What Do Our Young People Think of Meta Smart Glasses?

Imagine wearing a pair of glasses that can help read text, answer questions, take photos and even describe what is around you.

Angel Eyes NI have been given a pair of Ray Ban Meta Smart Glasses for our young people to try out and some of our young people so far have shared their thoughts.

What did they use them for?

Our young people used the glasses to:

- Read menus and food labels
- Identify colours and pictures on clothing
- Take photos and videos
- Listen to music
- Get information using AI
- Use Be My Eyes for extra support

What did they like?

There were lots of things our young people enjoyed about the glasses.

- Reading text was one of the most useful features.
- Helped them feel more independent when out and about.
- Being able to take photos and videos hands-free.
- The AI and Bluetooth features
- Reading menus in restaurants

What could be better?

Some young people found that:

- The AI didn't always understand what they were asking.
- Sometimes they had to repeat a question more than once.
- The connection could occasionally stop working.
- Reading long pieces of text could be difficult.

Several young people said they would like future versions to be more accurate and reliable.

Would they recommend them?

Most of the young people who tried the glasses said they would recommend them to other blind and visually impaired young people.

However, they also felt that the glasses won't be useful for everyone. Some people may find them really helpful, while others may already have strategies that work well for them.

Our Verdict

Meta Smart Glasses have some exciting features and lots of potential for blind and visually impaired young people.

They can help with things like reading information, taking photos and getting extra support when out and about. However, our young people also found that the technology still has room to improve.

The most important thing is finding out whether the glasses would be useful for **you** and the things you want help with.

"I'd say it has a lot of potential for people with visual impairments but at the moment it's not developed enough." - Luca

A huge thank you to all the young people who shared their experiences with us. If you would like to test out the Meta Glasses for 1 month please get in touch with Rebecca on rebecca.sowney@angeleyesni.org