DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Groups Network



Did you know that the DSA runs an affiliated groups network?

We encourage, inform, nurture and empower local support groups via our affiliated groups network.

Our Affiliated Groups Network supports local groups across England, Wales and Northern Ireland in their roles working with individuals who have Down's syndrome and their families.

Access advice

Group Insurance

Support

National

Community

DSA resources

downs-syndrome.org.uk

The support is in the form of:

- Online regional and national network meetings.
- Expertise, information, advice and support on a range of issues including governance, fundraising, health, education, benefits, GDPR and safeguarding.
- Free membership of NCVO, NICVA and WCVA, irrespective of your group's income.
- Trustee Indemnity, Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance.
- Regular newsletters and updates from the Down's Syndrome Association covering national news, resources and policies affecting people who have Down's syndrome.
- Use of the Down's Syndrome Association's 'affiliated to the' (and use the logo) on your group's media and materials
- An Affiliated Groups page on the DSA's website, which is a hub of resources and information.
- Affiliated groups also engage directly with the DSA to help inform planning, activities and national consultations.
- Being identified as an affiliated group on the DSA map of support groups on the DSA's website.

We can also help and support trustees and staff with queries they have about running their group, information useful in supporting families, as well as tips and best practice for running a local support group. The wider network provides opportunities for peer support and promotes the sharing of skills, information, expertise and knowledge.

If your group would like to become affiliated to the DSA, or if you have any questions about this support, please contact the team on affiliations@downs-syndrome.org.uk.



If you are a parent looking for local support, contact us or take a look at our interactive map to find groups in your area.