



Chichester and Arun Down Syndrome Group

Membership Policy

Overview

Chichester and Arun Down Syndrome Group (CADSG) is committed to supporting individuals and families affected by Down Syndrome in the Chichester and Arun districts of West Sussex. Our mission is to provide support and non-judgemental advice to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families living in the districts.

Eligibility for Membership

Membership is open to individuals with Down Syndrome and their household family.

Area Members: are those who reside in the Chichester or Arun districts of West Sussex.

Honorary Members: for those who live outside the Chichester or Arun districts of West Sussex but wish to be part of the community and receive the benefits of membership.

Family & Friends Members: for extended family of the individual with Down Syndrome (grandparent/aunt/uncle), Trustees who are not parents, active volunteers.

Membership Fee

Membership is free for all categories of Members.

How to Become a Member

To apply for membership, please complete the membership application form available on our website or contact the Group directly. Upon receipt of the form, your membership will be processed, and you will be added to our member database.

Member Responsibilities

Members have a responsibility to review our policies and must agree to these in our terms and conditions. <https://chichesterdownsyndromehome.wordpress.com> or request a hard copy from cdssgsecretary@gmail.com



Membership Benefits - Services and Activities

The list below is a view of the services and activities we offer our members and the way in which we include every member into the group:

Parties, picnics & coffee mornings	Full inclusion for Area members, Honorary Members and Family & Friends members.
Dance	Area Members have priority. Honorary Members may be offered a space at the same cost as Area Members.
Speech and Language funding	Area Members fully supported. No support offered at this time for Honorary Members.
School's Outreach Programmes	Area Members fully supported. No support offered at this time for Honorary Members.
Theatre tickets and trips	Area Members have priority. Honorary and Family/Friends Members may be offered spaces at the same cost as Area Members. At the discretion of the Trustees.
18plus/Parent Meal evenings	Area Members have priority. Honorary Members may be offered spaces at the same cost as Area Members; at the discretion of the Trustees.
AGM Attendance	Full inclusion. Honorary and Family/Friends Members (not serving as Trustees) will not be entitled to vote on agenda items
Training	Area Members have priority. Honorary Members may be offered a space at the same cost as Area Members.
18plus Activities	Area Members have priority. Honorary Members may be offered spaces at the same cost as Area Members; at the discretion of the Trustees.

Honorary Members cannot become Trustees but are welcome to actively support the group as volunteers at events and fundraise.

Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated under the following circumstances:

- If a member chooses to voluntarily withdraw from the Group.



- If a member no longer meets the Area of benefit criteria they will be invited to remain as Honorary Members.
- In exceptional cases, membership may be revoked if a member’s behaviour is deemed disruptive or harmful to the aims of the Group, following a review by the Group’s management.

Privacy and Confidentiality

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of all our members. Personal information will only be used for membership purposes and will not be shared with third parties without the member’s consent, except where required by law.

Changes to the Membership Policy

The Chichester and Arun Down Syndrome Group reserves the right to review and amend this Membership Policy as necessary. Members will be notified of any significant changes.

Review and Update

This Membership Policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and updated as necessary to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Approval:

This Membership Policy was approved by the Board of Trustees on.....

To be reviewed on or before 31st March 2026. Review

Control:

Reviewed By	Date Reviewed	Date of next Review



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