

## Individual School Consultation Visits



Our Family Support Service Team offers individual school consultations. Consultation visits add practical and individual suggestions tailored to your school and the child.

**Cost: £70 + travel expenses.**

A school consultation visit includes:

- ▶ 45 minutes observation of a child in class(es)
- ▶ 45 minutes feedback session to a maximum of 4 key staff supporting the child
- ▶ Written consultation feedback report

*"The staff member had a fantastic range of information and the visit was very informative."  
- Primary School Teacher*

*"We have had several consultation visits over the last three years. All really helpful and informative. Great practical strategies and suggestions to move us forward."  
- Additional Support Needs Leader at a Secondary School*

## 2015 course details

<b>April</b>				
▶ 27th:	Down's Syndrome Awareness & Inclusion (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
<b>May</b>				
▶ 11th:	Teaching Reading (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
▶ 25th:	Positive Behaviour Support (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
<b>September</b>				
▶ 28th:	Down's Syndrome Awareness & Inclusion (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
<b>October</b>				
▶ 5th:	Improving Communication Skills (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
▶ 26th:	Teaching Reading (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost: £70pp	
<b>November</b>				
▶ 9th:	Positive Behaviour Support (Glasgow)	10 am - 1 pm	Cost £70pp	

## Quick and easy booking for your course, consultations & bespoke sessions

### Training courses

Book any of our training courses through our online shop! [www.dsscotland.org.uk/trainingshop](http://www.dsscotland.org.uk/trainingshop)

Rather speak to a member of staff? Phone **Sarah Van Putten** on **0131 313 4225**.

Discounted group rates are available for 3+ participants. Phone **Sarah Van Putten** on **0131 313 4225**.

Save money and book in for **two training courses for only £120 per person!**

### Individual School Consultation Visits

To book your individual school consultation, phone **Sarah Van Putten** on **0131 313 4225**.

### Bespoke training courses

To discuss your bespoke training needs and to book your training, phone **Sarah Van Putten** on **0131 313 4225**.

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# Down's Syndrome Scotland

helping people realise their potential

Courses,  
consultations &  
bespoke sessions  
inside!



## 2015 CPD-accredited Training Courses now available!

**Are you expecting a child with Down's syndrome at your school or nursery after the summer? Do you already have children with Down's syndrome at your school or are they transferring to your class? If you answered "yes" to one of the above questions, we have training courses available to support you!**

Down's Syndrome Scotland is here to help all professionals and carers supporting a child, young person or adult with Down's syndrome.

Our popular training courses have provided support and information to schools/nurseries in 19 local authorities.

We offer bespoke training on issues specific to your school, individual school consultation visits and four popular and in-demand courses on awareness and inclusion, positive behaviour support, improving communications skills and teaching reading. Let us support you as you support children and adults with Down's syndrome.

*"All my questions answered! I have a lot more confidence and knowledge concerning Down's syndrome now. - Primary School Teacher*

*"Excellent presentation at a very appropriate level. Relevant information from an expert in the field." - Secondary School Teacher*

*"This has been an invaluable input for me and has reassured me that I can make a difference to Sophie's\* learning and development. I'm excited about having Sophie in my class."*

*"This type of training would be excellent for all teachers. Very informative and I'll definitely be recommending for other teachers. Thank you!"*

*- Primary School Teacher*

*- Primary School Teacher*

\*Name has been changed.



## Down's Syndrome Awareness & Inclusion in primary/secondary classes, nurseries and groups



*"Very easy and practical information to digest and I now have a much clearer understanding of strategies that I can implement to benefit children's learning."*  
- Primary School Teacher

*"I previously thought, 'What are they going to tell us about Down's syndrome?' But I left with a massive increase in understanding and lots strategies."* - Primary School Teacher



This course is aimed at teachers and support staff to ensure you feel confident to meet the additional support needs of children and young people with Down's syndrome.

After our training course, you will:

- ▶ Be able to explain what Down's syndrome is and some of the associated features and health issues
- ▶ Understand the development and learning profile of children with Down's syndrome
- ▶ Have considered strategies to support inclusion and tailor learning to meet their specific needs

## Positive Behaviour Support in primary/secondary classes, nurseries and groups

This course is aimed at teachers and support staff to ensure you feel confident understanding and managing behaviour of children and young people with additional support needs.

After our participatory training course, you will:

- ▶ Understand what causes difficult behaviour
- ▶ Understand the influence values have on how we perceive difficult behaviour
- ▶ Understand a functional and positive approach to behaviour management
- ▶ Understand the relevance of communication and visual supports

*"Excellent course. Lots of new ideas and strategies to use. I liked the idea of the support plan, which was a thorough way of looking at the individual child."* - Secondary School Teacher

## Improving Communication Skills of Children with Down's Syndrome



This course is aimed at teachers and support staff to help them achieve better communication with children and young people with Down's syndrome.

At the end of the course, you will:

- ▶ Understand why children & young people with Down's syndrome experience communication difficulties, including the oromotor, auditory memory and semantic challenges they face.
- ▶ Understand where their communication strengths lie i.e. stronger receptive language skills, sight reading, visual learning, non-verbal communication.
- ▶ Have a knowledge of strategies to use to scaffold learning i.e. syllable clapping, syllable segmentation, pacing to aid intelligibility of speech, sequencing, memory games and how to effectively elicit learner's "news" to aid short-term memory and language skills.

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*"A fabulous course that taught me new styles to use with my pupil. Great use of visual examples (videos/games)."*  
- Primary School Teacher

## Teaching Reading to Children with Down's Syndrome



New to our menu of courses this year, this course expands on the learning covered in our Inclusion course, specifically looking at how to teach reading to children with Down's syndrome and why it's so important. This course is aimed at teachers and support staff.

At the end of the course, you will:

- ▶ Understand the importance of the whole word approach
- ▶ Explore strategies using this approach to teach reading
- ▶ Understand how phonics can support the whole word approach
- ▶ Understand the importance of teaching reading and its impact on "talking"

## Bespoke Training Courses



Would you like to attend our courses but the dates do not suit? If it's too far to travel or you would like your whole staff group trained, we can visit you and your staff at your nursery, primary or secondary school and provide your chosen course out of the following: Positive Behaviour Support, Down's Syndrome Awareness and Inclusion, Communications Skills or Teaching Reading.

Whether you are a nursery, a primary or secondary school, you choose the date, the course and we come to your venue.

Cost: £325 + travel expenses  
Number of attendees: Up to 20 staff

Other training options are available to fit with your requirements.

To discuss your needs, phone Sarah on 0131 313 4225

Do your staff have a particular issue or topic that they would like to receive training? Popular bespoke topics have included: Supporting Transitions for Children with Down's Syndrome and Supporting Children with Down's Syndrome and Autism.

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