



 **Empathey**

Virtual Vision, Real Impairment

Stepping into Their Shoes:
Understanding Visual Impairments
with Empathey to Enhance Care

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How it started?



Angel Eyes NI



First paid employee



Classroom assistant qualification



2005
Peter & Connie

2007



2009
Charitable status

2014



2016
Education advocacy

2018

"...I wish I could just show people what it was like to have a visual impairment..."

2020
An idea



How it's going?

 **Empatheyeyes**
A Social Enterprise

2020



2021

Prototype



2022

 **CPD CERTIFIED**
The CPD Certification Service

Formalised Training

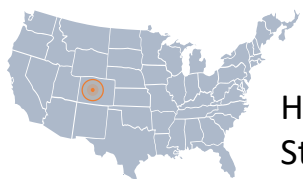
UK & ROI
Distributor



2023



Going
Dutch



Heading
Stateside



Where are we now?



Mission: To empower individuals and organisations to offer informed support to the visually impaired by delivering the world's most effective VI awareness experience.

Training

For organisations, the Empatheyeyes vision system helps build an empathetic workforce empowered to better understand and meet the needs of their visually impaired clients.

- Realistic visual impairment representation.
- Understand complex medical terminology.
- Increase understanding of the daily living challenges of VI individuals.
- Learn strategies to support service users and enhance care.



CPD Accredited Training –
Counts towards PRTL.



Participant Handbook for all
attendees



Training delivered by Eye
Care Professionals



Training sessions for up to
20 personnel at a time

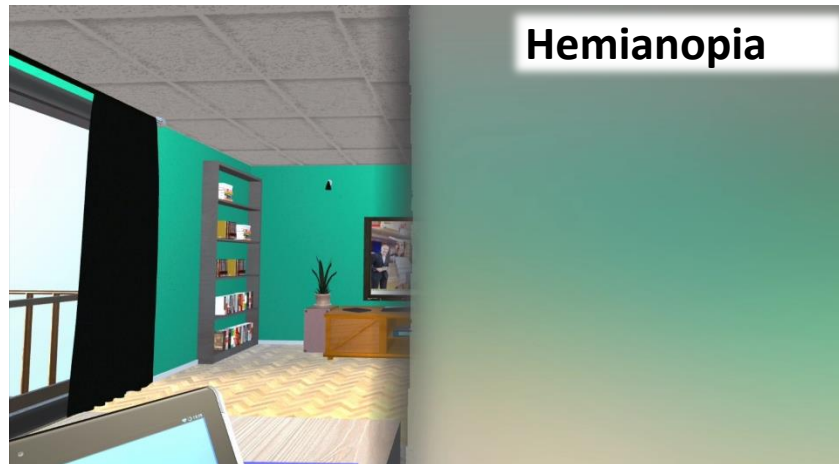


Conditions Demonstrated

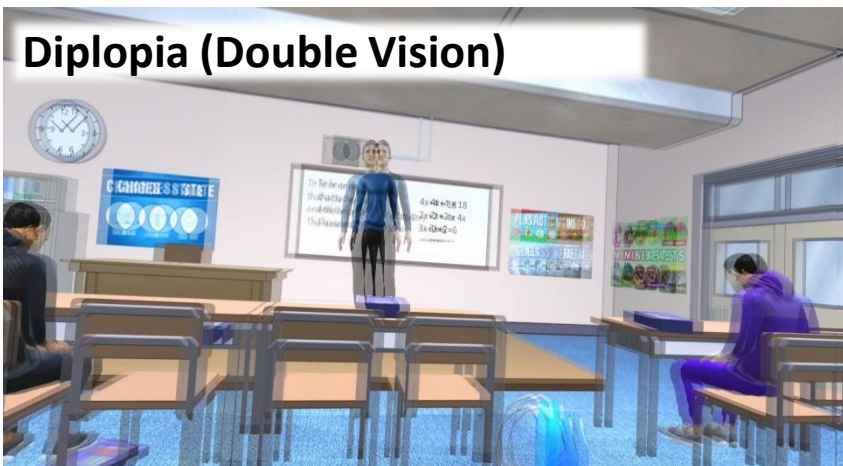
Cataract



Hemianopia



Diplopia (Double Vision)



Macular Degeneration



Variable:

- Visual Acuity
- Photosensitivity
- Contrast
- Field loss
 - Upper
 - Lower
 - Central
 - Peripheral
 - Half
- Distortion

30+ Conditions Replicated:

- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Retinal Detachment
- Plus, many more....

What people are saying?

"...In my role I will in future be sure to stand in front of my client clearly introduce myself and be aware of what they may not visually see or physically be able to do due to the visual impairment ..."

Care Worker

"...I feel as though I have a greater understanding of how a visual impairment can impact an individual's ability to carry out everyday activities and tasks. I have a greater appreciation that I shouldn't assume that just because someone is visually impaired that they have no sight at all"..."

Care Worker

...life-changing understanding and empathy!

"...This is a great training tool... all staff starting in the Health & Social Care Trust should have an opportunity to try this VR Visual Impairment Simulator..."

