

# CEREBRAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT Course 2024

## OUR SPEAKER

## PROFESSOR JOHN RAVENSCROFT



**Professor John Ravenscroft, PhD** (Chair of Childhood Visual Impairment) is a Psychologist, Educationalist, and uses philosophy into his work. Prof Ravenscroft is Director of the Scottish Sensory Centre, which provides career Long Professional Development for Teachers of Children with Sensory Impairment. He is based at the Moray House School of Education and Sport, University of Edinburgh and he is also the current Editor in Chief of the British Journal of Visual Impairment. He is the President of the International Council for Educators of Children with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) Europe)

He is known for his work on cerebral visual impairment and his "Conversations about CVI" have been views thousands of times on YouTube. Professor Ravenscroft is the course leader at the University of Edinburgh's Cerebral Visual Impairment course for teachers of children with visual impairment. He is currently working on various research projects on cerebral visual impairment, with colleagues from Harvard Medical School, Great Ormand Street Hospital, CVI Scotland, and others.



**6 - 8 August &  
12 - 14 August 2024**  
**9.30am - 4.30pm**

(Full 6 days attendance is required for the attainment of certificate)



**Park Avenue Rochester Singapore Hotel**

(Free flow of coffee / tea throughout the meeting; two coffee breaks with 3 Halal snacks; and one Halal buffet lunch)



**Standard : S\$1,500 (40 places)**  
**Early Bird : S\$1,350 (10 places)**

(early bird registration  
closes on 3 March 2024)

**EARLY BIRD  
OFFER  
S\$1,350/PAX**

Limited to the first 10  
individual sign-ups only;  
institutional sign-ups  
are not eligible.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will cover the topic of cerebral visual impairment (CVI) in children, focusing on the different factors that may lead to CVI. It will examine the difference between CVI and visual impairment due to damage to the ocular structure of the eye.

This course will examine the intricate relationship between visual impairment and cerebral visual impairment (CVI) and delve into the visual challenges that children with CVI face. Additionally, it will explore the co-occurring disabilities that many children with CVI experience.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

**Upon completing the course, you will be able to:**

- 01 Acquire knowledge and critical awareness** of CVI and associated disabilities.
- 02 Demonstrate an awareness** of current international non-medical assessment processes for children with CVI.
- 03 Evaluate current recommendations** for implementing practice for children with CVI.
- 04 Develop practical skills** and learning/pedagogical methods for children with CVI.
- 05 Communicate effectively** with a range of audiences with different levels of knowledge and expertise.

## OUR SPEAKER

# ELIZABETH MCCANN



**Elizabeth McCann** is a Qualified Teacher of Visual Impairment (QTVI) with over 20 years of experience supporting children and young people from birth to 19 years of age, in a variety of settings including mainstream and special schools. Elizabeth has worked as a QTVI in several local authorities in Scotland and also for a period of time in Canada. Elizabeth currently works as a Teaching Fellow in Visual Impairment at the University of Edinburgh, delivering the specialist courses for teachers undertaking the Mandatory Qualification in visual impairment, she also holds the post of VI Professional Learning Coordinator at the Scottish Sensory Centre (SSC); organising and delivering training for a wide range of staff who support children and young people with visual impairment. Through the SSC, Elizabeth provides consultancy services for Local Authorities, particularly in the areas of teaching braille and technology. She works closely with the Scottish Qualifications Authority, the national accreditation and awarding body for Scotland, to ensure that exams are accessible for candidates with visual impairment. She is chair of the Education and Training group of VINCYP, the managed clinic network for children and young people with visual impairment.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### DAY 1

#### 6 AUGUST 2024, TUESDAY

- Introduction to the Course
- Overview of Tasks
- Introduction to ocular and cerebral visual impairment

### DAY 2

#### 7 AUGUST 2024, WEDNESDAY

- Visual Fields, Perception and Epidemiology
- Understanding Prematurity
- Implications for Practice

### DAY 3

#### 8 AUGUST 2024, THURSDAY

- Assessment and Practice: What tools, what questionnaire, and how to use in practice

### DAY 4

#### 12 AUGUST 2024, MONDAY

- Assessment and Interventions of Children and Young People with CVI

### DAY 5

#### 13 AUGUST 2024, TUESDAY

- Supporting Children and Young People with CVI - Putting into Practice (Part 1)

### DAY 6

#### 14 AUGUST 2024, WEDNESDAY

- Supporting Children and Young People with CVI - Putting into Practice (Part 2)

### Attending this course will also allow participants to:

- a. Meet other educators who are also interested in supporting children with CVI
- b. Understand the unique needs of children with CVI in Singapore
- c. Establish a network of CVI professionals in Singapore for mutual learning and support
- d. Share their learning and experience with colleagues in the same organisation to extend learning to everyone



**REGISTER NOW**

### Please click here to complete the registration form.

- Once submitted, we will follow up with payment instructions via the email address you provided during registration
- Places will be guaranteed upon full payment of course fees

For any further enquires, you can email us at [events@ic2.com.sg](mailto:events@ic2.com.sg).

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