



### Medical sector event

On Saturday 4 March 2017 (from 1.30pm – 4pm) Orbis will host a reception for 60 individuals with a medical background. There will be a chance for all guests to join a fully guided tour of the aircraft and hear from the medical team involved in the operation of this one of a kind hospital. You will also hear from Irish members of the Orbis Volunteer Faculty, including ophthalmologist Donal Brosnahan. You will also have the opportunity to view our exhibition on Orbis through the years.

### European tour

The world's only Flying Eye Hospital is the result of a unique and lasting alliance forged between the medical and aviation industries. Orbis' specially designed and converted MD-10 aircraft makes it possible for Orbis to bring ophthalmic training to communities throughout the world.

The Flying Eye Hospital last visited Ireland in May 2007. Ten years on, and with a newly modified aircraft, Orbis will be showcasing the Flying Eye Hospital to our Irish supporters at Dublin Airport in March 2017. The purpose of the visit is to thank individuals and organisations who have contributed to our work over the years and create opportunities to raise vital awareness and funds for Orbis' sight-saving work in the future.



### Opportunities to tour the aircraft

Orbis are holding a series of events during a four day programme and plan to welcome over 500 individuals on board the amazing aircraft to learn more about it and the sight-saving work it enables. The aircraft will be hosted by Cityjet Hangar at Dublin Airport which is [located](#) 5 minutes' drive from the main terminal.

### About Orbis

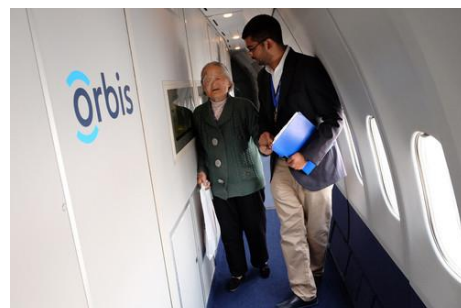
When Orbis started in 1982, the founders believed that the most effective way to help fight blindness in developing countries was through training local ophthalmologists. The cost and logistical requirements for those doctors to advance their training in the developed world was prohibitive, so the founders, who were pioneers in ophthalmology and aviation industries, decided to bring the school to the doctors. They built Orbis' first Flying Eye Hospital inside an old DC-8 aircraft, which took its first flight to Panama in 1982.



In 1994, Orbis launched their second generation Flying Eye Hospital on board a much larger DC-10 aircraft which delivered its first programme in China.

Now 34 years on from the first flight, this unique alliance medicine and aviation has come together once again to update the Flying Eye Hospital on our third generation aircraft.

Orbis brings the world's ophthalmic community together on the Flying Eye Hospital, through long term partnerships with hospitals and eye care institutions, and through the online learning platform, Cybersight. Through these variety of tools they train and share resources with the entire eye care team, from health workers in rural clinics to eye surgeons in urban centres, so they can work together to save and restore vision.



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