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From the President's Desk

Dear ICEVI Members, Partners, and Supporters,

On behalf of the Executive Board, we are pleased to share this Annual Report 2025 outlining the global and regional activities of ICEVI during the year. Annual reporting is integral to the governance procedures of ICEVI. In addition to the ICEVI audit report for 2025, we are pleased to present updates on recent conferences, meetings, publications, and online educational resources.

ICEVI is committed to strengthening efforts to ensure that children and adults who are blind, deafblind, or have low vision, including children with additional disabilities, have access to quality, inclusive education.

Over the past year, ICEVI has actively contributed to key global forums. These include the General Assembly of the International Disability and Development Consortium (Berlin, 26–29 March), the 3rd Global Disability Summit (Berlin, 2–3 April), the 18th Conference of the State Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 9–12 June), the Tactile Reading and Graphics Conference (Amsterdam, 2–4 June), the General Assembly of the World Blind Union (São Paulo, 1–5 September), the American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference (Washington, DC, 12–14 November), and the Executive Board meeting of the Accessible Books Consortium (Geneva, November).

ICEVI's landmark initiative in 2025 has been the development and coordination of the *Global Braille Literacy Campaign: More Braille, More Empowerment*, a joint partnership between ICEVI and the World Blind Union (WBU). The campaign is led by Co-Chairs Dr. Frances Gentle, ICEVI Past President, and Mr. Santosh Kumar Rungta, WBU President. This is a multi-stakeholder global partnership spanning the education and disability sectors, with support from international and regional organizations across both developing and developed countries. The soft launch of the campaign was announced at the World Blindness Summit / General Assembly of the World Blind Union in São Paulo, Brazil, in September 2025.

During the World Blindness Summit, the official campaign exhibit booth was managed by ICEVI's Principal Officers and Regional Presidents of Latin America and West Asia. A total of 35 video-recorded interviews were conducted, capturing personal perspectives on the importance of Braille literacy. These testimonies are now being shared globally as part of the campaign's media outreach.

The feedback received by ICEVI and WBU reinforces a critical reality: in many countries, children and adults who are blind or deafblind have limited access to Braille education, or even to schooling. Adults often lack access to Braille materials, and educators do not receive adequate training or resources to support Braille literacy development of children.

Collaboration with global partners has been central to ICEVI since it was founded by international partner organizations over 70 years ago. As highlighted throughout this

Annual Report, our work continues to be rooted in strong, action-oriented partnerships. These collaborations are essential to advancing disability-inclusive education goals and reaching vulnerable populations.

Through meaningful and diverse partnerships, we aim to create lasting impact by strengthening capacity at local and regional levels. Partnerships built on trust and shared purposes enable the effective mobilization of human and financial resources, contributing to long-term sustainability and systemic change.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our shared mission of inclusive, equitable, quality education for people with visual impairment.

Warm regards,

Ms. Susan LaVenture





Structure of the Annual Report

As a professional educational organization, ICEVI produces annual reports and various publications each year, all of which are available for download on its website, www.icevi.org. Annual reports offer a comprehensive account of the activities undertaken by ICEVI Global and its regional bodies throughout the year, alongside

significant developments within the blindness sector that bear both direct and indirect implications for ICEVI's operations.

This 2025 Annual Report is structured into two principal sections: the first focuses on the organization's global initiatives and networking activities, while the second details the dedicated efforts of the regional committees, followed by information pertaining to publications, the website, and related matters.

To ensure conciseness and clarity, this report provides only summaries of both the global and regional reports. However, the full reports submitted by the regional committees have been archived on their respective pages within the ICEVI website to preserve thorough documentation and institutional memory. Furthermore, this annual report is available on the website for reference. Readers are encouraged to access these online resources to obtain more comprehensive information about the extensive range of activities undertaken by ICEVI at global and regional levels.

This report commences with an introduction to the global and regional officers of ICEVI for the 2025 to 2028 quadrennium. Inclusion of this information serves to inform the ICEVI constituency about the qualifications and expertise of those at the helm of the ICEVI network. While it is not feasible to provide comprehensive details for all members of the regional committees within this report, readers are encouraged to view the regional sections of the ICEVI website, https://icevi.org/regions/, where further information regarding regional bodies and, in certain instances, national contacts is available.

Principal Officers

Ms Susan LaVenture



President, ICEVI; President, International Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (IAPVI), USA.

Ms. LaVenture brings deep expertise in family advocacy, parent engagement, and public policy, working to strengthen family-centered support systems and advance the rights of children with

Mr. Akhil Paul



Vice President, ICEVI; Chief Mentor and Past Director, Sense International India, Ahmedabad, India.

Mr. Paul is a pioneering leader in the field of deafblindness and inclusive education in India, known for advancing community-based rehabilitation, inclusive policies, and the development of national-level networks for people with multiple disabilities.

Dr Praveena Sukhraj-Ely



Treasurer, ICEVI; Chief Director of Governance and Regulations, Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, South Africa; Advocate of the High Court of South Africa.

Dr. Sukhraj-Ely brings extensive expertise in governance, disability rights, and public sector leadership, with a strong focus on advancing equity, inclusion, and legal frameworks at national and regional levels.

Dr. Frances Gentle



Past President, ICEVI; Conjoint Lecturer, NextSense Institute and Macquarie University, Australia.

Dr. Gentle is an internationally recognized expert in disability-inclusive education, with a distinguished career in teacher training, research and policy development to improve educational opportunities for learners with visual impairment and other disabilities.

Regional Presidents

Africa

Mr. Komivi Ayassou



President, ICEVI Africa; Disability Services Manager, Ministry of Social Services, Togo.

Mr. Ayassou is a prominent advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities in West Africa, leading national initiatives on inclusive education, employment, and social inclusion. He has played a key role in regional networks, including the Fédération Togolaise des Associations de Personnes Handicapées (FETAPH).

West Asia

Dr. Birendra Raj Pokharel



President, ICEVI West Asia; President, Abilis Nepal Network; Founder, Action on Disability Rights and Development, Nepal (ADRAD); Member, National Disability Direction Committee and Special Education Council, Government of Nepal. Dr. Raj Pokharel is a leading advocate for disability rights and inclusive development, working to advance accessible education and social inclusion across South Asia.

