

## Events and CPD

This section will provide information about DS CEN events including study days, supervision groups etc as well as related events that may be of interest. If you know of an event you think would be beneficial for other DS CEN members to attend, please let us know and we can share this with the group.

**DS CEN launch and first meeting** 18th March 2022  
**Book now** to attend in-person or access via Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DSCEN-Launch>

We are excited to be re-launching the DS CEN as part of our first study day on March 18th 2022 from 10am-3.30pm. The programme includes:

- DS CEN aims and opportunities
- An overview of the DS Toolkit – how to keep up to date and the role of the DS CEN
- AAC use with people who have Down syndrome,
- Intervention strategies from a successful intervention for pupils who have Down syndrome
- Summary of relevant research from the Down Syndrome Research Forum
- Supervision and CPD opportunities

**Down Syndrome Research Forum** 10th & 11th March 2022

The research forum is being held online on the 10th and 11th of March 2022. This year has another packed programme with many presentations focussing on areas of speech and language including SLT services, AAC, breast feeding experiences, early language intervention, narrative language abilities in adults with Down syndrome. For more information including the full programme and how to register, please see <https://www.down-syndrome.org/en-us/research/forum/2022>

## Opportunities

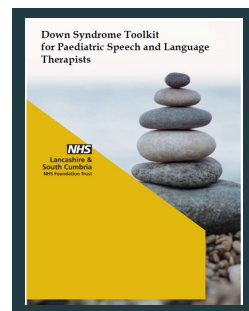
We will share any work/research opportunities which may include opportunities for SLTs and/or opportunities to be involved in research projects. If you have information you would like shared about an opportunity for members and/or Friends of the DS CEN, please forward us the information.

**Research Associate/Assistant in Psychology and Education: University of Manchester.** This role offers the opportunity to work on an ESRC funded project to adapt and evaluate a parent-delivered early language intervention (Parents and Children Together; PACT <https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/pct/>) for young children with Down syndrome. This project involves: 1) A pilot study with a small group of parents and children to explore adaptations to the existing PACT programme; 2) A feasibility randomised controlled trial (RCT). For more details please visit: <https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/displayjob.aspx?jobid=21744>

## Resources

Here we will share information and links to useful resources – please let us know of any new resources you think SLTs would like to hear about.

[Down Syndrome Toolkit for Paediatric Speech & Language Therapists](#)



Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Trust have created a toolkit which aims to provide evidence-based guidance to speech and language therapists working with children with Down syndrome from birth to 19 years of age. It includes an overview of the relevant literature on how Down syndrome influences speech and language development, provides guidance on therapy approaches and practical tools for assessment and target setting.

## Research updates

Here we will share recent articles we think may be of interest. If you have published or read a recent article you think is relevant, please let know so we can share with our members.

**Speech and language therapy services for people with Down syndrome: The disparity between research and practice**

Pauline Frizelle, Anna Ceroni, Lorna Bateman, Nicola Hart

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jppi.12405> First published: 16 December 2021

**The nature and causes of children's grammatical difficulties: Evidence from an intervention to improve past tense marking in children with Down syndrome**

Rebecca Baxter, Rachel Rees, Alexandra Perovic, Charles Hulme

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/desc.13220> First published: 23 December 2021

## Keep in touch

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

**Facebook:** We have set up a closed Facebook group for Members & Associate Members where we will share important information about dates, events, supervision groups etc. The group is not for Friends of the DS CEN at this time:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/583791030955709>

**RCSLT Basecamp:** We are waiting for RCSLT to set up the new Basecamp platform. Once this is up and running, we will let you know.