

Information for Vision Chairperson

Vision Chairpersons serve at the district and multiple district levels, and are appointed by the district governor or council chairperson, respectively. Vision Chairpersons support Lions and Leos engaged or interested in eye health and blindness prevention projects. They may collaborate with leadership throughout the organization, including the Global Service Team (GST) members.

Learn

Become the topic expert for your district/multiple district by learning about eye health and common causes of preventable blindness.

- Explore information [listed](#) on our website.
- Explore Lion Portal, LCI/LCIF's social media sites, and the annual [Leo Video Contest](#) to learn more about how Lions and Leos are addressing eye health and vision loss in their communities.

Discover

Bring your knowledge to the local level by exploring how vision loss and eye health are directly impacting your district/multiple district.

- Conduct a [Community Needs Assessment](#) with a special focus on vision or blindness.
- Contact your local department of public health, or similar organization, to learn which populations are at greatest risk of vision loss and what services are needed for those who are blind or have low vision.
- Identify organizations, including Lions and Leos Clubs in your district/multiple district, which are already mobilized and assess where there are gaps in the services provided.

Plan

Based upon what you have learned and discovered, submit a plan of action including recommended service goals for vision to the district governor/council chairperson for approval. In this process, you may wish to:

- Meet with organizations already working on vision to discuss how you might support, expand upon, or compliment their ongoing work.

- Discuss your district goals and service plan with the GST Coordinator and other leaders, including other programmatic chairpersons, for their feedback. It is possible they are already implementing a project that would benefit from inclusion of a vision-related service element.

Act

Inspiring Lion and Leo clubs in your district/multiple district to serve and report their service in Lion Portal will be critical to the success of your plan.

- Guide clubs in your district/multiple district through the “Learn, Discover, Act” journey as it pertains to healthy vision and blindness prevention.
- Build awareness of the need, the goals and the service plan by offering a vision-focused seminar and/or a hands-on service activity during a district/multiple district convention.
- Promote funding opportunities offered through LCIF that might support club/district vision projects.
- Formalize partnerships with other organizations to enhance local impact.
- Organize a district/multiple district donation to LCIF for vision to increase global impact.
- Establish and maintain open communication with the district governor, council chairperson and Global Service Team (GST) leaders.

Celebrate

- Encourage clubs to thoroughly report their vision projects using [Lion Portal](#).
- Keep the district governor/council chairperson and GST Coordinator informed. Discuss and evaluate progress of the action plan and goals.
- [Share news](#) about vision projects with the Public Relations Chairperson.
- Celebrate progress and success by recognizing all participating clubs.