

Down's
Syndrome
Scotland

helping people realise their potential

Training Courses for Teachers and Educational Professionals

Q. Do you have a child with Down's syndrome joining your nursery or school? Do you already have children with Down's syndrome at your school or are they transferring to your class?

A. If you answered Yes to any of the question above, we are here to support to you.

We are here to support all professionals who work to support a child, young person or adult with Down's syndrome.



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Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accredited training courses...

We provide CPD accredited training, support and information to nurseries and schools in all 32 local authorities across Scotland.

We offer bespoke training on issues specific to your nursery or school, in-person individual consultation support and popular and in-demand flexible learning modules:

- **Including and Supporting a child with Down's syndrome in your Nursery or School,**
- **Teaching Numbers and**
- **Everyday Maths skills and**
- **Teaching Reading using the Whole Word Approach**
- **Understanding and Supporting Behaviour that Communicates**
- **Improving Communication Skills**
- **Introduction to Makaton.**

Let us support you as you support children and young people with Down's syndrome to reach their fullest potential.

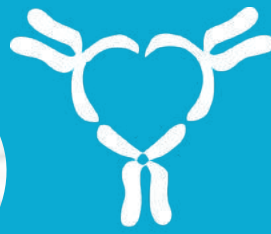
If you would like to book this training or discuss it further



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Online Interactive Modules...

Down's Syndrome Scotland can work with teachers and educational support staff to positively include children and young people with Down's syndrome in their nursery or school.

We can provide bespoke training and guidance, as well as dedicated consultation sessions and a series of four online interactive training modules about...

- 1. Including and Supporting a child with Down's syndrome**
- 2. Teaching Reading using the Whole World Approach**
- 3. Teaching Numeracy and Everyday Maths Skills**
- 4. Understanding and Supporting Behaviour that Communicates.**

Each of our four modules lasts 1 hour and can accommodate 10 delegates.

Cost: £130 per module.

You can also purchase all four modules to form the Study Block for a discounted price - £450.

Bespoke in-person sessions available on request.



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Module 1:

Including and Supporting a Child with Down's syndrome in your school

Module 1... aims to ensure you feel confident to meet the additional support needs and positively include children and young people with Down's syndrome in your nursery or school.

Module content:

- What Down's syndrome is, associated features and health issues that affect learning and development
- Development and learning profile of children with Down's syndrome
- Effective strategies to positively support inclusion and tailor learning to meet specific needs





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Module 2:

Teaching Reading using the Whole Word Approach

Module 2... expands on the learning covered in module 1, specifically looking at how to teach reading to children with Down's syndrome and why it's so important.

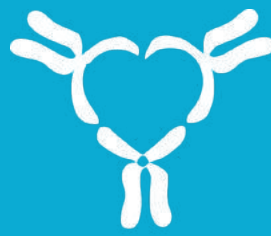
Module content:

- Using the whole word approach and exploring strategies using this approach to teach reading
- How phonics can support the whole word approach
- The importance of teaching reading and its impact on "talking"

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

(Primary School Teacher)





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Module 3:

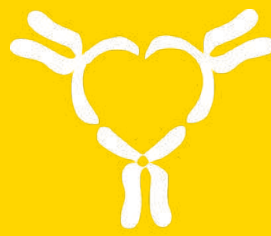
Teaching Numbers and Everyday Maths Skills

Module 3... further expands on the learning covered in modules 1 & 2, specifically looking at how to teach numeracy to children with Down's syndrome following key learning principles and using effective teaching strategies.

Module content:

- The relationship between Language and Numeracy
- Identify the basic Numeracy principles and how to teach these skills separately
- Explore strategies to support children with Down's syndrome with their development of numeracy & mathematics skills
- Understand the importance of the relationship between Numeracy skills and independent living.





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Module 4:

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour that Communicates

Module 4... is aimed at teachers and support staff to help with understanding and positively supporting behaviour of children and young people with Down's syndrome.

Module content:

- What causes behaviour that may be perceived as challenging or difficult to manage
- How our values influence how we perceive behaviour
- How to undertake a functional approach to supporting behaviour by identifying its function and developing an individualised positive support plan
- How to teach alternative and more appropriate behaviours to communicate, and the importance of effective communication and visual supports

"Excellent presentation at a very appropriate level. Relevant information from an expert in the field."

(Secondary School Teacher)





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Bespoke Consultation Service To Meet Your Specific Needs...

Do you need specific guidance or information related to the development or learning for a child with Down's syndrome, or are you looking for practical and effective strategies to positively support their inclusion in your school or nursery? Our bespoke consultation service can provide you with this.

A dedicated in-person consultation visit can include observation of the child within your nursery/school environment, plus a feedback and support session with key staff. These sessions can also include support with how to differentiate curriculum learning materials. A written feedback consultation report is also provided.

Cost from: £200 plus travel expenses

How to Book...

Contact our Support Service team to discuss your individual requirements and to book your bespoke session, which can be delivered at a time to suit you between 8:30am - 7:00pm Monday to Friday



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An Introduction to Communication Skills and Makaton Workshops...

Makaton involves the use of signs, symbols and speech to help children and adults communicate and to aid spoken language.

The techniques and strategies in these sessions are drawn from research findings on the learning style and specific profile of language development in children with Down's syndrome, and are designed to support the development of key elements of communication.

These sessions also include an introduction to the Makaton language programme and how this can support communication.

In the workshop we explore:

- An introduction to this unique language programme
- Communication strengths and delays common to people with Down's syndrome
- Techniques to support communication of children and young people with Down's syndrome in and out of the classroom
- Strategies to improve speech clarity
- Strategies to improve working memory and improve communication skills – leading to increased social confidence and minimising isolation



An Introduction to Communication Skills and Makaton Workshops Cont...

We can deliver Makaton Workshops and Improving Communication Skills Training for professionals and club volunteers or personal support assistants at early years, primary and secondary levels and beyond.

Sessions can accommodate up to 15 participants and can be delivered online or *in-person (*distance depending) at a time and date to suit you. Cost of £150 for a 1.5 hour session.

We deliver bespoke and Seasonal Makaton Workshops also for early years and primary teachers to learn new signs, songs and signed stories that you can incorporate into your daily learning and activities.

Here's what previous participants said...

“One of the most beneficial pieces of training I've accessed during my time as an EYP.”

“I thought the training was very good. I felt I was on a 1 to 1 on the screen with her showing us the signing, slowly, repetitive, informative, and encouraging us to gain confidence quickly to learn them.”

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

**Book a bespoke Makaton or Communication Skills workshop
with our in-house Makaton tutor Katy Lironi
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