



**Irish Guide Dogs**  
for the blind



## **Assistance Dog Programme for Children with Autism Applications opening**

**9 am to 9 pm on Monday, 23rd March 2026.**

Irish Guide Dogs are particularly proud to open the list this year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Since launching Europe's first dedicated Assistance Dog Programme for children with autism in 2005, we have set the benchmark for excellence in training standards, dog welfare, and ongoing family support. As a result of our proven impact and reputation, we are proud to be Ireland's largest and most successful Assistance Dog Programme for children with autism.

### **Applications**

Applications to the waiting list for our Assistance Dog Programme will open from **9 am to 9 pm on Monday, 23 March**. Applications will **only** be accepted via the form.

In advance, we would strongly advise you to read our Frequently Asked Questions and consider attending our online information sessions, details at:

<https://www.guidedogs.ie/what-we-do/assistance-dogs>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our **[ClientServicesTeam@GuideDogs.ie](mailto:ClientServicesTeam@GuideDogs.ie)** or call 0818 506 300.

