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**Please Note**

- This training is set within the context of the 5 Outcomes of the Every Child Matters: Change for Children Agenda and Removing Barriers to Achievement the Governments SEN Strategy together with the Aiming High For Disabled Children Agenda.
- We subscribe to the ***Be Healthy Agenda***, and will endeavour to serve healthy lunch options at all of our events.

**Literacy Skills and Children with Down Syndrome**

This one-day programme has been designed for **Teachers, Curriculum Leaders** and **SENCOs, in Primary Settings**.

Dates	Venue	Time
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Daisy Chain Respite Centre Calf Fallow Lane Norton Stockton on Tees	9.30am – 3.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	City West Training Centre, Meadowfield, County Durham	9.30am – 3.30pm

**Cost: £95.00per delegate (plus VAT)**

**Helen Gordon Associates** has worked in partnership with **Maggie Hart, Education Coordinator from The Education Centre for Children with Downs Syndrome** to bring this one day programme to the region and made it accessible for the NE Children's Workforce

**Maggie Hart:** A teaching professional with over ten years experience. A dynamic, outgoing individual who is enthusiastic, flexible and self-motivated. Experience gained across a range of educational settings, mainstream primary, secondary, and special school. A strong communicator with proactive leadership skills that have been demonstrated across a range of challenging environments.

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Achievements include being the founder member and now Education Coordinator for the charity, the Education Centre for

Children with Down Syndrome. A member of the Down Syndrome Research Directions team (team of world wide professionals). Successfully moved from mainstream education into special education and have established strong relationships with a range of education, health and funding professionals. An analytical thinker with excellent communication skills and a passionate vision for including all children with special needs into their local school

**Expected Learning outcomes:**

This one-day programme has been developed to help build capacity within schools by providing practical strategies for staff working with children with Down syndrome to help support, motivate and enable their children to engage in literacy activities.

**Learning Objectives**

- To explore Down syndrome and the impact it has of children’s learning in literacy.
- To evaluate present practice and explore a range of strategies for classroom implementation.

**Course content**

- A Unique Child - What Down syndrome is?
- Learning and development - Specific learning profile associated with children with Down syndrome
- Importance of working memory in relation to reading and writing skills
- Strategies for best supporting children with Down syndrome to make progress in their literacy learning
- Practical activities

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**BOOKING FORM**

Literacy Skills and Children with Down Syndrome

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Telephone Number:	
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Job Title:	
Special Requirements:	
Manager/Headteacher Signature:	
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To reserve your place(s) Please return your completed booking form to:

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