



Conferences and courses for Spring and Summer 2012

The Down's Syndrome Association welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with families, organisations such as parent support groups and local authorities to deliver conferences and bespoke training across the UK and abroad.

The conference programme from March to June includes training for support group Co Workers, families with young children and parents and professionals supporting children, young people and adults with Down's syndrome. The conference programme from September to December will be announced during the summer.

The Down's Syndrome Association also offers bespoke training for parents and professionals supporting children and adults. For further information visit the website: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk.

Co Worker Course – Swansea

- For groups working with local health or education authorities to provide speech and language sessions to groups of children with Down's syndrome

This course on three non-consecutive days equips Co Worker trainees with the knowledge and practical skills they need to facilitate speech and language sessions for groups of children with DS under the overall supervision of a qualified speech and language therapist. This course is run in partnership with Symbol UK.

Richard Ley Development Centre in Swansea, Weds 14 March, Weds 18 April and Weds 23 May
Cost: £250 per person

The Family Weekend – Dorset

- The Family Weekend is a weekend for families who have a young child with Down's syndrome less than 24 months of age. While the young children, their brothers and sisters can enjoy play sessions with experienced childcare workers, parents spend time engaged in learning about Down's syndrome, from hearing and vision issues to cognition and play, from social emotional development to communication. The weekend promises to be lively and interesting with time to meet other families.

For families who have a child with Down's syndrome from birth to 24 months.

Dorset, Friday evening 30 March, Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April

Cost: £100 per parent, £50 per child over 2 years, infants with Down's syndrome are free.



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Support and Practice in Early Years Education for Children with Down's syndrome - Teddington

- This training day for parents and early years practitioners provides information about the learning and language profiles with practical advice and everyday strategies for supporting learning in early years education settings and at home. Workshops include how to promote learning through play, learn language, reading and number skills, develop fine motor skills and support the development of age appropriate behaviour.

For parents and for professionals working in special and mainstream education settings.
Langdon Down Centre in Teddington, Thursday 24 May
Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents

Support and Practice in Primary Education for Children with Down's Syndrome – Sheffield and Teddington

- This conference delivers information about the learning and language profiles associated with having Down's syndrome and practical strategies to promote learning across the curriculum. The workshops include activities to teach reading, writing and number skills and guidance for supporting the development of age appropriate behaviour for children in mainstream and specialised primary schools. This day is ideal for parents who want to know more about the recommended methods for teaching children with Down's syndrome and what they can do to support their child's education.

For professionals working in special and mainstream education settings and for parents.
St Mary's Conference Centre in Sheffield, Wednesday 16 May
Langdon Down Centre in Teddington, Thursday 24 May
Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents

Support and Practice in Secondary Education for Children and Young people with Down's Syndrome – Sheffield

- Designed for education professionals working in mainstream and specialised secondary schools, this conference focuses on understanding the learning and language profiles associated with having Down's syndrome, teaching and learning across the curriculum and student participation in everyday school life. Parents and professionals will benefit from information about recommended teaching methods for literacy, language, numeracy, social development and behaviour as well as effective ways of working collaboratively to support the education of children and young people with Down's syndrome.

For professionals working in special and mainstream education settings and for parents.
St Mary's Conference Centre in Sheffield, Wednesday 16 May
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Communication, Language and Reading in Children with Down's Syndrome – Birmingham

- This training day will guide you through ways to teach reading and writing and support children's communication and language development. Workshops include how to teach children to read whole words, learn about letters and sounds, develop phonic skills and how to help children read with understanding.

For parents of children with Down's syndrome aged 2-11 years and for special and mainstream educational professionals involved in supporting the development of reading and communication.
Venue TBC in Birmingham, Wednesday 21 March
Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents

Supporting Social Development and Behaviour in Children and Young People with Down's Syndrome – Teddington

- This training day will look at social development and behaviour in more detail than our education conferences normally allow. We will start by considering the social and emotional development and needs of children and young people, then look at how to change unwanted behaviours, how to encourage positive behaviours and how to promote the development of self help skills, independence and self esteem.

For parents of children with Down's syndrome aged 3-16 years and for all education, health and social care professionals who work with children with Down's syndrome in this age group.
Langdon Down Centre in Teddington, Wednesday 14 March
Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents

Using Numicon to Support Understanding and Use of Number for Children with Down's Syndrome – Teddington

- This specialist training day will guide you through the challenges faced by children with Down's syndrome associated with developing numeracy and mathematics skills. Using Numicon's Firm Foundations Kit this practical day will teach you how to establish basic number understanding, how to move beyond counting to calculating, and how to support children to make connections between addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. This is a practical training workshop and places are limited to 30.

For parents of children with Down's syndrome aged 4-16 years and for special and mainstream educational professionals involved in supporting the development of numeracy skills.
Langdon Down Centre in Teddington, Friday 22 June
Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents



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Getting a Life: planning the future with a young person with Down's Syndrome – Teddington

- This day will focus on the keys to planning, meaningful assessment, meeting identified needs and addressing unmet needs. This conference will highlight the variety of services available to support young people and consider the best practice in planning for the future, taking into account the aspirations, skills and support needs of individual young people.

For parents of young people with Down's syndrome aged 14-25 years and for education, health and social care professionals involved in the care and planning for the future of those young people.

Langdon Down Centre in Teddington, Wednesday 20 June

Cost: £115 for professionals, £40 for parents

Booking forms and enquiries

Please telephone the conference manager on 0208 6145100 or email info@downs-syndrome.org.uk

Fees

Your fee includes attendance, refreshments, lunch and course documentation. Full payment must be received prior to the conference, unless otherwise stated. Parents/Carers £40. Professionals £115.

If you book more than one event you will receive 10% discount on the total cost.

Confirmation of bookings

All bookings will be acknowledged within ten working days of receipt and an invoice will be sent with acknowledgement to the relevant address. Please note that we would be obliged if you could let us have your email address with booking forms to enable us to email as many acknowledgments as possible. Joining instructions, map of the venue and final conference details will be sent to delegates approximately twenty working days prior to the event.

Additional requirements

We would like to make our events as accessible as possible and would ask that if you have any additional requirements such as wheelchair access, large print documentation, or an induction loop, please let us know at the time of booking.

Cancellations

Refunds will only be made if cancellations are received at least **20 working days** prior to the event. We regret that transfer of a booking to another event cannot be made but a substitute delegate will be accepted at any time before each event.