East Asia

Mr. Silatul Rahim Bin Dahman



President, ICEVI East Asia; CEO and Co-Founder, Malaysian Foundation for the Blind, Malaysia.

Mr. Bin Dahman is a respected leader in disability inclusion, overseeing programs in education, employment, and accessibility, and advancing regional collaboration to strengthen opportunities for people with visual impairment.

Europe

Dr John Ravenscroft



President, ICEVI Europe; Professor of Childhood Vision Impairment, Chair of Childhood Vision Impairment, Moray House School of Education and Sport, University of Edinburgh (UK); Head of the Scottish Sensory Centre.

Prof. Ravenscroft is a global expert in cerebral visual impairment (CVI) and accomplished academic at the University of Edinburgh, specializing in childhood vision impairment.

Professor Judit Gombas, PhD.



Associate professor, ELTE Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education (Budapest, Hungary).

Prof. Gombas is ICEVI Europe's representative on the global ICEVI Executive Board and Member of the ICEVI Publications Committee. Her doctoral research focused on the leisure sport habits of Hungarian individuals with blindness or visual impairment.

Latin America

Ms Gladys Viviana Correa



President, ICEVI Latin America; Inclusive Education Advocate, Argentina.

Ms Correa is a regional leader in inclusive education with deep experience across Spanish speaking countries. Known for her collaborative approach, she has worked with national organizations, ministries, and family networks to promote inclusive policies and practices grounded in local realities. Her leadership is shaped by years of engagement in ICEVI's Latin America network, including her previous role as Southern Cone Coordinator.

North America and Caribbean

Dr. Michael J. Bina



President, ICEVI North America and Caribbean; former President, Hadley School for the Blind and Maryland School for the Blind, USA.

Dr. Bina is a highly respected educator and advocate for learners with visual impairment, with a career spanning decades in leadership, assistive technology, and expanding educational access.

Pacific

Ms Martine Able Williamson



President, ICEVI Pacific; Immediate Past President of World Blind Union; Senior Human Rights Advisor, New Zealand Human Rights Commission; Board Member, Blind Low Vision New Zealand; and Board Member, International Disability Alliance.

Ms Able Williamson is a world-renowned advocate for the rights of persons with visual impairment. She is an active member of several international and regional boards promoting quality education for children with vision impairment, including those with other disabilities.

International Partner Members

ONCE (Spanish National Association of the Blind)



Overbrook School for the blind



Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired



Sightsavers



Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)



Governance Update

The year 2025 is particularly significant for ICEVI, marking the beginning of a new quadrennial period spanning 2025 to 2028. Amid a global economic downturn, several longstanding international partners were compelled to withdraw their annual memberships, resulting in a reduction of the organization's overall revenue. Although

ICEVI continues to benefit from the professional and technical support provided by these global entities at both global and regional levels, the constrained financial resources necessitated strategic allocation to optimize organizational effectiveness.

Following the appointment of a full-time Secretary General to oversee ICEVI's administrative functions, at the end of the last quadrennium the organization resolved to increase the engagement of Principal Officers and members of the Executive Board. Consequently, the position of Secretary General was phased out by the end of 2025. Currently, the Principal Officers, supported by a small Secretariat, manage the primary administrative responsibilities.

The regions, with support from ICEVI global, have demonstrated commendable initiative in mobilizing local resources to sustain their activities. Their efforts are summarized in this Annual Report, with readers directed to the ICEVI website for more substantive information.

Meetings of the Executive Board

In 2025, the ICEVI Executive Board convened four virtual meetings on May 7, August 8, August 15, and December 9. The organization formally acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the longstanding support of its international partners Perkins, Visio, and Sight Savers, whose formal collaborations concluded in 2025. Additionally, ICEVI recognized the resignations of several board members while welcoming new appointees Dr. Judit Gombas (representative, ICEVI Europe) and Mr. Hubert Perfler (representative, World Blind Union).

Appointment of Ms Susan LaVenture to the position of ICEVI President

In late 2025, the ICEVI Executive Board received the unexpected resignation of the ICEVI President Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, attributed to personal reasons. The ICEVI Executive Board met on 9 December 2025 conducting year end business and governance changes were made. In accordance with Clause 5.4 of the ICEVI Articles of Association, the Board members endorsed the appointment of Susan LaVenture (1st Vice President) as the new President, following the resignation of Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame as President. "We love Getty and have appreciated her strong and loving leadership and will continue to collaborate with her", stated Susan.

Partnerships and Networking with Global Entities

ICEVI is working with several global networks and international organizations to promote and support educational opportunities for persons with visual impairment. Members of the Executive Board of ICEVI acknowledge the following organisations and collaborations during 2025.

World Blind Union (WBU)



The missions of ICEVI and WBU emphasise advocacy and support for persons with visual impairments. The two organizations have their areas of expertise and strength that complement one another and the members and constituencies they serve. ICEVI and WBU formalized their partnership and shared goals through a Memorandum of Understanding in 2007, and the strong partnership forged continues to enhance synergy, coordination, and information sharing between members.

This year marks the partnership of “More Braille, More Empowerment” global Braille Literacy Campaign between ICEVI and WBU. The Steering Committee of the campaign is chaired by Dr. Frances Gentle, ICEVI Past President, and Mr. Santosh Kumar Rungta, President of WBU, with a Terms of Reference established to guide the campaign’s governance and areas of focus.

United Nations

As an international organisation focusing on the education of children and individuals with visual impairment for over 70 years, ICEVI contributes to the global discourse through concept papers and statements at United Nations assemblies. Since 1986, ICEVI has NGO consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN-ECOSOC).

During 2025, members of the Executive Board attended the 18th Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COSP18), held at the UN headquarters in New York, 9-12 June. While in New York, members also arranged side meetings with UNICEF staff, ICEVI partner members, and other disability organisations. Such engagements provide valuable opportunities to discuss shared priorities in the field of education for children and young people with disabilities.

International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)

ICEVI is a full voting member of the IDDC and a member of its Inclusive Education Task Group. Several international partner members of ICEVI are also members of IDDC and contribute to promoting the education and disability rights of persons with visual impairment.

In March 2025, ICEVI participated in the General Assembly of IDDC held in Berlin, Germany. It is the shared view of both organizations that using the global networks

of IDDC and ICEVI worldwide contribute significantly to strengthening advocacy and promoting access to equitable education for persons with visual impairment and those with other disabilities.

