

DS CEN Updates

Down Syndrome CEN Committee

The AGM will form part of the summer term members' meeting. The opportunity to join the DS CEN committee in the role of Secretary has arisen.

You can read more about this role on our website: www.ds-cen.co.uk/jointhedsccencommittee. If you are interested in hearing more about the role and want to influence and support the DS CEN please email dscen@letsgouk.org.

Events and CPD

DS CEN Summer Term Members' Online Meeting 10th July 13:00 - 15:00

The topic for the next meeting is: 'Dual diagnosis'. Presentations will cover: sensory reactivity in autism, sensory processing, and positive behaviour management. If you are a full or associate member, you will automatically receive a Zoom link to the meeting. If you are not yet a member and would like to attend the meeting, please register here to join the DS CEN: <https://www.ds-cen.co.uk/jointhedsccen>

Save the date: DS CEN Autumn Term Members' meeting (online) Thursday 16th Nov 13:00-15:00

Our other upcoming meetings are:

- **Website meeting:** 8th June 10:00
- **Working Group around developing guidance:** 12th June 16:45
This group is working hard to put together an information sheet covering key information for SLTs working with children and adults who have Down syndrome. To be a part of this work, please join the next meeting
- **Journal club meeting:** 12th June 19:30
We will be discussing 'Personal narrative intervention for school-age children with Down syndrome: A focus on macrostructure' (Westerveld et al. 2022) <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/02656590221080306> Professor Sue Buckley will host the meeting but would like a volunteer to offer to present the paper (contact: sue.buckley@dseinternational.org)
- **Joint Pre-School Aged & School Aged Peer Supervision Group:** 21st June 13:45
- **Research meeting:** 28th June 16:00

Any additional dates will be added to the website: www.ds-cen.co.uk/upcoming-events. You can register for any of the meetings if you haven't done so already via the members' area of the website: www.ds-cen.co.uk/members-area

Keep in touch

Email: dscen@letsgouk.org

Website: www.ds-cen.co.uk

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

Closed Facebook Group: Full & associate members only: www.facebook.com/groups/5837910309557009

RCSLT Basecamp: <https://rcslt.basecampnhq.com/login>

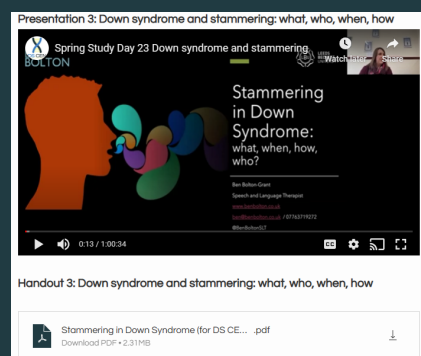
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Resources

DS CEN Spring Term Study Day recordings and handouts

If you missed the spring term study day, recordings of the presentations and handouts can be found in the members' area of the website: www.ds-cen.co.uk/prev-study-days

A number of useful resources were discussed during the day, including 'Exploring Fluency in Down Syndrome' by Monica Bray and 'Palin Parent-Child Interaction Therapy for Early Childhood Stammering' by Elaine Kelman & Alison Nicholas.



Research updates

Speech, Language and Literacy Development in Individuals with Down syndrome

Articles for a special open-access issue of Frontiers in Psychology 'Speech, Language and Literacy Development in Individuals with Down syndrome' can be accessed here: www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/37639/speech-language-and-literacy-development-in-individuals-with-down-syndrome#articles (more articles to follow in May-June 2023).

Down Syndrome Research Forum

Abstracts from the Down Syndrome Research Forum 2023 are available to view online: www.down-syndrome.org/en-us/research/forum/2023/program/

'ASCEND' early social communication intervention

Following a successful feasibility trial, the team behind the parent-led 'ASCEND' early social communication intervention for young children (11-26 months) with Down syndrome are now submitting an application to conduct a multi-site randomised controlled trial and are looking for new NHS sites. <https://research.reading.ac.uk/speech-language-communication-development/ascend/> Contact: v.stojanovik@reading.ac.uk or e.pagnamenta@reading.ac.uk

PACT-DS project

The PACT-DS project aims to adapt the PACT early language teaching programme specifically for parents and young children (aged 3-6 years old) with Down syndrome. <https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/pct/pact-ds/> Families of children with Down syndrome within 40 miles of the Universities of Manchester and Reading are eligible to join Stage 2 of the project, to test the adapted intervention. Email kelly.burgoyne@manchester.ac.uk and kirstie.hartwell@manchester.ac.uk