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Blind Ambition: Accessibility Workshop






Introductions and Housekeeping

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- If you have any questions at any time, please just ask, but when you do speak please say "It's X speaking."
 - If you need to get up and use the loo or leave, please do
 - Please participate as much as you can
 - You will get a copy of the presentation after the training
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Agenda

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- Look at accessibility in smart phones
- Run through on potential obstacles that blind or partially sighted visitors might face in libraries
- Group ideas and feedback

Accessibility Features in Smart Phones



Facts and Figures

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UK Wide

- Over 2 million people in the UK living with sight loss.
- 1 in 5 people will experience sight loss in their lifetime.
- 250 start losing their sight everyday

London

- 217, 000 people living with sight loss
- Only 40,420 are registered for their certificate of visual impairment
- 2032 projection is around 264,000

- Dementia – 75,000
- Hearing Loss – 80,000
- Refugees – 132,000


References – RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool, Alzheimers.org.uk, London Assembly and London Council



Potential barriers in a library setting



Some of the barriers you may have noticed:

- Finding the library
 - Physical obstacles
 - Perceptions and attitudes (Guide dog!)
 - Lack of knowledge and training
 - Signage and lighting
 - Lack of accessible materials
 - Lack of accessible technology support
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Brainstorming Session

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Any Questions?

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