The DAISY Consortium

The DAISY Consortium and ICEVI have a long history of collaboration through the “Visionary Learning through Technology Initiative”. Both organizations have made a conscious decision to renew our partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in 2025 to further develop our work and broaden our reach to support counties and regions.

WIPO Accessible Books Consortium

The WIPO Accessible Books Consortium (ABC) is one of the key network partners of ICEVI. Dr. Praveena Sukhraj-Ely, ICEVI Principal Officer, represents ICEVI on the ABC Board, and participated in the ABC Executive Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr Sukhraj-Ely also explored opportunities for ABC and ICEVI to collaborate across the different ICEVI Regions to promote accessible books in member countries where sufficient internet bandwidth is available. Several ICEVI Regions also organized programs related to the WIPO Marrakesh VIP Treaty. ICEVI actively worked to raise awareness of the vast library of accessible digital texts available through the ABC Global Book Service, supporting improved access to reading materials for children and adults with visual impairment worldwide.

Collaboration with ABC has become an important means of raising awareness with local governments about the need to provide educational materials for children with visual impairment as an essential component of their full inclusion in the education system.

International Disability Alliance

Dr Praveena Sukhraj-Ely represents ICEVI and WBU on the IDA Education Task Force, and ICEVI participated in the 3rd Global Disability Summit held in Germany, from 2-3 April 2025. The Summit was organized by the governments of Jordan and Germany, together with the International Disability Alliance.

Regional Activities

The seven regional bodies of ICEVI operationalize ICEVI’s global vision by executing flagship initiatives alongside region-specific priorities established by their respective regional committees. Historically, ICEVI’s regional entities have been instrumental in the effective implementation of the organization’s global campaign focused on education for children with visual impairments (EFA-VI), which emerged as a principal flagship program worldwide. Similarly, the Global Braille Literacy Campaign,

conducted in collaboration with the World Blind Union, is actively advanced through the efforts of ICEVI's regional bodies.

Beyond these global campaigns, each region engages in a diverse array of activities, including awareness-raising, skills development, capacity-building initiatives, and the demonstration of model programs. Summaries of the activities undertaken by each of the seven regional committees during 2025 follow.

Africa Region

ICEVI Africa made significant progress toward its strategic objectives through a series of pivotal initiatives. These included the pilot implementation of French-translated online courses aimed at supporting children with low vision in Togo, and a collaborative effort with the Kenya Institute for the Blind to promote the inclusion of learners with visual impairments within Kenya's Competency-Based Assessment framework.

A partnership with Iceland's Smiley Charity contributed to enhanced mathematics achievement and motivation among students with visual impairment at Thika High School for the Blind, resulting in an 11% improvement in performance and the establishment of a Mathematics Club. ICEVI Africa disseminated these findings at the STEMtastic Africa Conference, underscoring the critical need for accessible STEM educational resources and fostering cross-national collaboration.

ICEVI Africa members participated in the Correctbook Stakeholder Forum to advocate for inclusive literacy tools and delivered Visionary Learning through Technology training to stakeholders in Cameroon, with a focus on the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty.



Caption: ICEVI Africa and Smiley Foundation presenting tablets at Thika School for the Blind for Smiley project



Caption: ICEVI Africa Administrator presenting at the Correctbook Stakeholder Forum

Preparations for the second ICEVI Africa Conference, scheduled to take place in South Africa in October and November 2026, were completed, with Emperors Palace Resort and Prinshof School designated as hosts. ICEVI Africa was also appointed to Kenya's Technical Working Group responsible for overseeing the country's transition to Unified English Braille by 2029, convening the group's inaugural meeting.



Caption: Inaugural Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Kenya's Transition to UEB

The year marked the conclusion of a three-year project funded by CBM, which enhanced access to ICEVI's online resources and bolstered organizational capacity. Additionally, the Global Braille Literacy Campaign gained momentum across Africa, notably influencing Kenya's Braille policy and securing CBM sponsorship to support ongoing campaign activities.



Caption: ICEVI Africa presentation at the STEMtastic Africa Conference

East Asia Region

In 2025, ICEVI East Asia played a proactive role in advancing disability-inclusive education throughout the region by engaging in several pivotal initiatives. ICEVI East Asia participated in the 6th International Conference on Special Education (ICSE 2025) held in Malaysia, which centered on the theme "Technology for Disabilities: A Path to Inclusion," aligning with UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goal 4. The conference convened 327 participants from more than 20 countries, including educators, policymakers, and researchers, and showcased numerous innovations in inclusive education through a variety of scholarly papers and presentations. Representatives from ICEVI East Asia made significant contributions, notably delivering a presentation on multi-stakeholder partnerships to promote inclusive technology.

A major accomplishment during this period was the inauguration of the Cambodia Braille Library (CBL), an initiative designed to enhance access to higher education for blind and visually impaired students by providing Braille materials, assistive technologies, and digital resources at two leading Cambodian universities. This project addresses critical deficiencies in resource availability, staff training, and technological support, thereby fostering educational equity and reducing student attrition rates. ICEVI East Asia formalized its commitment to this endeavor through a Memorandum of Understanding with CBL, ensuring sustained collaboration through at least 2028.

The ICEVI East Asia Committee, in collaboration with ICEVI Indonesia and the Timor-Leste Ministry of Education, planned to implement training programs in Timor-Leste aimed at special education teachers, focusing on Braille literacy, orientation and mobility, and independent living skills. This initiative has been carried over to 2026, contingent upon governmental approval.

The region also actively supported the Global Braille Literacy Campaign, co-led by ICEVI and the World Blind Union, with regional leaders promoting Braille awareness via media engagements during significant international observances.

Collectively, the activities undertaken by ICEVI East Asia in 2025 underscored a commitment to strengthening the infrastructure for inclusive education, enhancing capacity building, and advancing advocacy efforts to empower learners with visual impairments.





Caption: Training provided by Clovernook Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired to members of the Cambodia Braille Library, with participation of Mr Silatul Rahim Dahman, President of ICEVI East Asia.

