



Down's Syndrome Scotland

helping people realise their potential

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Down's Syndrome Scotland E-Bulletin

Dear Supporter,

Welcome to another issue of your favourite e-bulletin. With summer in full swing, we have listed a few activities that you may be interested in to make the most of the warm weather.

Summer is also the perfect time to start your own Down's Syndrome Scotland fundraiser in your area. We provide information and offer ideas to jumpstart your fundraiser. Find more at our [web site](#).

Enjoy the rest of your week and have a happy and healthy rest of summer!

Facebook/Twitter

Down's Syndrome Scotland is now on Facebook and Twitter. Become a fan and follow us for the latest info and updates.



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Down's Syndrome Conference and DVD

Our conference with the University of Glasgow was held on 8th June and was a great success.

Feedback on the speakers has been excellent, as was feedback on the 'Breaking the News' DVD. A big thank you to all the families who took part



[>>Have a sneak preview of the DVD](#)

Links and Useful Information



We're currently doing some work on the website to bring you more information via a [links section](#) and a section on [useful information for families](#)

here you will find out about things from where to get financial help to recent medical developments concerning Down's syndrome.

Summer Workshops

Sing, Dance, Act
Stagecoach are holding a summer workshop in Edinburgh.

Children age 9-19 can attend for only £10 for 5 days! An opportunity not to be missed.

[>> Find out more](#)



Save the Date!

Check your calendars and mark your diaries for 13th November,

Newsletter



The Newsletter is progressing well. Some of you may have taken part in our survey. Out of the 77 of those who responded to the newsletter survey, over 50 per cent preferred seeing more news, education, parenting, research, health care articles and event information and 51 per cent favoured a bi-annual newsletter. Because 49 per cent of you were interested in reading articles from a variety of sources: readers, members, parents, Down's Syndrome Scotland staff members, medical specialists, researchers and policy advisors, we hope to provide you with information from various backgrounds.



Family Support Service Manager

Our new Family Support Service Manager, Sarah Van Putten, will be starting on Monday 19th July.

Sarah will be the driving force behind our new and improved service and will look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months. Sarah has a wealth of experience including 13 years at the Action Group. We are very excited about being able to provide a first rate level of support to all those families who need us.



Dive into swimming

Interested in swimming? The Down's Syndrome Swimming Group is always happy to welcome new members from all over Scotland. Please click on the link below for more information on getting involved.

[>>Find out more](#)

Dates-n-Mates party

Fancy meeting new friends or a special someone? Dates-n-Mates, a dating and friendship agency run by People with Learning Disabilities, is hosting their 2nd annual birthday party on August 5th.



2010. We are hosting the 2010 AGM Conference that will bring a variety of world-class speakers.

[>>Find out more](#)

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Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities

The foundation produces a variety of useful resources for people with learning disabilities and Down's syndrome. Their publication: "What Kind of a Future" offers detailed information for people with Down's syndrome who are leaving school and college.



What's next?

[>>Find out more](#)

Fringe Fest showcases performance on learning disabilities



Tickets for "Expectations" a play performing in the Edinburgh Festival are now on sale. "Expectations" chronicles the lives of two couples who find out their child will have a chromosomal disorder. To read more about the play and to click on the link to book tickets visit our [web site](#).

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. As always if you have anything you think other people should know about, please let us know and we'll do our best to get it out there!

All the team at Down's Syndrome Scotland