



Down Syndrome CEN: working to support children and adults who have Down syndrome.

2023/24 END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

DS CEN Updates

Down Syndrome CEN 2024-25 Membership Fees

Please remember to renew your CEN membership if you haven't already! Our annual membership runs from 1st March to 28th February. Please arrange payment by 7th March to continue to access meetings, study days, and the members' area of our website.

Down Syndrome CEN Committee

Join the DS CEN committee! We have a variety of roles to fill, including the role of Secretary. This is a great opportunity to help develop the CEN and add to your C.V.! Read more about the committee and roles here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DSCEN-RolesMarch22>

Resources

Speech, Language, and Literacy Development in Individuals with Down Syndrome

274K views | 53 authors

E-book now available: **Speech, Language, and Literacy Development in Individuals with Down Syndrome | Frontiers Research Topic**

"Multimodal AAC for individuals with Down syndrome" is also available as an e-book:

<https://products.brookespublishing.com/Multimodal-AAC-for-Individuals-with-Down-Syndrome-P1207.aspx>

Research updates

Shape Research, Change Lives: Setting priorities in genetic syndrome research



Emily Farran and colleagues are seeking practitioners and researchers working with individuals with Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, or Williams Syndrome, to take part in a 10 minute online survey. Visit:

https://surreyfahs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BogNeaW2ZQPDBY (deadline 10 March 2024)

Down Syndrome Research Forum 25th & 26th April

The Down Syndrome Research Forum will be held online on Thursday 25th & Friday 26th April 2024, hosted by [Down Syndrome Education International](#).

The keynotes this year are:

- **Developmental foundations in infants with Down syndrome: Research to inform anticipatory practices:** Debbie Fidler
- **Reading skills in individuals with Down syndrome:** Assistant Professor Susan Loveall-Hague,
- **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Intervention Research and Young Children with Down Syndrome: Exploring Opportunities:** MaryAnn Ronski

Events and CPD

DS CEN Spring Term Members' Online Meeting 14th March 10:00 - 15:00

The topic for the next meeting is "**Models for Delivering Groups Across the Ages**". Our presenters are; James Hanley (21 Together), Nicky Williams and Victoria Hughes (21 Plus), Rachael Forkan (Positive About Down Syndrome), and Georgina Bennett (Symbol UK). There will also be a final opportunity to contribute to the guidance for SLTs working with children and adults who have Down syndrome.

Members who have paid their 2024-25 membership fees by 7th March will be sent a Zoom link prior to the meeting. If you are not yet a member and would like to attend, please register here to join the DS CEN: <https://www.ds-cen.co.uk/jointhedsen>

DS CEN Peer Supervision Group Dates

Supervision groups take place on the first Thursday of the month and offer a welcoming, supportive space to reflect and learn from each other. Groups now cover all ages:

- 07 March 2024 16:00
- 04 April 2024 16:00
- 2 May 2024 16:00
- 07 June 2024 16:00
- 04 July 2024 16:00

DS CEN Journal Club 5th March 3.30pm.

This meeting will discuss 'Effectiveness of intervention with visual templates targeting tense and plural agreement in copula and auxiliary structures in school aged children with complex needs: a pilot study' by Tobin and Ebbels (2018).

Alys Mathers will host the meeting. Find out more by reading the last meeting summary here: <https://www.ds-cen.co.uk/news-1/journal-club-meeting---16th-october-2023>

DS CEN Research Group 8th July 16:00

This year we are combining our journal club with the research group and will include a variety of formats in our future meetings, such as guest speakers showcasing their research, discussion of published papers, showcasing of opportunities for practitioners to get involved in research, and opportunities for members to capitalise on each other's expertise. We would love you to come along.

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.

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