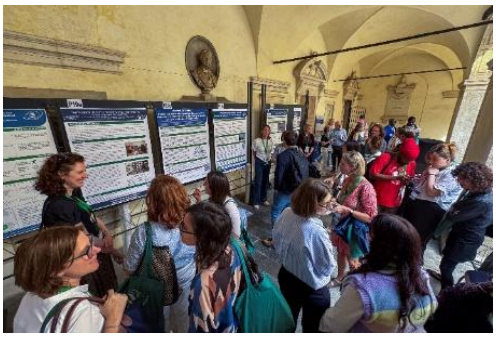
Europe region

The 10th ICEVI European Conference, held from May 15 to 17, 2025, focused on enhancing support for children and young adults with visual impairments through interdisciplinary approaches that addressed individual development and assessment, education and learning, habilitation and rehabilitation, as well as accessibility and social participation. This event was organized by ICEVI-Europe in partnership with the Robert Hollman Foundation and LC Congressi, and received institutional backing from the Municipality of Padua and the University of Padova.



Feedback from 113 respondents demonstrated a high degree of satisfaction with the event's organization, scientific content, and social activities, with oral presentations and keynote lectures receiving the most favorable evaluations. Participants particularly appreciated the networking opportunities, with 73% of participants reporting an expansion of their professional networks and 16% expressing intentions to engage in future collaborative endeavors.





Latin America region

Following the Regional Conference held in June 2025, ICEVI Latin America prioritized the reinforcement of its internal organizational framework, particularly given that four of the seven Board members were newly appointed to regional roles. The organization actively collaborated with national delegations to strategize forthcoming country-specific initiatives.

Among the principal undertakings was a training program on the Unified Mathematical Code, initially conducted in March 2025 and subsequently replicated across the majority of member countries, thereby training over 300 mathematics educators.

In August, a rehabilitation training course for adults with visual impairments took place in Guatemala, engaging 24 professionals from Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico, with plans for further dissemination throughout the year. In October, a virtual workshop addressing retinopathy of prematurity was organized in partnership with ALSEPNEO, targeting educators and healthcare practitioners involved in the care of premature infants. November featured a virtual orientation and mobility workshop for the Central America and Caribbean subregion, attended by more than 90 participants, which included the introduction of a technical guide designed for itinerant teachers.

The Board of Directors convened in person in Mexico during November to review and advance the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan alongside the 2026 Action Plan, while also fostering enhanced interpersonal relationships to support more effective virtual collaboration.

Concurrently, a technical session on low vision management was conducted for over 50 professionals, addressing region-specific training requirements. Furthermore, institutional communication efforts were intensified, resulting in expanded social media outreach and improved content quality to engage a broader audience. Collectively, these initiatives consolidated ICEVI Latin America's activities in the latter half of 2025 and laid a robust foundation for the ambitious 2026 Action Plan currently in progress.





North America and Caribbean region

The ICEVI North American-Caribbean region has fortified its collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association to advance service provision throughout the Caribbean, concentrating on areas such as braille literacy, accessibility, human rights, parental support, physical education, sports, and inclusive services across the lifespan.

In 2025, virtual literacy training sessions for educators in Trinidad and Tobago prioritized early braille instruction and the integration of assistive technologies. Looking ahead, the region intends to host a virtual Seeing Beyond the Horizon Conference in May 2026, aimed at fostering equitable educational opportunities for students who are blind or have low vision.

In the United States, braille advocacy efforts encompassed events including Family Days at the Library of Congress and World Braille Day, complemented by awareness campaigns such as adapted museum tours. The Monarch braille device—a multiline braille display featuring tactile graphics—was distinguished as a leading innovation in 2025 and has seen widespread adoption. Nevertheless, substantial federal funding reductions for braille training programs in the U.S. have presented significant challenges, prompting major organizations to unite in advocacy for civil rights, accessible technology, and workforce support.

Within the Caribbean, progress following the 2024 Quadrennial Conference included the development of a position paper advocating for expanded opportunities for

individuals with visual impairments, as well as historic political appointments of visually impaired ministers in Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.

ICEVI NA/C continues to collaborate with regional institutions through initiatives such as braille orientation courses for sighted individuals, partnerships in Barbados and Antigua, and support for the establishment of an accredited Caribbean College of Special Education Teachers. Sustained engagement in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Guyana, and Belize further underscores ICEVI NA/C's ongoing commitment to regional development and advocacy on behalf of persons with visual impairments.



Caption: American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference

Susan LaVenture, President, represented ICEVI Global and the ICEVI North America & Caribbean Region at the 2025 AFB Leadership Conference of the American Foundation for the Blind at the USA nation's capital. Additionally, Susan along with ICEVI members from Ek Kadam Aur Foundation for Education and Health (Mumbai, India), Overbrook School for the Blind (USA) and Maryland School for the Blind (USA) organized and gave a Panel Presentation "Braille vs. Digital Literacy: Reimagining Foundational Learning for Children with Blindness".

Pacific region

The ICEVI Pacific region experienced significant engagement from its Regional President, Dr Emily White, during 2025. Dr White participated in prominent conferences, including the 2025 conference of South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment (SPEVI) in Brisbane and the 2025 conference of Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities (Round Table) in Melbourne. Dr White subsequently announced her resignation in December 2025. The position of President was temporarily filled by Martine Able Williamson until the ICEVI Pacific AGM in February 2026, when Martine was unanimously elected President.

Throughout this period, ICEVI Pacific continued to support Dr. Frances Gentle in her role as Editor of the Publications Committee, overseeing financial arrangements for design and language translation software to facilitate the publication of materials in multiple languages.

ICEVI Pacific continues to sustain robust regional partnerships, notably with SPEVI and Round Table. Additionally, ICEVI Pacific maintained its membership in the Pacific Disability Forum. It is anticipated that these partnerships will expand in 2026 to include activities associated with the ICEVI-WBU global Braille Literacy Campaign in the Pacific, promotion of project funding aimed at enhancing educational standards, the support of professional development opportunities for educators.



Caption: Members of ICEVI Pacific participated in the SPEVI Strategic Planning Meeting in Sydney in October 2025

West Asia region

The ICEVI West Asia Regional Committee, constituted during the ICEVI World Conference 2024 held in Ahmedabad, India, and chaired by Dr Birendra Raj Pokharel for the 2025–2028 term, is committed to promoting education, digital accessibility, youth leadership, and the empowerment of persons with visual impairments and deafblindness throughout the region.

