Rasheed Araeen: Conscious Forms: is an exhibition celebrating the groundbreaking work of influential Pakistani artist, curator, and activist Rasheed Araeen. His work addresses ideas of nation, belonging and migration probing and exploring ideas of 'Black' British-ness.

Windrush: Portraits of a Pioneering Generation commemorates the 75th anniversary of HMT Empire Windrush's arrival in Britain, this display of ten portraits, highlights the experiences of people who have made positive contributions to the United Kingdom.

Valda Jackson: Miss Polly is a new installation of works by writer and artist Valda Jackson MBE RWA, exploring parent-child relationships and aspects of neurological research. Jackson's work reflects on her own experience as a child of the Windrush Generation. (25 May - 11 August 2024).

The tours conclude with discussion and refreshments. To book email Ellen Pye, Learning & Participation Assistant ellen.pye@rwa.org.uk . Please let her know if will have a sighted companion so she can get the correct number of volunteer guides. If you would like to book a place or have any questions please email: ellen.pye@rwa.org.uk or call 0117 973 5129

### Bath, Victoria Art Gallery

Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath, BA2 4AT

* 10 June - Art, Artists and Posters in 19th Century France
* 8 July - Entertainment and Hedonism in 19th Century France

Sessions run from 10–11.30 am. As the gallery is closed to the general public on those days ring 01225 477232 for access information or email

Kersti Haabjoern - Kersti\_Haabjoern@bathnes.gov.uk

## Theatres

### Bristol Hippodrome

* 31 July – Disney’s Aladdin
* 21 August - Come from Away – the musical that tells the true story of the 7000 air passengers from all over the world who were grounded in Canada during the wake of 9/11

Touch tours should be booked separately. To find out more about the Access for All service - email bristoladmin@theambassadors.com or call the access booking line 0333 009 5399 for tickets

### Bristol Old Vic

* Throughout 12 to 15 June - The Museum of Austerity. It arises from the UN’s findings, in 2016, that “grave and systemic violations” of the rights of disabled people were taking place across the UK. This mixed-reality, immersive installation, lays bare what happens when state safety nets fail.
* 29 June – A Child of Science – The story of the first babies to be born via IVF and the controversy surrounding the research. Starring Tom Felton
* 1 August – King Arthur – A comic retelling of the legend

For more details and to book - ring the Box office – 0117 987 7877

### Bath - Theatre Royal

* 29 June – The 39 Steps – new comic version!
* 16 August - Sister Act

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