



2026 Sight Loss Council Conference – Keynote Speakers

Dr Amit Patel, Opening Keynote Speaker on Saturday

Dr Amit Patel is a best-selling author, broadcaster and award-winning DEI consultant and disability rights campaigner.

His creative leadership spans media, advocacy, inclusive design and healthcare. Before losing his sight in 2013 to keratoconus, he worked as a trauma doctor, specialising in emergency medicine and major incidents. That experience continues to shape how he approaches equity, access and the public's understanding of these topics, especially in high-pressure environments where inclusion can't be an afterthought.

His lived experience of sight loss, alongside his first guide dog Kika (now retired), inspired his memoir 'Kika & Me', blending personal reflection with a powerful call for representation.

Follow him

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)

Toby Addison/Blind Tobes, Closing Keynote speaker on Sunday

Driven by a desire to educate and empower, Toby is a creator that uses his platform to find humour in and shed light on daily life with no vision. Toby's engaged community boasts an impressive 11% engagement rate,

far surpassing the industry standard. As a skilled footballer for West Brom and the England squad, Toby has a passion for fitness and popularising blind football. His triumph on BBC 1's The Wheel catapulted his social media presence, amplifying his advocacy. Toby has also showcased his presenting skills during BBC South's coverage of the Paralympics and has conducted workshops with businesses to increase inclusivity, working with companies such as TikTok, Essence Media, and GSK. A sought-after guest on podcasts like Jack Maate's Happy Hour and TV shows like Steph's Packed Lunch and BBC's Last Pundit Standing, Toby continues to share his compelling narrative.

Follow him

[TikTok](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Instagram](#)

Document ends.