

7. FHA. VISIT BY JODI STRICK iSIGHTCORNWALL. PHOTO OF JODI. 21 MARCH 2024

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Last week at the Falmouth History Archive we were delighted to have a visit from Jodi Strick - who works in Marketing and Communications at **iSight**Cornwall - and who is researching the vital role played by the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society (RCPS) in the early days of the charity.



If only we were able to look back in time to 17th September 1856 at 2.30pm in the RCPS (The Poly) Library, we would see a meeting which would have far-reaching consequences ...

As a result of the meeting, Caroline Fox wrote to William Moon, a teacher, to share plans to improve the spiritual and daily lives of blind miners by teaching them to read.

William Moon, himself blind, had invented an embossed type to enable people with sight loss to learn to read. He welcomed their ideas and became involved in the work.

From this beginning, the association known today as the charity **iSight**Cornwall was launched, which has continued to support people with sight loss across the county ... for over 165 years!

<http://www.isightcornwall.org.uk>