



NZDSA National Forum 2010 - *Planning for the Future*

The NZDSA invites all parents and professionals to join us on Saturday the 11th September 2010 for a day of sharing, learning and celebrating.

The *Planning for the Future* Forum will cover a spectrum of issues relevant to the health, education and development of children, young people and adults with Down syndrome.

The day will offer a comprehensive programme that will provide detailed information on three concurrent streams:

- Early years (birth-5)
- School years
- Adults

The following is a preliminary announcement of international and local speakers.

Early years (birth-5) Topics will cover aspects like motor, cognitive, social and language development	School years Topics will cover language, literacy and numeracy development and curriculum adaptation	Adults Topics will cover transition from school, health and ageing
<p>Language Dr Susan Foster-Cohen Champion Centre</p> <p>Active movement to foster physical, social and cognitive development. Melissa Sims Special Olympics New Zealand</p> <p>The above sessions will be workshops</p>	<p>E-Reading Pro Teaching the World to Read Denise MacDonald Canada</p> <p>Precision Academics Resource Bank Adapted Education Programs Val Gray Australia</p> <p>Geddes multi-media software which focuses on language development Helen Geddes</p> <p>Numicon –Numeracy Programme and Handwriting without tears Margi Leech</p> <p>Resources and curriculum development Carolyn Baines Director of South Pacific Educational Courses</p>	<p>Transition from school Disability Support Services Mark Benjamin SAMS Carolyn Campbell - Project Paradigm</p> <p>Planning for the future Lorna Sullivan Standards Plus Sue McKinnon</p> <p>Down Syndrome - Ageing & Dementia Dr Elaine Plesner & Sandy Smith - Mental Health & Intellectual Disability Service Henrietta Trip - Intellectual Disability Community Team Hillmorton Hospital, CDHB. Dina Cole Clinical Nurse Specialist Lead Intellectual Disability Roz Sorensen - Ministry of Health</p>
Health Topics	<p>Ear Issues Colin R S Brown, Ear Specialist Eyes - Teaching children how to wear glasses, how Doctors can examine a child who does not speak</p>	

Please remember that all sessions and speakers are subject to change