

Darlington Association on Disability

Information Guide

Media

This section looks at what is available to inform and entertain you. It also highlights where you can find out about the latest developments in the disability field. This section covers television, radio, the internet, print and recorded media.

Many support organisations, such as Arthritis Care, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Alzheimer's Disease Society, also produce useful publications relevant and accessible to their members' interests.

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Television and Radio

The main television and radio channels offer current affairs programmes for disabled people. These programmes are often backed up with dedicated websites providing further information and opportunities to participate in the issues dealt with on programmes. Some examples of current programmes follow.

In Touch is a weekly programme, featuring news, views and information, of interest to people who are blind or partially-sighted. Listeners with a query or personal experience they wish to share with others generate many stories.

See Hear! shown on BBC 2 with subtitles and signing is a magazine programme for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Ceefax and Teletext are text based services available through television services. They provide information on a broad range of subjects including pages on disability issues. Page numbers for Teletext and Ceefax may change from time to time. If you are

unable to find the information you are looking for consult the Teletext A-Z index on page 103 or the Ceefax index on page 199.

Read Hear, on pages 640 - 645 BBC 2 Ceefax, has news, events, letters, information, job adverts and course details for deaf and hard of hearing people. Pages 646 - 649 contain listings of programmes with subtitles for BBC and ITV channels.

Ofcom, the communications industry regulator, requires all suppliers, whether, cable, digital or analogue are required to make an increasing proportion of their output accessible. This is done through sub-titling, signing or audio transcription. Refer to the set up information provided with your equipment or the supplier of your services to receive these services, where available, through digital or Freeview systems. On analogue TV press text on your remote control and type teletext page 888 to see subtitles.

You can check for if a programme is subtitled using the BBC What's On website, Ceefax, digital text pages or listings magazines such as the Radio Times. Contacts for all of the major channels and broadcast suppliers are given in the contact list at the end of this section.

The BBC has also developed an audio description speech service for viewers who have a visual impairment. It broadcasts some programmes with enhanced commentary, which describes what is happening on screen and is transmitted in gaps between dialogue.

The **British Video Association's** website gives detailed subtitling information for many popular DVD releases. You can also contact BVA to complain about DVDs or video tapes that are not subtitled.

The Internet

The Internet has transformed the availability of information on any subject. Each section of this information guide contains listings of relevant websites providing access to information and communication.

AbilityNet offers practical support and advice on making computers and websites more accessible to use. To find sites that you do not have the address details for you can use search engines, such as **Google**, **Yahoo** or **Ask Jeeves**.

Ouch is a website from the BBC, which aims to reflect the lives of disabled people. It describes itself as a lifestyle site with a sense

of humour looking at personal issues, the minutiae of everyday life and issues other sites may be wary of.

Print and Recorded media

All Together Now aims to provide a quality news and information service for disabled or older people. It is distributed as a free paper in the North West of England and in North Wales. Its content is also available on the internet.

Darlington Talking Newspaper produces weekly news articles on tape. The service is free and covers events, news and magazine articles.

Disability Now is a national monthly newspaper published by Scope, which covers general disability issues. It features a wide range of news, arts reviews, job adverts and an advice column. This is free to those on means tested benefits.

Able is a bi-monthly magazine containing regional and national information on holidays, aids and adaptations, access, education, employment and sports. It is also available on-line.

Greater London Action on Disability (GLAD) publishes two periodicals. London Disability News is a regular magazine, providing all the latest news, commentary and information on disability issues across the capital. Disability Update is a fortnightly publication providing extracts from national newspapers and a wide selection of disability newsletters and magazines, together with details of conferences, books and disability issues. Both are available on subscription.

Listening Books provides a postal audio book library service to people who have access issues when reading. It is the only national audio book charity catering for the full range of access requirements and its membership is comprised of people with visual impairments, learning difficulties such as dyslexia and physical impairments that mean a person cannot easily hold a book or turn a page.

RNIB Talking Books Service is a subscription service provided by RNIB. It is a library of professionally recorded audio books, delivered to people's home. **RNIB** also produces a wide variety of publications in Braille and Moon.

RADAR produces a monthly information bulletin/newsletter, providing up-to-date information on Parliament, social security,

housing, education and training, employment, mobility, new aids and equipment, holidays, access, and sport and leisure. It gives information on courses, conferences, exhibitions and publications, together with news about RADAR's current work.

Talking Newspaper Association of the UK (TNAUK) provides national and local newspapers and magazines on audio CD, audio tape, computer disk, e-mail, internet download and CD-ROM for visually impaired and disabled people.

Other Sources of Information

Other sections of the Darlington Association on Disability Information Guide may contain further information about the media.

The **Equipment** section gives information on choosing, buying and borrowing media related equipment

The **Language and Interpretation** section gives information about language, interpretation and translation services.

There are a number of local and national organisations providing broad information and advice resources. Please refer to this guide's introduction for contact details.

Contact **Darlington Association on Disability's** Information Service for assistance with searching for information about any subject in this guide or for support in dealing with your information requests.

Contacts

AbilityNet North East

c/o Remploy

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Benton Square Industrial Estate

Newcastle Upon Tyne

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Fax : 0191 266 8521

Minicom :

Email : northeast@abilitynet.org.uk

Website : www.abilitynet.org.uk

Able

Craven Publishing Limited

15-39 Durham Street

Kinning Park

Glasgow

G41 1BS

Telephone : 0141 419 0044

Fax : 0141 419 0077

Minicom :

E-mail : info@cravenpublishing.co.uk

Website : www.disabilityview.co.uk

All Together Now!

