



People with deafblindness



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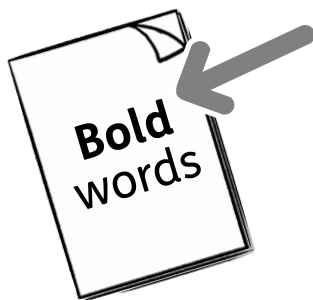
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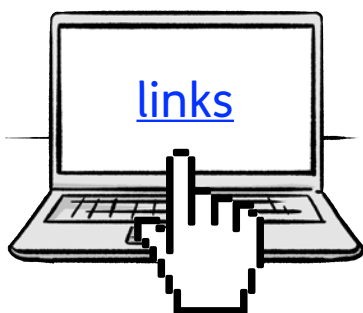
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Introduction



The World Federation of the Deafblind works around the world to speak up for the **rights** of people with **deafblindness**.



Rights are the things that every person should have or be able to do, by law.



Deafblindness is a disability where you have a serious difficulty with both your hearing and your eyesight.



We want people with deafblindness to have the same rights and the same chance to make the most of their lives as everyone else.



We share information around the world about deafblindness.



We support and help organisations of people with deafblindness.

Deafblindness



Deafblindness is where you have a serious difficulty with both your hearing and with your eyesight.

Deafblindness is a disability that is different from other disabilities.



Deafblindness makes it hard to:

- meet up with friends and family.



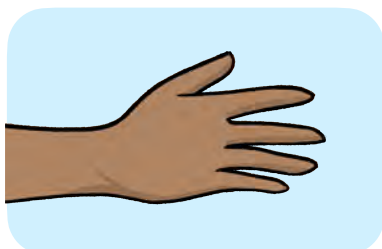
- share information, ideas and feelings with people.



- get the information you need.



- move around safely.



Touch

People with deafblindness often share information, ideas and feelings by touching.

How many people have deafblindness?



Nearly 2 out of every 100 people have deafblindness.

This is over 600 million people in the world.



Most of these people have deafblindness because they are getting old - over age 75.



Some people have severe deafblindness. This is where you have very little or no hearing and eyesight.

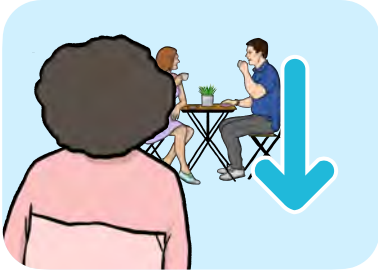


Other people have mild deafblindness. This is where you have some hearing and some eyesight.

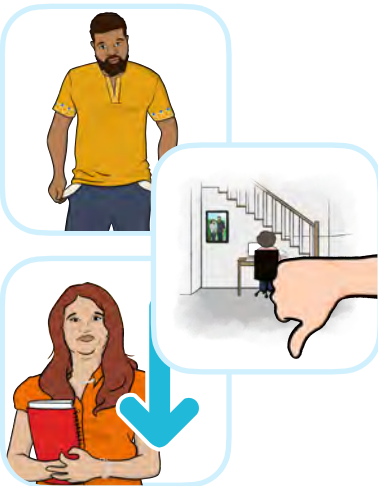


People with deafblindness

People with deafblindness come from all different backgrounds.



Many people with deafblindness don't go out much.



People with deafblindness are likely to:

- not have much money.
- not have a job.
- not do very well at school.



Support

People with deafblindness find it hard to get the right support.

They often can't get the same services as other disabled people.

Our world reports

Our first world report

Our first world report gave information about:



- the number of people with deafblindness in different parts of the world.



- the work done in universities to understand more about deafblindness.



- what people with deafblindness think should be done.



- what people who support people with deafblindness think should be done.



Our second world report

We are writing our second world report about people with deafblindness.

We hope to have it ready in 2022.



The report will share information about the lives of people with deafblindness in different parts of the world.

It will also:



- share information about good ways to support and help people with deafblindness.



- suggest ways that governments and services could help people with deafblindness.

For more information



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