

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

About Down Syndrome Cheshire

Down Syndrome Cheshire (DSC) is a registered charity dedicated to supporting people with Down syndrome and their families across Cheshire. We deliver support from birth into adulthood, providing educational, health and social care guidance, social and recreational opportunities, whilst promoting inclusion, independence and community awareness.

Our Values

- **Ambitious** – striving for excellence in all that we do
- **Supportive** – fostering a caring and connected community
- **Trusted** – acting with integrity and transparency
- **Dedicated** – committed to our mission and beneficiaries
- **Caring** – approaching every relationship with compassion

About the role:

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.

Hours: 35 per week and will include some evenings and weekends

Salary: £26,000 FTE

Contract: Fixed term

Location: Main base is Northwich with outreach delivery as required across Cheshire

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 Thrive Club**, our daytime adult day service provision operating Monday to Friday, with phased expansion to evening and weekend delivery.
- **Delivery/co-delivery of other 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 Winsford
 - **Football sessions** in partnership with Egerton FC
 - **Drama workshops** at Petty Pool

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- **Yoga sessions** at The Hub
- **Evening Youth and Social Clubs**, running Thursday to Sunday
- **Parent Support Groups**, delivered evenings and weekends with the Health and Social Care team
- **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.
- **Family Support:** Collaborate closely with the Health and Social Care Advocate to provide support in delivering parent education sessions alongside the Health and Social Care, Education Manager, and Employment and Life Skills Coordinator.

Staff and Volunteer Support

- **Team Leadership:** Support the planning and delivery of Holiday and Residential Camps with the support of the Volunteer and Safeguarding Trustee, Events Coordinator, and CEO. Support volunteers across all DSC programs, 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.

Closing date: Friday 10th July 2026 – subject to change upon recruitment of a successful candidate.

Applications: Please forward a covering letter and CV to admin@dscheshire.org.uk