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DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES 2006

Conferences & Courses

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This programme details the conferences and courses the Down's Syndrome Association has on offer in 2006. In addition to the events listed here we may organise other learning events during the course of the year in response to public demand. Keep an eye on our website www.downs-syndrome.org.uk for further details.

We are committed to promoting best practice in health, education and social care services by engaging knowledgeable and experienced practitioners to speak at our events. We seek to offer high quality training and information on a wide range of topics at affordable prices. We recognise the need to provide learning opportunities to people across the country in a variety of locations. When choosing locations for conferences and courses, we strive to achieve a balance between the demand for any given event and good national coverage.

We are keen to hear feedback from people who attend any of our events and also from people who are looking for information and courses on topics we do not currently offer.

Costs

Unless otherwise stated, the cost for all one day events will be £80 for statutory or private sector professionals; £75 for voluntary sector professionals; £40 (with appropriate ID) for students, registered PAs or childminders; and £20 for parents and family carers.

Enquiries and Bookings

To receive information about any of the learning opportunities listed in this programme, please contact Lesley Alabaf on 0845 230 0372 or email lalabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk. Alternatively, you can complete the form below and return it to Lesley Alabaf at the Down's Syndrome Association, Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9PS.

Training for Organisations

In addition to this programme, we produce a second programme entitled Learning Opportunities 2006 - Training for Organisations. This second programme details the training on offer to organisations which can be tailored to specific needs and delivered to staff in the workplace .

To discuss your training needs please contact our Training Co-ordinators:

North of England – Rachel Davies – phone 0114 231 5500 or email rachel.davies@downs-syndrome.org.uk

South of England – Victoria Ralfs – phone 01275 858230 or email victoria.ralfs@downs-syndrome.org.uk

For information on all conferences and events organised in Northern Ireland, please contact our Northern Ireland office on 028 9070 4606.

Learning Opportunities 2006 - Enquiry Form

Return address: Lesley Alabaf, Down's Syndrome Association, Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9PS.

I am interested in having information sent on the following events:

EVENT NAME	DATE	LOCATION

Name

Organisation

Address (incl post code)

Tel No.

If you would like to receive occasional reminder emails and updates, please include your email address below.

Email Address

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ADULT ISSUES

Choice Matters: Sexuality and Relationships

This conference is geared towards professionals working with adults with learning disabilities in health, education and social care settings. The conference aims to improve our professional practice and understanding of the meaning of sexuality and how it relates to people with learning disabilities.

Typically, these conferences will feature the following presentations:

- ◆ Why put sexuality on the agenda?
- ◆ Sex and the law

Delegates can also choose to attend three workshops focusing on some of the following possible issues:

- ◆ Working with reluctant colleagues and parents
- ◆ Policies and procedures
- ◆ Practical ways of doing sexuality work
- ◆ Attitudes to sexuality
- ◆ Abuse and people with learning disabilities

Looking Ahead

This conference is geared towards parents and family carers of adults with learning disabilities as well as professionals working in a wide range of health, education and social care settings. This conference aims to improve our understanding of issues of importance to adults with learning disabilities and their families, and will feature presentations on:

- ◆ Person-centred planning
- ◆ Wills and discretionary trusts
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Housing options

EARLY YEARS (0 - 4 years)

Early Years

This conference is geared towards parents of very young children with Down's syndrome and prospective parents as well as health, education and social care professionals working with children under 5 with Down's syndrome and professionals working with prospective parents.

The conference aims to improve our understanding of the needs of children with Down's syndrome aged 0-4 years. Typically, these conferences will feature presentations on some of the following topics; positive health-care; learning and behaviour; toileting; welfare benefits; communication; homeopathy; and toileting. In the past, many parents and professionals have also commented how much they enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and share experiences.

Crèche facilities are available at these conferences, although crèche places may be limited.

Early Years - Speech and Language Development

This conference is geared towards parents of very young children with Down's syndrome as well as health, education and social care professionals working with children under 5 with Down's syndrome.

The conference aims to improve our understanding of the communication needs of children with Down's syndrome aged 0-4 years. These conferences will feature presentations on the communication profile of children with Down's syndrome; raising communication expectations; speech and language intervention; the development of a communication environment for home and early years settings; and desired speech and language therapy input for early years.

Crèche facilities are available at these conferences, although crèche places may be limited.

EDUCATION

Conferences on both primary and secondary education are geared towards professionals working with children with Down's syndrome (teachers, learning support staff, SENCOs, advisory support services, educational psychologists). Parents of school-age children with Down's syndrome are also welcome.

Primary Education

Our primary education conferences feature presentations on:-

- ◆ Effective inclusion
- ◆ Promoting positive behaviour
- ◆ Accessing the curriculum
- ◆ Reading

Delegates can also choose to attend one workshop from the following possible topics:

- ◆ Transition to secondary school
- ◆ Numeracy
- ◆ Information and communication technology
- ◆ Sex and relationships education

Secondary Education

Our secondary education conferences feature presentations on:-

- ◆ Into secondary school
- ◆ Accessing the curriculum
- ◆ Sexuality and relationships education
- ◆ Transition from secondary to adulthood

3-Day NVQ Accredited Training

This course is geared towards professionals working in schools. It is part of the training for the National Occupational Standards for Teaching Assistants, and provides portfolio evidence towards NVQ 2 and 3, in particular for module 3.14: Supporting pupils with cognition and learning difficulties during learning activities.

