

Record Breaking Royal Blind Glows Again!

Royal Blind supporters became world record breakers during the annual 'Glow in the Park' event on Saturday evening! 'Glow in the Park' is an annual children's sponsored walk that launches Royal Blind's week-long fundraising campaign known as Light Relief Week. This year's event took place at the historic Fettes College in Edinburgh, which Royal Blind transformed into a magical realm filled with waving wands, hidden rabbits, and trees hung with stars and witches' brooms! The majestic Fettes College main building was brought to life with colourful lighting and projections, while groups of children dressed as magicians, rabbits, wizards, witches, and fairies waved glow sticks and raced around a gigantic singing magic wand.

During the event, Royal Blind earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for performing the world's "Largest Magic Lesson" after 1,063 children and adults participated in a magic lesson led by professional magician, Kevin McMahon. Royal Blind's attempt was a massive success and more than doubled the size of the previous record-holding group of 435 people in China. After championing a new world record, families explored the grounds on a guided sensory walk that included music, magic tricks and a disco tunnel!

This year's 'Glow in the Park' will go down in history as a truly magical night!

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Notes to editors

1. This story is for immediate use and the words and pictures are free to use.
2. The activities of Royal Blind, www.royalblind.org include:

The Royal Blind School, Edinburgh

The Royal Blind School offers the highest quality of education and care to meet the needs of young people with a visual impairment. Our two campuses include pre-school, primary and secondary facilities supporting pupils with additional support needs.

Braeside House

Braeside House is our home that provides first class services and facilities for older people who are blind or visually impaired, offering both residential and nursing care in purpose built premises.

Scottish Braille Press

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Forward Vision

Forward Vision offers young adults aged 18-25 who have a visual impairment disability, care and support with person centred focus on strengths and abilities, encouraging greater independence.

Kidscene

Kidscene After School Club offers after school care to children attending the Royal Blind School and local Schools. The club aims to include a safe, secure and relaxed environment for the children in our care. We endeavour to provide an atmosphere and activities similar to those found within the home.

3. Photographs from previous 'Glow in the Park' events are available upon request.