Officially registered as a public charitable trust and society in Ahmedabad, ICEVI West Asia has actively participated in strategic planning, regional assemblies, and international advocacy forums, including the Deafblind International Asian Conference, the Global Disability Summit, and the World Blindness Summit, with a particular focus on inclusive education and braille literacy.

Significant initiatives undertaken by the committee encompass youth leadership programs in India and Nepal that emphasize leadership development, assistive technology, and career advancement; vocational training workshops in India aimed at enhancing livelihood skills; and digital accessibility projects such as school

monitoring and technology training in Nepal. The region also supports innovative endeavors like Bangladesh's "Emporia," an accessible e-learning and employment portal, with intentions to adapt this model across the region.

ICEVI West Asia has strengthened collaborations with organizations including ADRAD-Nepal, Bookshare, and Enable India, contributing to policy advocacy efforts such as the ratification of the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty and development of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) textbooks. The committee actively endorses the ICEVI-WBU Global Braille Literacy Campaign, which seeks to improve Braille accessibility, teacher training, policy advocacy, and youth participation, recognizing Braille as fundamental to literacy, autonomy, and social inclusion.

Furthermore, the committee has acknowledged distinguished awards and appointments of its members, thereby reinforcing its leadership role in disability rights and education. Collectively, ICEVI West Asia's multifaceted initiatives emphasize fostering inclusive education, digital empowerment, policy influence, and regional cooperation to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for persons with visual impairments and deafblindness across West Asia.



Caption: ICEVI West Asia Regional President, Dr Birendra Raj Pokharel delivered a speech in the first Deafblind International Asian Regional Conference 2025 in Pokhara, Nepal



Caption: Regional president and Nepal delegates joining the round table discussion during GDS 2025



Caption: ICEVI delegates and school management committee in Pathari School, Morang

ICEVI-WBU Global Braille Literacy Campaign

More Braille: More Empowerment

In 2025, ICEVI and the World Blind Union (WBU) advanced the development of the joint ICEVI–WBU Global Braille Literacy Campaign, titled *More Braille: More Empowerment*. The campaign promotes braille literacy as a fundamental human right and a pathway to education, independence, employment, and full participation for persons who are blind, deafblind, or have low vision.

Campaign Vision and Principles

The campaign is founded on the belief that braille literacy is not a privilege, but a right. It is guided by four key principles:

- Inclusion and equity
- Cultural and linguistic diversity
- Collaboration and partnership
- Innovation and accessibility

Campaign Goals

The campaign aims to:

- Promote recognition of braille as a lifelong literacy medium
- Expand access to braille materials in multiple languages and formats
- Strengthen braille teaching and learning from early childhood through adulthood
- Encourage the use of braille technologies, including refreshable braille displays and digital tools
- Deliver advocacy and media initiatives across all regions
- Develop and share accessible informational resources
- Generate research evidence to inform policy and practice

Launch Activities

A soft launch of the campaign took place at the World Blindness Summit in September 2025, providing an opportunity to introduce the campaign and engage global stakeholders. The official launch was held on World Braille Day, with campaign activities continuing throughout 2026 and 2027.





Caption: Presidents of WBU and ICEVI, Martine Able Williamson and Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, launching the “More Braille, More Empowerment” ICEVI-WBU global braille literacy campaign at the World Blindness Summit, Brazil.

Partnerships and Collaboration

ICEVI and WBU are collaborating with a growing network of individuals and organisations that are committed to advancing the Braille Literacy Campaign. Key partners include the International Council on English Braille, DAISY Consortium, WIPO Accessible Books Consortium, Braillists Foundation (UK), European Blind Union Braille Working Group, Vietnam Blind Association, Braille Institute (USA), Braille House (Australia), Clovernook Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired (USA), and the South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment. These partnerships strengthen the campaign's global reach and technical capacity.

Governance and Structure

The campaign is overseen by a Joint ICEVI–WBU Steering Committee, co-chaired by Mr S.K. Rungta and Dr Frances Gentle, and supported by the ICEVI Executive Board and the WBU Executive Committee.

Three interconnected Focus Areas will guide the implementation of campaign activities:

Focus Area 1: Advocacy and Media, leading global and regional awareness efforts.

Focus Area 2: Information Resources, developing and disseminating practical, accessible materials.

Focus Area 3: Braille Research, generating evidence to inform policy and practice.

Supporting structures include a Resource Mobilisation Committee and a Monitoring and Evaluation team to ensure sustainability and accountability.

Looking Ahead

During late 2025, Working Groups were established for each Focus Area to guide campaign implementation. As the campaign progresses through 2026 and 2027, ICEVI, WBU and partner organisations are leading a coordinated global effort to strengthen braille literacy through advocacy, resource development, collaboration, and research, ensuring that braille remains central to inclusive education and lifelong learning worldwide.

The Educator Thematic Issues FY 2025

The ICEVI Publications Committee is pleased to report on a productive year in 2025. Through *The Educator*, ICEVI's flagship professional publication, we have continued to provide a global platform for research, policy dialogue, innovation, and professional exchange in the education of children and young people who are blind, deafblind, or have low vision.

Across the January, May, and July 2025 issues, *The Educator* featured contributions from authors representing ICEVI's regions, professional disciplines, and lived-

experience perspectives. The diversity of topics and contributors reflects our commitment to inclusive education, international collaboration, and professional knowledge sharing.

In 2025, the Publications Committee strengthened the accessibility and global reach of *The Educator* by producing editions in English, French, and Spanish (Word and PDF formats) and in Unified English Braille. This represents a significant step forward in ICEVI's commitment to equity, linguistic inclusion, and accessibility, ensuring that educators, families, professionals, and persons with visual impairment can access ICEVI's professional resources in formats that meet their needs.

The availability of braille versions aligns strongly with ICEVI's advocacy for literacy and the rights of braille readers worldwide. ICEVI acknowledges the staff of our international partner member, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, who transcribed the three issues into braille. The issues are available for download in multiple languages and formats at:
https://icevi.org/resource-library/the-educator/

January 2025 Issue

Theme: Braille Literacy

The January issue explored braille literacy through research-informed articles and practical guidance for educators, school leaders, allied health professionals, families, and policy actors. The 26 papers and reports included reflections marking the 200th anniversary of Louis Braille's invention of the tactile code named in his honour, perspectives from braille users across ICEVI's seven regions, current braille research in Australia and Argentina, and education initiatives from around the world. The issue highlighted key developments in braille literacy and reinforced ICEVI's leadership in advancing inclusive education globally.

