

Visionaries Choir — Make a Note!



Back row, left to right: Frank Kelly (Director), Joe O’Callaghan, Rahim Nazarali, Tony White, Paul O’Rahilly, John Delany, Conor Maguire. Front, left to right: Laura Tansey, Sheila Walsh, Joan Kearns, Joanne Grogan, Mary Keena, Sophia Brennan, Rebecca Kelly (Assistant Director).

Visionaries Choir is a choir for people from 16 years of age upwards, who are blind or visually impaired. The group meet on Saturday mornings in the Fighting Blindness premises on the third floor of No. 7 Ely Place, Dublin, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. And Frank Kelly says that they are always looking for new members to come and join them.

The choir is led by Frank who has over 30 years’ experience with directing and organising choirs. Frank is vision-impaired himself and has structured rehearsals specifically to address the needs of people with sight-loss. All the learning is done by memory and Frank sends out audio files so that choir

members can listen to and practise their parts at home during the week. At present the choir has 16 members and are really looking to grow their numbers. Frank told NCBI News that he has great hopes for the choir and what it can do for blind and vision impaired people.

“This is a choir that will bring people who are blind or vision impaired together in a social and creative way. Singing is scientifically proven to be good for your physical and mental health.” says Frank.

If you would like to join the choir or would like more information you can call Frank Kelly on **086 401 3711** or email at fxjkelly@gmail.com . n