

## Events and CPD

### Successful DS CEN launch event

We had over 35 participants join the launch and first meeting of the DS CEN.

To find out more about some of the aims and plans for the DS CEN, watch the Introduction and welcome session from the first meeting by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/DSCENMarch22-S1>

To watch one session on the new Down Syndrome Toolkit for Paediatric Speech and Language Therapists developed by the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Trust click here: <https://tinyurl.com/DSCENMarch22-S2>.

To download the Toolkit click here: <https://www.down-syndrome.org/en-gb/resources/slt-toolkit>. The team are looking for feedback from SLTs on how they are using it and what they think. Please consider completing their short (10-minute) feedback survey by clicking here: [https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV\\_3EgtWMxxl9kBsS6](https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_3EgtWMxxl9kBsS6)

### Summer term DS CEN online meeting for members 4th July 13:00-15:00

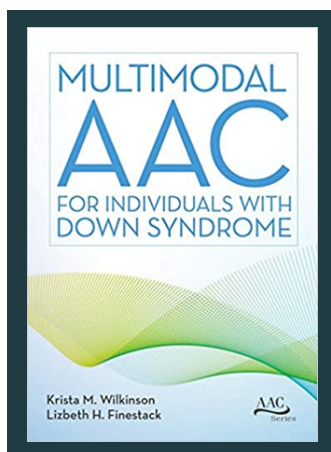
Agenda to be announced; this will be an opportunity to catch up on the DS CEN and progress since the launch. Speakers to be confirmed – if you have any requests for topics/information you would like covered, please email [dscen@letsgouk.org](mailto:dscen@letsgouk.org)

### Online Meeting for Friends of the DS CEN 23rd June 20:00-21:00

We want to involve parents and educators in deciding what the priorities for the DS CEN should be. We will be holding an online event for Friends of the DS CEN on 23rd June. If you are already a registered Friend of the DS CEN, you will automatically receive a zoom invitation ahead of the 23rd June. If you would like to become a Friend of the DS CEN, please register here <https://tinyurl.com/Join-DS-CEN>

## Resources

There were a number of relevant resources shared during the launch. Elaine Scougal presented a session discussing AAC use with people who have Down syndrome. She recommended this book: [Multimodal AAC for Individuals with Down Syndrome](#) by Krista M. Wilkinson & Lizbeth H. Finestack



## Research updates

At the launch event, Sue Buckley presented a summary of the relevant research from the Down syndrome Research Forum – click here to watch this presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/DSCENMarch22-S3>

## Opportunities

### Members: Join the DS CEN committee:

Get involved with the DS CEN by joining the committee! An overview of the roles of the committee can be viewed by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/DSCEN-RolesMarch22>. We are looking for:

- Supervision group coordinator – Secondary aged
- Supervision group coordinator – Post 16 FE
- Supervision group coordinator – Adults
- Website coordinator

If you are interested in joining the committee please email [dscen@letsgouk.org](mailto:dscen@letsgouk.org) before the 1st April 2022

### Members: Join the DS CEN supervision group:

Access the supervision group for therapists working with preschool aged children, please complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JYKNSJJ>

### Friends of the DS CEN: Your SLT experiences

If you are a parent of a child who has Down syndrome up to 11 years of age, the DSA would like to hear from you. They are inviting families to tell them about your experiences of accessing speech and language therapy. Read more by clicking here: <https://www.down-syndrome.org.uk/news/news-research/research/nhs-speech-and-language-therapy-provision/>

In August, researchers at the University of Manchester and the University of Reading will be launching an exciting new project evaluating a parent-delivered early language intervention for children with Down syndrome.

They will be looking for 3-6 year old children with DS who are able to communicate using at least 10 words/signs. Families who wish to take part must live within a 40-mile radius of the universities of Manchester or Reading. Parents must be able to speak and read English. To register an interest, please contact [Kelly.Burgoyne@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Kelly.Burgoyne@manchester.ac.uk)

## Keep in touch

Email: [dscen@letsgouk.org](mailto:dscen@letsgouk.org)

**Closed Facebook Group:** For Members & Associate Members (the group is not for Friends of the DS CEN): [www.facebook.com/groups/5837910309557009](https://www.facebook.com/groups/5837910309557009)

**Twitter:** [@DownSynCEN](https://twitter.com/DownSynCEN)

**Basecamp:** The new RCSLT DS CEN Basecamp has been set up for full & associate members.

**Become a DS CEN member:** To apply click here: <https://tinyurl.com/Join-DS-CEN>