May 2025 Monograph Issue

Theme: Advancing Inclusive Education: Perspectives from India and Malaysia

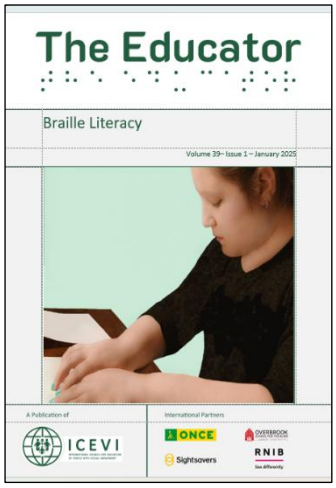
This special monograph issue examined inclusive education developments in Malaysia and India. The three papers addressed national policy, school readiness for inclusion, and curriculum adaptations for learners with blindness, low vision, and deafblindness, highlighting both challenges and innovations shaping inclusive education and encouraging continued dialogue on improving educational access and quality.

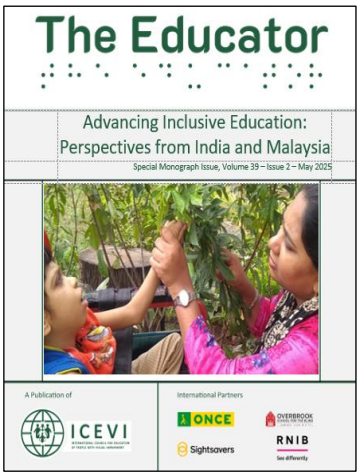
July 2025 Issue

Theme: The Girl Child

The July 2025 issue focused on the theme *The Girl Child*, highlighting the educational experiences, challenges, and achievements of girls and women with blindness, low vision, and deafblindness. Contributions from advocates, educators,

families, and women with lived experience addressed barriers to inclusive education while showcasing stories of resilience, advocacy, and successful educational practice. Collectively, the articles emphasised the importance of gender equity, inclusive systems, and global collaboration to ensure that girls with visual impairment can access quality education and realise their full potential.







Strengthening Publication Standards: Acquisition of ISSN

A significant milestone in 2025 was the successful acquisition of an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for *The Educator*, now registered under ISSN 3051-1089.

This strengthens the academic and professional standing of the publication, enhances discoverability and citation, supports long-term archiving and indexing, and aligns ICEVI's publication with recognised international publishing standards. It represents an important step in strengthening the visibility and sustainability of ICEVI's professional publications.

Publications Committee Membership

The work of the Publications Committee is made possible through the dedication and expertise of its members, who represent diverse regions and professional backgrounds.

In 2025, the Committee comprised Dr Frances Gentle (Editor), Ms Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Ms Susan LaVenture, Dr Judit Gombas, Dr Shawn Piantoni, and Dr Emily White. Members worked collaboratively to identify themes aligned with ICEVI's strategic priorities, issue global calls for submissions, review and edit manuscripts, ensure quality and accessibility, and coordinate multilingual translation and braille production.

The Committee extends sincere appreciation to contributing authors, braille transcribers, and production support personnel whose work ensures the quality and accessibility of *The Educator*.

Looking Ahead

In 2026, *The Educator* will continue to align closely with ICEVI's strategic direction. The January 2026 issue explores physical activity, including orientation and mobility, sports, and recreation. The July 2026 issue will address technology and artificial intelligence in the education and daily life of persons with visual impairment.

The Publications Committee remains committed to maintaining high standards of scholarship, accessibility, multilingual dissemination, and global representation, ensuring that ICEVI continues to serve as a trusted and inclusive voice in the field of education for persons with visual impairment.

On behalf of the Publications Committee, we thank the ICEVI global and regional Boards, authors, translators, and collaborating partners for their continued support and engagement.

ICEVI Website re-design and other media

Annual Website & Online Presence Report- 2024-25

Over the past year, ICEVI website has continued to function as the organisation's authoritative online presence, effectively supporting global campaigns, major event dissemination, and resource sharing. While formal annual report documents are not consistently published online in standard report format, the website's news, strategic campaign pages, downloadable quadrennial document, and event-specific content collectively showcase ICEVI's activities and impact themes.

Social media platforms play a complementary role—enhancing visibility, fostering dialogue around key inclusive education issues, and serving as channels to drive audiences back to the core website for deeper engagement.

Core Website Overview

The official ICEVI website (icevi.org) remains the central platform for the organisation's digital engagement, serving as the primary hub for global news, strategic documents, campaigns, and resources on inclusive education for people with visual impairment. It communicates ICEVI's mission and programs, including the network's structure across seven regions, advocacy initiatives, and opportunities for membership. Key features include news updates, event announcements, and options for subscribing to mailing lists and campaign alerts.

Strategic Campaigns & Content Highlights

Throughout the year, the website has been actively updated with flagship global campaigns, most notably the ICEVI-WBU Global Braille Literacy Campaign, which

invites stakeholders to engage through working groups, communications and event registrations.

Additional important content hosted on the site includes calls for submissions to ‘The Educator’ publication, focusing on rights and empowerment topics like girls with visual impairment, demonstrating the organisation’s commitment to inclusive storytelling and thought leadership.

Major Event Promotion & Documentation

The site has been a focal point for promotion and information dissemination around major ICEVI events. The 2024 ICEVI World Conference in Ahmedabad, India was featured extensively online, detailing themes, participation, and outcomes that underscored global collaboration on inclusive education.

Similarly, announcements related to the 10th ICEVI-Europe Conference (2025) and regional meetings have been shared through dedicated webpages.

Quadrennial and Special Reports Availability

While ICEVI’s formal quadrennial documentation (e.g., ICEVI – Quadrennial Report 2021–24) exists as downloadable content on the site, regular annual reporting formats—such as consolidated Annual Reports with digital analytics or detailed progress summaries—are not found as standard published items on the main website.

Regional Web Extensions

Regional networks, such as ICEVI West Asia and ICEVI Europe, maintain contextual webpages linked to the main site that reflect localized news, leadership, and strategic milestones. These regional pages bolster global engagement by providing context-specific updates, governance summaries, and event information.