The course will include inclusive education and the role of the Teaching Assistant, the learning profile of children with Down's syndrome, teaching numeracy and literacy, issues around differentiation, development of speech and language skills, and social inclusion and age-appropriate behaviour.

The course will be for 3 separate days over a 6-8 week period at a cost of £300 per delegate. Cost includes all learning and accreditation materials.

Dual Diagnosis: Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Down's Syndrome

This conference has been organised in association with Autism West Midlands and is geared towards parents of children with a dual diagnosis of ASD and Down's syndrome as well as a range of educational professionals working in schools. The day may also be of interest to health and social care professionals. The conference will look at dual diagnosis from a clinical perspective, an educational perspective, a behavioural perspective and a parental perspective. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking.

Sexuality and Relationships Education

This course is geared towards parents of secondary school-age children with Down's syndrome as well as professionals working in secondary schools. The conference aims to improve our understanding of a school's responsibilities and the curriculum around sexuality and relationships education. It will feature a mix of presentations and workshops.

HEALTH

Dementia and People with Down's Syndrome

This conference is geared towards parents, family carers, and professionals working in a wide range of health, education and social care settings. The conference aims to increase our understanding of dementia in relation to people with Down's syndrome and to offer practical advice and strategies to improve the care offered to people with Down's syndrome who have dementia.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Speech and Language Development for School-Age Children with Down's Syndrome

This conference is geared towards a range of professionals working with school-age children as well as parents of school-age children with Down's syndrome.

The conference aims to improve our understanding of the communication needs of children with Down's syndrome, and features presentations on the communication profile for children with Down's syndrome, raising communication expectations, the development of a communication environment for home and school, and the desired speech and language therapy input for school-age children.

3-Day Specialist Training for Speech and Language Therapists

This 3-day course has been established with Symbol UK Ltd to improve the knowledge, skills and expertise of Speech and Language Therapists working with people with Down's syndrome. The course supports therapists to increase the appropriateness and effectiveness of services provided to children and adults with Down's syndrome. The course will be 3 consecutive days at a cost of £200 per delegate.

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ADULT ISSUES

Choice Matters: Sexuality and Relationships Looking Ahead	Stafford	Thu 9th March 2006
Choice Matters: Sexuality and Relationships Looking Ahead	Kegworth	Tue 6th June 2006
	Farnham	Thu 8th June 2006
	Aylesbury	Tue 12th December 2006

EARLY YEARS (0 - 4 years)

Early Years	Newport	Wed 1st March 2006
Early Years – Speech and Language Development	Cambridge	Thu 11th May 2006
Early Years – Speech and Language Development	Bath	Thu 5th October 2006
Early Years	Preston	Tue 4th July 2006
Early Years – Speech and Language Development	Nottingham	Thu 23rd November 2006
Early Years	Peterborough	Tue 5th December 2006

EDUCATION

3-Day NVQ Accredited Training	Sheffield	Jan-March 2006
Dual Diagnosis: ASD and Down's Syndrome	Lichfield	Mon 6th March 2006
Secondary Education	Wakefield	Wed 26th April 2006
Primary Education	Maidstone	Thu 4th May 2006
Sexuality and Relationships Education	Liverpool	Tue 26th September 2006
3-Day NVQ Accredited Training	Midlands	Oct-Dec 2006
Secondary Education	Birmingham	Thu 5th October 2006
Secondary Education	Southampton	Thu 12th October 2006
Primary Education	Bristol	Thu 9th November 2006
Primary Education	Leeds	Thu 16th November 2006
3-Day NVQ accredited training	North East	Jan-March 2007

HEALTH CARE

Dementia and People with Down's syndrome	Chester	Thu 16th March 2006
Dementia and People with Down's syndrome	Leicester	Tue 4th April 2006
Dementia and People with Down's syndrome	Newcastle	Tue 19th September 2006

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

3-Day Specialist Training for Speech and Language Therapists	Teddington	13,14,15th March 2006
Speech and Language Development for School-age Children	Cambridge	Fri 12th May 2006
Speech and Language Development for School-age Children	Bath	Fri 6th October 2006
Speech and Language Development for School-age Children	Nottingham	Fri 24th November 2006



About the Down's Syndrome Association

The Down's Syndrome Association is the main UK charity covering all aspects of living successfully with Down's syndrome. Our driving ambition is to create the conditions that all people with Down's syndrome need to live lives of their own choosing.

- We provide information and support for people with Down's syndrome, their families and carers, as well as being a resource for interested professionals.
- We work to improve knowledge and understanding of the condition amongst all our audiences including the general public, government services and a wide range of other interested groups.
- We work to champion the rights of people with Down's syndrome, campaigning for change and challenging discrimination where we find it.

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