

Lucy Edwards Visual Impairment



Journalist and YouTuber Lucy Edwards was only 17 when she lost her eye sight due to rare genetic condition. Yet she never allowed herself to lose sight of her vision for a secure and happy future. With the rest of her senses compensating for the loss of her sight, Lucy begins each day with hope and positivity, aided by her guiding angel - her helpdog Ogla – who has been by her

side ever since Lucy lost her vision!

Today Lucy is not only a successful disabled broadcast journalist with BBC, but her vlogs on **lifestyle, beauty and fashion** have more than 35000 followers. Also, an avid You-tuber, Lucy's documentaries on the lives and challenges of persons with disability have sensitized scores of people about the issues faced by them.

It was however, not so easy in the beginning. The initial shock of losing her vision threatened to engulf Lucy into downward spiral of despair. However, she decided to hang on to whatever opportunities that came her way to not only take ownership of her disability, but also to make a successful life out of it.

Eager to share an insight into a blind person's perspectives, Lucy took to **Vlogging. A makeup enthusiast since childhood, Lucy stuck on to her passion even after losing her sight. Her sister was her mentor as Lucy would spend hours honing her skills without being able to see her reflection in the mirror. Gradually with** hours of practice, Lucy found her confidence.

Learning the technicalities of the social medium was not an easy task for Lucy. However, her indomitable will-power and her organized frame of mind helped her overpower all the obstacles in the way. Lucy today produces her videos like a professional - with minimal or no help at all. She not only edits her own videos but also broadcasts them herself too.