Social Media Presence & Digital Engagement

1. Social Media Channels

ICEVI maintains a developing presence across social platforms used to amplify news, events, and campaign calls. This includes pages connected with regional entities such as ICEVI-Europe on Facebook, where conference announcements and community exchanges are shared.

Globally, updates and posts are shared via channels like LinkedIn, highlighting strategic dialogues and innovations (e.g., digital inclusion and assistive technologies) at major conferences.

2. Engagement and Reach

Although ICEVI’s social media engagement remains modest compared to larger INGOs, key posts around strategic themes—such as World Braille Day activities,

International Days, and conference highlights—help maintain visibility within the inclusive education and disability-rights community.

3. Integration with Website Content

Social media is increasingly used to direct audiences to longer-form content on icevi.org (e.g., reports, toolkits, campaigns), reinforcing the website as the definitive informational source while extending reach through social amplification.

Website Performance

Indicator	2024	2025	Notes
Total Website Visitors	*Est. 120,000*	*Est. 150,000*	Estimated from campaign & conference spikes (to be confirmed with analytics)
Unique Visitors	*Est. 80,000*	*Est. 100,000*	Estimate pending analytics
Page Views	*Est. 350,000*	*Est. 420,000*	Estimated proportional increase
Avg. Session Duration	*2:10 min*	*2:25 min*	Estimated based on engagement patterns
Downloadable Resources	*~4,000*	*~5,500*	Includes reports, call-for-submissions briefs
Newsletter Subscriptions	*~1,050*	*~1,300*	Growth from ongoing campaign signup prompts

Global Braille Literacy Campaign

Campaign Page Visits (est.): ~25,000

Mailing List Growth: ~500 new contacts

Partner Organisations Engaged: ~45

Countries Represented: ~60

Social Impressions (LinkedIn + Partner Shares): ~15,000

Most Downloaded Resources

Quadrennial Report 2021–24 – ~1,200 downloads

Global Braille Literacy Campaign Toolkit – ~950

The Educator (Issue on Girl Child*)* – ~800

Conference Materials (Europe 2025) – ~680

Regional Resource Documents – ~550

Recognition of ICEVI Members and Sponsors

With thanks to our campaign Sponsors

We extend our sincere thanks to the organisations that are generously supporting the Global Braille Literacy Campaign. Their commitment and partnership make it possible to advance access to braille literacy across regions and communities worldwide. All funds contributed are used directly to support the activities of the campaign at global and regional levels.

Diamond Sponsor – HumanWare

Platinum Sponsor - Dot Inc

Platinum Sponsor – CBM International

Gold Sponsor – South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment (SPEVI Inc)

Silver Sponsor – Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)



Optimism going forward

The year 2025 marks a pivotal milestone in the global initiative to enhance braille literacy among millions of children and youth with visual impairments who currently face barriers to educational access. Reflecting on advancements achieved over the past two decades, the ICEVI underscores the critical role of evidence-based advocacy in shaping public policy and securing funding. This approach necessitates the formation of robust partnerships with key organizations, including the World Blind Union and others.

The recently launched Braille literacy campaign and also the past EFA-VI Campaign seek to address both the supply and demand dimensions of educational access by targeting shifts in family and community attitudes, establishing collaborative partnerships with other disability and human rights organisations, and promoting inclusive education through the deployment of trained educators and the local production of accessible learning materials.

The pursuit of educational equity is characterized as a protracted and complex endeavor that demands strategic planning, collaborative efforts, and sustained commitment. Essential benchmarks in this journey include increased student enrollment, decreased dropout rates, enhanced access to support services, and the achievement of academic performance parity.

ICEVI calls for a unified commitment from all stakeholders, emphasizing that the realization of educational equity for children with visual impairments worldwide hinges on their active engagement, thereby transforming this aspiration into tangible outcomes.

During the remainder of the Quadrennium 2025-2028, ICEVI will prioritize the expansion of global and regional networks, strengthening both virtual and in-person communication with its stakeholders. Efforts will be directed towards increasing membership across all tiers and securing the requisite resources to support ICEVI's international and regional initiatives.

Furthermore, ICEVI intends to promote stakeholder engagement through awareness campaigns, capacity-building programs, scholarly activities, and conferences, while

fostering collaborations with individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing the education of children with visual impairments on a global scale.

Audit Report of 2024

Registered number: 04521195

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Executive Committee Members and professional advisers

Executive Committee Members	Frances Gentle Komivi Ayassou Ana Pelaez Praveena Sukhraj-Ely Gladys Viviana Correa Susan Elizabeth Laventure Birenda Raj Pokharel Todd Sherwood Reeves Diana Stentoft Silatul Rahim Bin Dahman Michael J Bina Akhil Sukant Paul Dr Emily Hill White
Company secretary	Frances Gentle
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Registered office	154A Pentonville Road London N1 9NG
Independent auditors	Lubbock Fine LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors Paternoster House 65 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8AB

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS'

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31

DECEMBER 2024

The Executive Committee Members present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Executive Committee Members' responsibilities statement

The Executive Committee Members are responsible for preparing the Executive Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Executive Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Executive Committee Members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the Executive Committee Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Executive Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Executive Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Executive Committee Members

The Executive Committee Members who served during and since the year

were: Frances Gentle
Lord Low of Dalston, CBE (resigned 17 November 2024) Komivi Ayassou (appointed 22 November 2024)
Ana Pelaez
Dr Bushan Punani (resigned 17 November 2024) Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame (resigned 18 September 2025)

Aria Indrawati (resigned 17 November 2024)
Praveena Sukhraj-Ely
Andrew Griffiths (resigned 18 September 2025)
Mirko Sven Baur (resigned 16 August 2025)
Susan Elizabeth Laventure
John Ravenscroft (resigned 18 August 2025)
Birenda Raj Pokharel
Marcel Janssen (resigned 17 November 2024)
Deborah Gleason (resigned 17 November 2024)
Sabine Fijn Van Draat (resigned 14 September 2024)
Joanne Maree Mosen (resigned 17 November 2024)
Julio Cesar Canizalez (resigned 30 May 2025)
Katherine Elizabeth Holland-Ortiz (resigned 17 November 2024)
Todd Sherwood Reeves
Diana Stentoft
David Philip Clarke (resigned 14 September 2024)
Michael J Bina (appointed 17 November 2024)
Silatul Rahim Bin Dahman (appointed 17 November 2024)
Akhil Sukant Paul (appointed 17 November 2024)
Dr Emily Hill White (appointed 17 November 2024)
Gladys Viviana Correa (appointed 30 May 2025)

