

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are blind has increased by 100 million (WHO 1999). The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 100 million people are blind or visually impaired, and that 60 million of these are in the developing world. The WHO also estimates that 10 million of these people are blind or visually impaired in the United Kingdom.

There are a number of reasons why the number of people who are blind or visually impaired is increasing. One of the main reasons is the increasing life expectancy of people who are blind or visually impaired. As people live longer, they are more likely to develop age-related eye conditions, such as cataracts and glaucoma, which can lead to blindness or visual impairment.

Another reason why the number of people who are blind or visually impaired is increasing is the increasing prevalence of diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic condition that can affect the eyes, leading to a condition called diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in the developed world.

There are also a number of other factors that can contribute to blindness or visual impairment, such as trauma, infection, and congenital conditions. However, the two main factors that are responsible for the increasing number of people who are blind or visually impaired are the increasing life expectancy of people who are blind or visually impaired and the increasing prevalence of diabetes.

The WHO estimates that 100 million people are blind or visually impaired, and that 60 million of these are in the developing world. The WHO also estimates that 10 million of these people are blind or visually impaired in the United Kingdom. This is a significant number of people, and it is important that we do everything we can to help them.

There are a number of ways in which we can help people who are blind or visually impaired. One of the most important ways is to ensure that they have access to the services that they need. This includes access to healthcare, education, and employment.

Another way in which we can help people who are blind or visually impaired is to ensure that they have access to the information that they need. This includes access to the internet, television, and radio.

There are also a number of other ways in which we can help people who are blind or visually impaired, such as by providing them with mobility aids and by training them in the use of these aids.

It is important that we do everything we can to help people who are blind or visually impaired. This is because they are a vulnerable group of people, and they need our help. We can help them by ensuring that they have access to the services that they need, by ensuring that they have access to the information that they need, and by providing them with mobility aids and training in the use of these aids.

There are a number of organizations that are working to help people who are blind or visually impaired. These organizations include the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), the National Society for the Blind (NSB), and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB).

These organizations are working to help people who are blind or visually impaired in a number of ways, including by providing them with mobility aids, by training them in the use of these aids, and by providing them with information and advice.

It is important that we continue to work to help people who are blind or visually impaired. This is because they are a vulnerable group of people, and they need our help. We can help them by ensuring that they have access to the services that they need, by ensuring that they have access to the information that they need, and by providing them with mobility aids and training in the use of these aids.