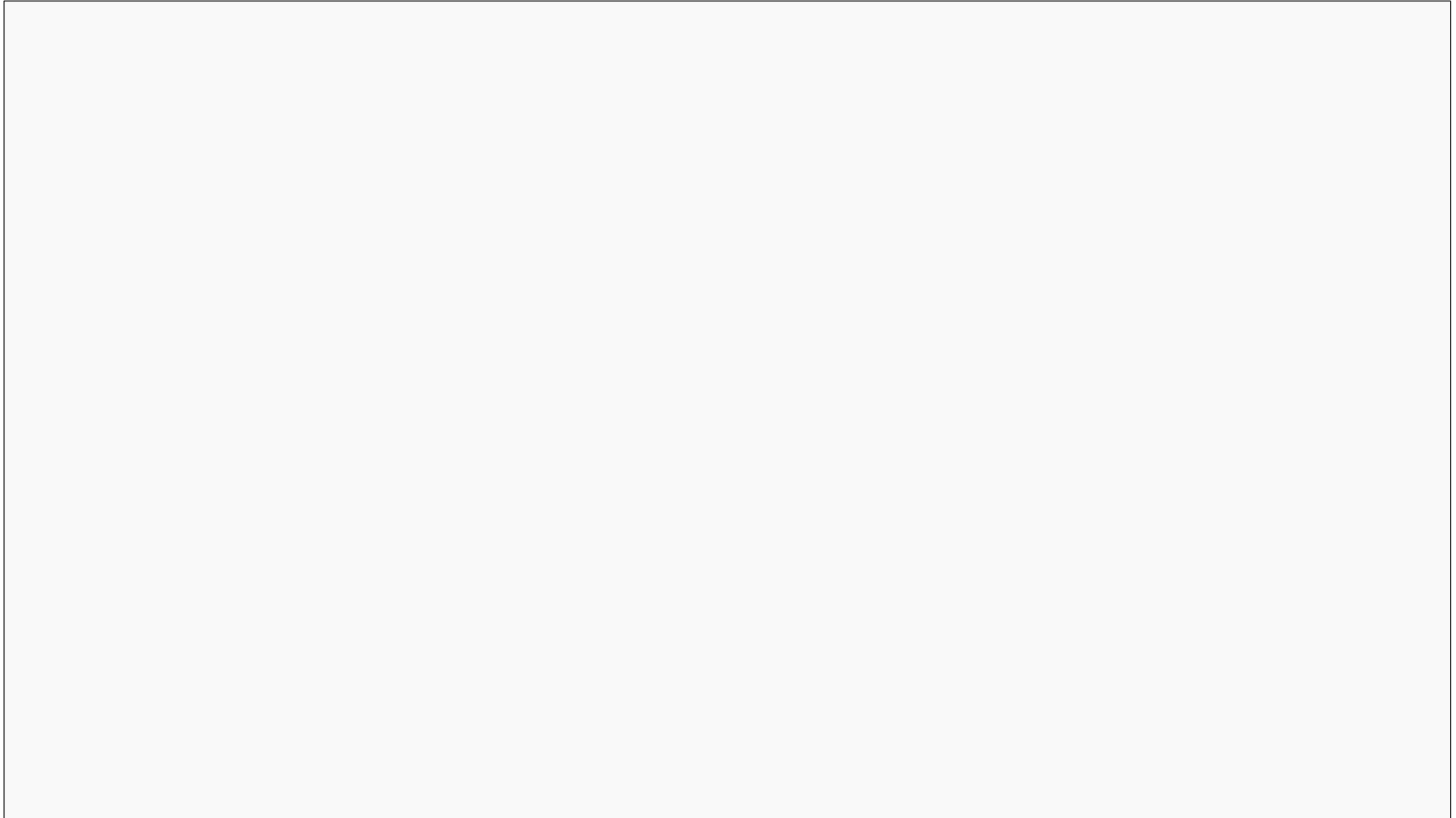
Sensory Support Professional



"...I understand the science behind these conditions, but seeing it really does make you appreciate the challenges people face..."

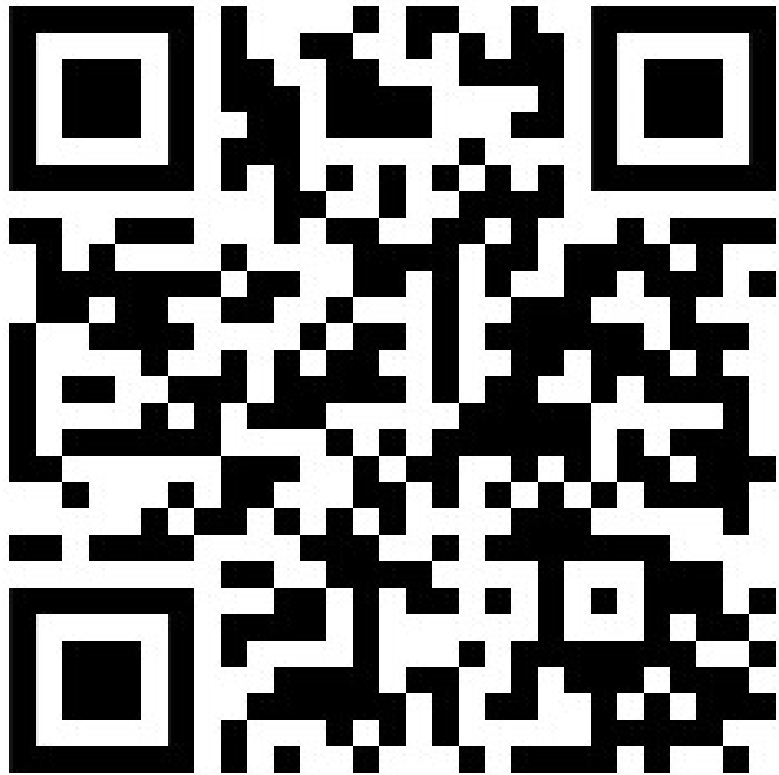
Optometrist

Empatheyes Video



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