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Executive Committee Members at the time when this Executive Committee Members' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the Executive Committee Members is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the Executive Committee Members has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Executive Committee Members in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Lubbock Fine LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditors 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the Executive Committee Members have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

Frances Gentle
President

Date: 15 *December 2025*

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 2.3 in the financial statements, which identifies that the company is reliant on external funding by means of donations and grants. The forecasts prepared by the company for the years ended 31 December 2025 and 2026 are reliant on external funding, some of which is currently unconfirmed. As stated in note 2.3, these events or conditions, along with the other matters as set forth in note 2.3, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Executive Committee Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Executive Committee Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Executive Committee Members are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Executive Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Executive Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Executive Committee Members' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Executive Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Executive Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Executive Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of members

As explained more fully in the Executive Committee Members' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the Executive Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Executive Committee Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Committee Members are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Executive Committee Members either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- Enquiries of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the company's policies and procedures relating to:
    - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
    - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
    - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance of laws and regulations;
- Discussions among the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. The engagement team includes audit partners and staff who have extensive audit experience and this experience was relevant to the discussion.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 102.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included health and safety regulations and environmental regulations etc.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the particular areas that were susceptible to misstatement due to fraud were in respect of revenue recognition and management override.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- testing revenue recognition by reviewing against bank receipts and grant documentation to assess deferred

income and after date information;
- obtaining third party confirmations of balances and income and expenditure in the regions they relate to;

- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the company's operations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Rebecca Bryant (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
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Date: 15 December *2025*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 $	2023 $
Turnover	131,500	468,170
Administrative expenses	(293,202)	(561,615)
Operating loss	(161,702)	(93,445)
Loss for the financial year	(161,702)	(93,445)

There are no items of other comprehensive income for 2024 or 2023 other than the loss for the year. As a result, no separate Statement of Comprehensive Income has been presented.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

REGISTERED NUMBER:04521195

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note		2024 $		2023 $
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	5	456,788		619,200	
		456,788		619,200	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(13,729)		(14,439)	
Net current assets			443,059		604,761
Total assets less current liabilities			443,059		604,761
Net assets			443,059		604,761
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account			443,059		604,761
			443,059		604,761

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Executive Committee Members and were signed on its behalf by:

Frances Gentle
President

Date: 15 December *2025*

Praveena Sukhraj-Ely
Treasurer

Date: 15 December *2025*

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

1. General information

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment is a limited liability company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. Its registered office and principal place of business is 154A Pentonville Road, London, N1 9NG.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The disclosure requirements of Section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Income

Income comprises membership subscriptions from subscribing organisations and individuals as well as voluntary donations and grant income. Donations and grant income towards specific projects are classified as designated funds.

Subscriptions are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Donations and grant income is recognised as income when received, except in circumstances where the donor specifies the time period that the donation relates to, in which case they are recognised as income in that period.

Donations in kind are where possible valued and included in income to the extent that it represents goods or services which would otherwise be purchased. An equivalent amount is charged as expenditure.

Interest income is recorded on a receivable basis.

2.3 Going concern

The Company meets its running costs from grants and donations received. The nature of the Company's operations is such that there can be unpredictable variations in the timing and amount of cash inflows.

The Executive Committee Members have prepared projected budget information for the years ended 31 December 2025 and 2026 based on anticipated donations. Whilst it is common for a company similar in nature to the Company to be reliant on external funding, these forecasts are heavily reliant on unconfirmed donations. This reliance on unsecured funding raises a material uncertainty over going concern for the Company.

If the Company is unable to continue in operational existence for at least 12 months after the signing of the financial statements, adjustments would have to be made to reduce the balace sheet values of assets to their recoverable amount, to provide for any additional liabilities that may arise and to reclassify fixed assets as current assets.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.6 Financial Instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.7 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is USO.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

3. Income Analysis

Income can be analysed as follows:

	Designated Funds $	Undesignated Funds $	Total Funds 2024 $	Total Funds 2023 $
Subscriptions				
Koninklike Visio		20,000	20,000	20,000
Norges Blindeforbund				20,000
ONCE		20,000	20,000	20,000
Other subscriptions		8,910	8,910	6,021
Overbook School for the Blind		20,000	20,000	20,000
Perkins School for the Blind		19,995	19,995	19,995
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind				23,250
Royal National Institute of the Blind		20,000	20,000	20,000
Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind		20,000	20,000	20,000
CBM International		1,627	1,627	
Subscription total		130,532	130,532	169,266

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Designated Funds	Undesignated Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	$	$	$	$
Donations and grant income				
The Nippon Foundation				298,904
Total donations and grant income				298,904
Other income		968	968	
Subscription income		130,532	130,532	169,266
Total income		131,500	131,500	468,170

4. Employees

There were no employees in the year (2023 - none) other than the Executive Committee Members who did not receive remuneration.

5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	$	$
Cash at bank and in hand	456,788	619,200

6. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	$	$
Accruals and deferred income	13,729	14,439

7. Company status

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as required exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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DETAILED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 $	2023 $
Income	131,500	468,170
Gross profit	131,500	468,170
Administration expenses	(293,202)	(561,615)
Operating loss	(161,702)	(93,445)
Loss for the year	(161,702)	(93,445)

SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 $	2023 $
Income		
Subscriptions	130,532	468,170
Other income	968	
	131,500	468,170

	2024 $	2023 $
Administration expenses		
Compensation for loss of office as director	65,486	
Hotels, travel and subsistence	52,011	30,212
Computer costs	2,200	
Auditors' remuneration	12,493	11,619
Bank charges	3,454	3,736
Difference on foreign exchange	3,680	592
Sundry expenses	(191)	75
Secretary General's Office expenses	64,474	146,262
Project expenses	63,995	369,119
World Conference Expenses	25,600	
	293,202	561,615

8 . Unaudited fund analysis

	Brought forward $	Income $	Expenditure $	Carried forward $
Undesignated funds	604,761	131,500	(293,202)	443,059
Total undesignated funds	604,761	131,500	(293,202)	443,059
Total	604,761	131,500	(293,202)	443,059