

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Title: Community Connector

Location: Down Syndrome Cheshire Hub, Cheshire (with travel as required)

Reports To: Employability and Life Skills Coordinator

Employment Type: Part Time, evening and weekend only

Salary: £26,000.00, FTE 35 hours p/w, this role is 7 hours p/w (pro-rata salary of £5,200)

Closing Date: 30th September, interviews will commence when suitable candidates apply

Start Date: ASAP

About Us:

Down Syndrome Cheshire is a dynamic and dedicated charity focused on empowering individuals with Down syndrome and their families by providing vital support, resources, and advocacy. We work to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome can access services that promote independence, inclusion, and fulfilling lives. As part of our continued growth and commitment to creating positive change, we are now seeking an energetic, empathetic Community Connector to support the delivery of our growing services to our members.

The Community Connector will play a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and delivering inclusive social events and activities that promote social connection for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The role will focus on delivering a diverse range of activities, including family walks, bingo, social gatherings, and wellness programmes such as DS Yoga, DS Dance, and DS Drama, as well as co-delivering life skills workshops. Additionally, the Community Connector will assist the Health and Social Care Advocate in coordinating and facilitating family visits.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

Community Engagement and Family Support

- **Programme Delivery:** Lead the execution of a wide range of community events and support programmes, ensuring they align with DSC's mission and strategic goals. Act as a guide for members and families, connecting them to additional DSC services and resources. This includes the **delivery and/or co-delivery of DSC activities** across the week at various locations and times, such as:
 - **Dance sessions** at three external community sites, currently located in Chester, Warrington and Northwich
 - **Football sessions** in partnership with Egerton FC
 - **Drama workshops** at Petty Pool
 - **Yoga sessions** at The Hub
 - **Thrive Club**, our daytime adult provision operating seven days a week
 - **Evening Youth and Social Clubs**, running Thursday to Sunday
 - **Parent Support Groups**, delivered evenings and weekends with the Health and Social Care team

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- **Learning Labs**, educational sessions every Saturday from 10am–2pm
These sessions aim to enhance physical wellbeing, social engagement, independence, and community integration for people with Down syndrome and their families.

Staff and Volunteer Support

- **Team Leadership:** Support the planning and delivery of Holiday Clubs with the support of the team. Support volunteers across all DSC programmes, cultivating a strong culture of community involvement and collaboration.

Media and Marketing

- **Public Representation:** Represent DSC at community events, meetings, and conferences, advocating for the organisation's mission and raising awareness about Down syndrome. Work with the marketing team to create content that highlights DSC's successes, ongoing needs, and impact, encouraging further community participation and support.

Administrative Responsibilities

- **Safeguarding and Compliance:** Work closely with the DSC safeguarding team to ensure that all policies and procedures are up-to-date and effectively implemented across all activities.

Additional responsibilities as required.