

Our events are **free**

Programme of events
April – October 2017





Events for families

These events are a chance for you to meet other families, parents and carers to share experiences and get valuable information from professionals and our experienced staff. They are themed around key moments in your child's life, including diagnosis and starting school.

22 April

Starting School: Communication, Technology and Play
Oxford, England ①

6 May

Starting School: Education Rights and Responsibilities
Leeds, England ①

6 May

Gearing Up Deaf Teens and Families Day*
Cardiff, Wales ④

13–14 May

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
London, England ①

20 May

Starting School: Education Rights and Responsibilities
Cambridge, England ①

20–21 May

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
Coventry, England ①

3–4 June

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–12 years)
Cookstown, Northern Ireland ②

10 June

Gearing Up Deaf Teens and Families Days*
Conwy, Wales ④

10–11 June

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
Taunton, England ①

17 June

Starting School: Communication, Technology and Play
Cambridge, England ①

1–2 July

Learning About Your Child's Deafness Information Days (3–12 years)
Sheffield, England ①

8 July

Starting School: Communication, Technology and Play
Nottingham, England ①

19 August

Gearing Up Deaf Teens and Families Day*
Powys, Wales ④

16 September

Starting School: Education Rights and Responsibilities
TBC, Scotland ⑤

17 September

Starting School: Communication, Technology and Play
TBC, Scotland ⑤

23–24 September

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
Manchester, England ①

30 September

Starting School: Communication, Technology and Play
Cookstown, Northern Ireland ②

30 September – 1 October

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
Reading, England ①

7 October

Starting School: Education Rights and Responsibilities
Croydon (London), England ①

14 October

Starting School: Education Rights and Responsibilities
Birmingham, England ①

21–22 October

Early Years: Newly Diagnosed Information Days (0–2 years)
Cardiff, Wales ①

*Gearing Up events are for deaf young people aged 14–18 years old and their families living in Wales only.

Events for parents

These events give you the opportunity to meet other parents and carers to share experiences, while finding out how to get the right support for your child. More events will be confirmed over the coming months, please email expert.parent@ndcs.org.uk for more information.

22 April

Learning About the Rights of Your Deaf Child – workshop for parents
Peterborough, England ②

20 May

Learning About the Rights of Your Deaf Child – workshop for parents
London, England ②

15 July

Learning About the Rights of Your Deaf Child – workshop for parents
Bristol, England ②

16 September

Learning About the Rights of Your Deaf Child – workshop for parents
Berkshire, England ②

Dates in more areas to follow – please check our website for details.

Events for deaf children and young people aged 8–18

We offer a safe and inclusive environment for deaf young people to try something new, make friends and grow their confidence and self-esteem. It's all about having fun and building friendships, and there are opportunities to work towards a recognised award.

1 April

Gearing Up Apprenticeships Information Day* (14–18 years)
Flintshire, Wales ④

6–7 May

First Time Away Weekend (8–12 years)
Glossop, England ③

12–14 May

Get Creative Weekend (11–15 years)
Wolverhampton, England ①

12–14 May

Get Creative Weekend (16–18 years)
Wolverhampton, England ①

20–21 May

First Time Away Weekend (8–12 years)
Mold, Wales ①

27–28 May

First Time Away Weekend
Perthshire, Scotland ⑤

24–25 June

First Time Away Weekend (8–12 years)
Norwich, England ③



31 July – 4 August

Mission Discovery Wales (8–15 years)
Hay-on-Wye, Wales ❶

31 July – 4 August

Mission Adventure Scotland (8–14 years)
Argyll and Bute, Scotland ❺

31 July – 4 August

Mission Extreme Scotland (15–18 years)
Argyll and Bute, Scotland ❺

7–11 August

Mission Adventure England (8–15 years)
Hope Valley, Derbyshire, England ❸

14–18 August

Multi Activity Week (8–15 years)
Southampton, England ❶

14–18 August

16+ Transition and Life Skills (16–18 years)
Southampton, England ❶

21–25 August

Explore the Outdoors (14–17 years)
Cromer, England ❶

29 August – 2 September

Multi Activity Week (8–15 years)
Chorley, England ❶

29 August – 2 September

16+ Transition and Life Skills (16–18 years)
Chorley, England ❶

13–15 October

Get Creative Weekend (11–15 years)
London, England ❶

27–29 October

Multi Activity Weekend (11–15 years)
South East England ❶

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Inclusive activities near you

Our inclusive activities are a great opportunity for deaf young people to build their skills and confidence. Whether they want to try a new sport or show off their talents, our events give deaf young people the chance to shine.

We also support other organisations to include deaf children in their activities – including theatre workshops, trips to the circus, football, squash, dance, swimming, music and much more. These activities are usually promoted 4–12 weeks in advance and can be found on our website. Please note some external activities may have a charge.

23 April

Deaf-Friendly Swimming Gala
Stocksbridge, England ❻

1 July

Deaf-Friendly Swimming Celebration Day
West Midlands, England ❻



How to book

For more information or to book a place on an event, you can download a booking form at www.ndcs.org.uk/events. To speak to someone about the event, please use the contacts listed opposite.

Need help completing the booking form? Don't worry. Let us know by phone or email and we can help you.

We want our events to be accessible to families from different communities. Please get in touch if you have any specific cultural requests, communication needs or dietary requirements.



More information

When calling the numbers below, if you prefer to speak in a language other than English, please tell us the language of your choice and your phone number (in English). We'll call you back with an interpreter within a few minutes.

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