The Bradbury Centre

Youens Way

Liverpool

L14 2EP

Telephone : 0151 230 0307

Fax : 0151 220 4446

Minicom :

E-mail : info@alltogethernow.org.uk

Website : www.alltogethernow.org.uk

Ask Jeeves

Website : www.ask.com

BBC Access Services

Room 430a

Design Building

Television Centre

Wood Lane

London W12 7RJ

Telephone : 020 8225 6521

Fax : 020 8752 7059

Minicom : 0208 743 9419

E-mail : subtitling@bbc.co.uk

Website : www.bbc.co.uk

BBC Information

PO Box 1922

Glasgow

G2 3WT

Telephone : 0870 010 0222

Fax :

Minicom : 0870 010 0212

E-mail :

Website : www.bbc.co.uk

British Video Association

167 Great Portland Street

London

W1N 5FD

Telephone : 0207 436 0041

Fax : 0207 436 0043

Minicom :

E-mail : general@bva.org.uk

Websites : www.bva.org.uk

Channel 4

Viewer Enquiries

Channel 4

124 Horseferry Road

London

SW1P 2TX

Telephone : 020 7306 8333

Fax : 020 7306 8347

Minicom : 020 7306 8691

E-mail : viewerenquiries@channel4.co.uk

Website : www.channel4.com

Darlington Talking Newspaper

Echo Buildings

Priestgate

Darlington

DL1 1NF

Telephone : 01325 465101

Fax :

Minicom :

E-mail: darlingtontn@v21.me.uk

Website : www.communicate.co.uk/ne/darlingtontn

Disability Now

6 Market Road

London N7 9PW

Telephone : 020 7619 7323

Fax : 020 7619 7331

Minicom : 020 7619 7332

E-mail: editor@disabilitynow.org.uk
Website : www.disabilitynow.org.uk

Five (Channel 5)

Duty Office

Channel 5

22 Long Acre

London

WC2E 9LY

Telephone : 08457 050505

Fax : 020 7550 5678

Minicom : 08457 413787

E-mail : dutyoffice@channel5.co.uk

Website : www.five.tv

Freeview

Broadcast Centre (BC3 D5)

201 Wood Lane

London

W12 7TP

Telephone : 08708 80 99 80

Fax :

Minicom :

E-mail :

Website : www.freeview.co.uk

Google

Website : www.google.com

Greater London Action on Disability

336 Brixton Road

London

SW9 7AA

Telephone : (020) 7346 5800

Fax : (020) 7346 8844

Minicom : (020) 7326 4554

E-mail : info@glad.org.uk

Website : www.glad.org.uk

In Touch

Room 6084

Broadcasting House

London

W1A 1AA

Telephone : 0800 044 044 which is Radio 4's Action Line

Fax :

Minicom :

E-mail intouch@bbc.co.uk

Website : www.bbc.co.uk

ITV

Duty Office

Gas Street

Birmingham

B1 2JT

Telephone : 0870 600 6766

Fax : 0121 634 4898

Minicom : 0870 241 6346

E-mail : dutyoffice@itv.com

Website : www.itv.com

Listening Books

12 Lant St

London
SE1 1QH
Telephone : 020 7407 9417
Fax : 020 7403 1377
Minicom :
E-mail : info@listening-books.org.uk
Website : www.listening-books.org.uk

NTL
NTL House
Bartley Wood Business Park
Bartley Way
Hook
RG27 9UP
Telephone : 0800 052 2000
Fax :
Minicom: 0800 052 9735
E-mail :
Website : www.home.ntl.com/icat/home

Ofcom
Contact Centre
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London
SE1 9HA
Telephone : 0845 456 3000 or 070 7981 3040
Fax : 0845 456 3333
E-mail : contact@ofcom.org.uk
Website : www.ofcom.org.uk

Ouch!

Room 2318

BBC White City

201 Wood Lane

London

W12 7TS.

Telephone : 020 8752 5444

Fax :

Minicom :

E-mail : ouch@bbc.co.uk

Website : www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/news

RNIB Talking Book Service

PO Box 173

Peterborough

PE2 6WS

Telephone : 0845 762 6843

Email : cservices@rnib.org.uk

Website : www.rnib.org.uk

See Hear

Room G418

BBC White City

201 Wood Lane

London

W12 7TS

Telephone : 020 8752 4703

Fax : 020 8752 6535

Minicom : 020 8752 5292

E-mail : seehear@bbc.co.uk

Website : www.bbc.co.uk/seehear

Sky digital

Sky digital

British Sky Broadcasting

Grant Way

Isleworth

TW7 5QD

Telephone : 08705 663 333

Fax :

Minicom : 08702 40 1910

E-mail : disability@sky.com

Website : www.sky.com

The Talking Newspaper Association of the UK

National Recording Centre

Heathfield

East Sussex

TN21 8DB

Telephone: 01435 866102

Fax : 01435 865422

Minicom :

E-mail: info@tnauk.org.uk.

Website : www.tnauk.org.uk

Top Up TV

PO Box 801

Kirkcaldy

Fife

KY2 6WW

Telephone : 08712 712712

Fax :

Minicom :

E-mail : enquiries@topuptv.com

Website : www.topuptv.com

Yahoo

Website : www.yahoo.com

You and Yours

Website : www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/youandyours

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