

Why We Need You

The more members we have, the stronger our voice.

"Just knowing that there is someone there with knowledge of, and interest in, any queries or problems that I have or issues that we come across has been so supportive and beneficial to me and my family. I know that I'm not my own." - Parent

Why should I become a member?

- To join a community of people with Down's syndrome, parents, carers and professionals that provides support, advice, friendship and advocacy to people who are in a similar position
- To ensure our voices are heard: the more members we have, the stronger our voice when campaigning on behalf of people with Down's syndrome
- To help define the direction of the DSA

What are the benefits of membership?

- Life-long support
- Subsidised services covering all ages and on a range of subjects including health, education and social care
- Bi-annual DSA Journal packed with news, information and stories from our members
- Bi-annual Down2Earth Magazine written by and for people with Down's syndrome
- Expert advice on all aspects of living with Down's syndrome
- Full range of resources for families and professionals
- Training covering all ages and on a range of subjects including health, education and social care
- Monthly newsletter with all the latest news direct to your inbox

Fundraise for us



We rely almost entirely on voluntary donations to continue our work supporting people with Down's syndrome and their families and carers, as well as the professionals that work with them.

There are lots of ways that you can help:

Take part in a fundraising event



Get your company involved



Talk to us about trusts and legacies.

For more information on how you, your company, your friends and family can get involved in fundraising for the DSA please contact our team on 0333 1212 300.

More fundraising ideas

- Get your very own pair of #LotsOfSocks for World Down Syndrome Day
- Order one of our Fundraising Packs and plan your own bake sale, games night or quiz night
- Make some amazing memories... travel the world on an overseas fundraising challenge or try a tandem skydive to get your adrenaline pumping
- Why not ask if your company has a charitable fund which could benefit the DSA
- Are you a Facebook user? Fundraising on Facebook for the DSA is quick and simple to set up



Keep in touch

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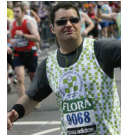
Who We Are



The Down's Syndrome Association (DSA) is the only charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland specialising in all aspects of Down's syndrome. Our aim is to create the conditions that all people who have Down's syndrome need to live full and rewarding lives.

DSA History

Established in 1970, the DSA has evolved from a parent member organisation into a leading national charity, which strives to improve the lives of people who have Down's syndrome and raise awareness of the condition.



During the last 50 years significant advances have been made in the lives of people who have Down's syndrome and their families. Life expectancy has improved because of developments in healthcare and we now live in a society where there is an increasing expectation of inclusion for people who have Down's syndrome of all ages, in all areas of society.



Since 2004 the home of the DSA has been at the Langdon Down Centre in Teddington.



This building, formally known as Normansfield, was home to an institution run by Dr John Langdon Down to provide care, training and education for people with learning disabilities.

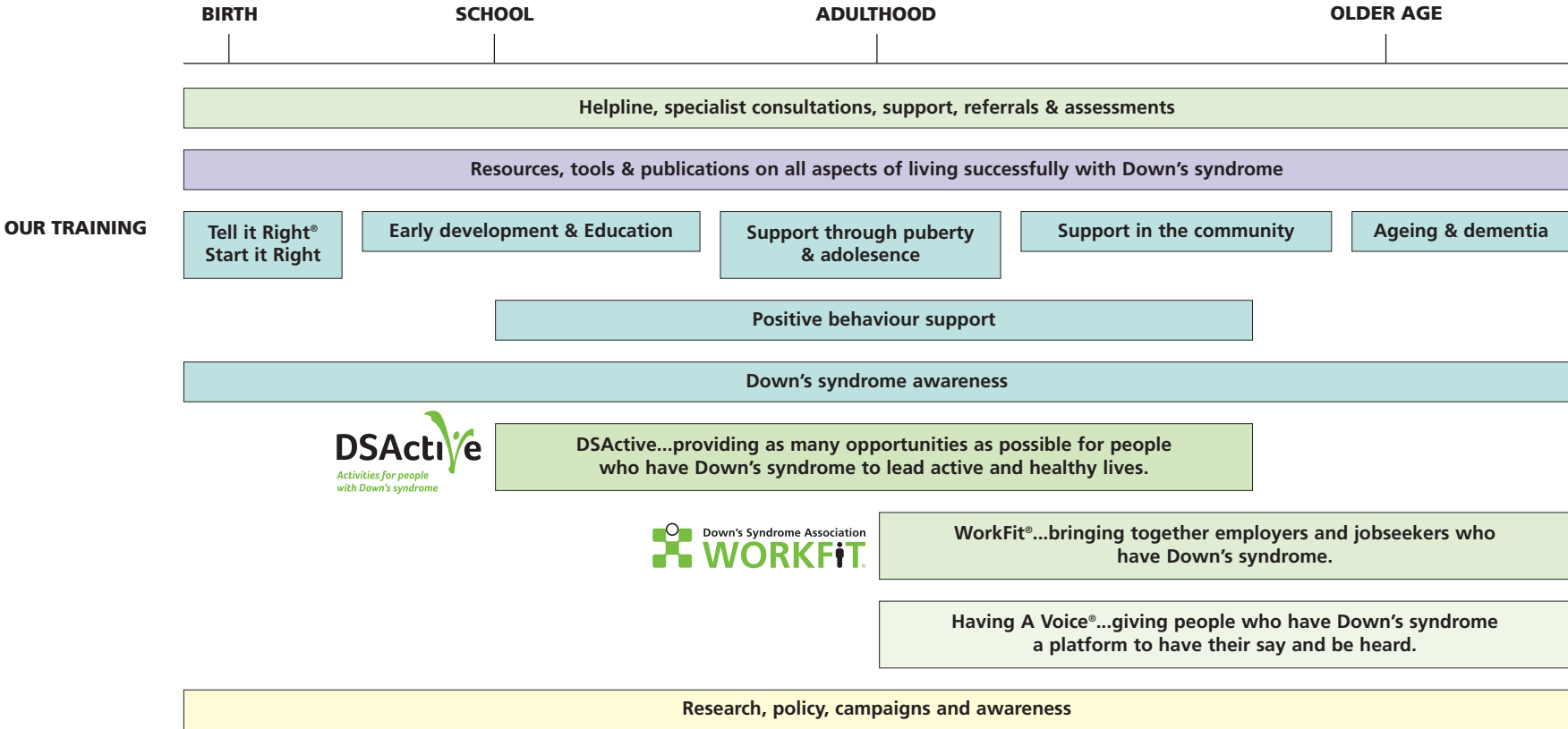


What We Do



We support people who have Down's syndrome, and their parents and carers, throughout their lives. From before birth into older age, the DSA provides services to everyone. Our team is spread across the country and we utilise our website, social media and other digital channels to reach out to as many people as possible. We are also connected to a network of affiliated local support groups across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Creating the conditions that all people with Down's syndrome need to live full and rewarding lives



The Langdon Down Museum is dedicated to the history of Dr John Langdon Down and Normansfield. It contributes to the public understanding of learning disability.

The building houses a beautiful Grade II* Victorian theatre built for the development and therapy of people with learning disabilities. The spaces can be hired for events, film productions and photo shoots and the theatre hosts a range of events including opera, concerts and drama.

