



## October 30, 2018 – Exeter mobility team

Welcome to the third newsletter of 2018. We hope you'll find the information helpful. If you have anything you'd like us to consider for future newsletters, or if you have any feedback, please contact the team.

### Important information

- The team welcomes Beth Akielan into the role of Trainee Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, Sally Yigit into My Guide Manager in Exeter, Charlie Stephens into My Guide Manager in Bristol, and Lucy Risk into Training and Behaviour Advisor.
- Our Engagement Officer, Francesca Rolle, will be running Access with Confidence workshops over the next year, which aim to increase confidence of our service users when dealing with access to services. See below for dates, locations and times to be confirmed. If you'd like to know more, contact Francesca on 07467443595 or [francesca.rolle@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:francesca.rolle@guidedogs.org.uk).
- Guidance for service providers on how to support people with visual impairment and on what the law says, can be found on our website [here](#).

### News

Purple Tuesday – a new accessible shopping day for the UK! It's being held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Further information about the day [here](#). We will be running a stand and demonstrations at Cabot Circus, Bristol, on the day between 10am and 6pm.

### Campaign updates

Guiding the Future, Guide Dogs' young campaigners with sight loss, want to make sure that they, and others with sight loss, have a more positive experience in shops. They're calling on retailers to implement their guidance and top tips to ensure retail staff know how to assist people with sight loss. Find the open letter [here](#).

## Volunteering

- There's a new Fundraising Group in central Bristol. There are opportunities in key roles including Organiser, Treasurer, Secretary, Trading Secretary. Anyone interested please contact Tracey on 07468 711990 or [tracey.wellingham@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:tracey.wellingham@guidedogs.org.uk)
- Our Puppy Walkers play a vital role in the early socialisation and education of guide dogs. Our puppies stay with them from about 6 weeks until around 1 year. There are currently vacancies across the South West region. For volunteering opportunities look [here](#).

## Events

Coffee Morning: Meet the team and find out more about the work we do!  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 1pm  
The Devon Hotel, Matford, Exeter, EX2 8XU

Cuppa + Chat Sessions to find out more about fundraising in your local area.  
More information on our Facebook page [here](#).

Access with Confidence Workshops 2019:  
13<sup>th</sup> February, Exeter  
22<sup>nd</sup> May, Taunton  
10<sup>th</sup> July, Cornwall  
9<sup>th</sup> October, Bristol

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