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Visual Impairment Awareness and Accessible ICT Trainer (multiple disability) who works for Richmond Adult College in London. Certified Beta Tester who has participated in numerous V I related research projects, including New PDA development and Electro-luminescent and P O V (Persistence of Vision) Lighting. Formerly worked with Phillips UK on in-vehicle speech-based navigation systems.

Community Worker with proven fund-raising & project development track record. ICT technical support clients have included a wide range of groups, from those at local level to The European Cancer Patient Coalition. Formerly the Project Co-ordinator for VISOR (Visually Impaired Society of Richmond) for whom ran Accessible Technology Workshops which recieved a Queens Golden Jubilee Award in 2002.

Researcher on Visual Impairment in the Media, has read in excess of 10,000 international v i-related news articles in a Researchship for www.vipnews.org.uk of which he is the Editor and Site owner. This voluntary informational project has been recognized by several organisations including ACB, National Library for the Blind, NALSVI, New York State Braille & Talking Book Library and Sightsavers International.

Multiple head injuries survivor & sighted partner who is a founder member & the webmaster of The Accessible Friends Network, a growing UK voluntary group that provides user-led support, communication, training and social care to people with visual impairments & secondary disabilities, via the internet & voice-conferencing.