

Down Syndrome Ireland



Louth / Meath Branch

Parents supporting Parents
Charity No. 6062

Funding Scheme Terms & Conditions 2020

- All paid up members of Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI), Louth / Meath Branch are eligible to apply for inclusion on the Funding Scheme. The Funding Scheme will cover therapies, and sports / recreational activities that will benefit members with Down syndrome. Below is a list of therapies and activities that will be covered under the scheme. The list is not exhaustive and other therapies activities may be included on the list once they are of benefit to members with Down syndrome.

Speech & Language Therapy,	Neuro-developmental Therapy	Music & Drama
Occupational Therapy,	Education Tuition	Dancing
Physiotherapy	Horse Riding	Counselling
Behaviour Therapy	Swimming	
- Members can apply for an annual subsidy of up to €600 once they undertake fundraising on behalf of DSI, Louth / Meath Branch or are an active committee member (as detailed below)

A.)Members are required to participate in a minimum of 5 fundraising events per year (Minimum of 3 hours per event)
or
B.)Organise a fundraising event that raises at least €400
or
Combination of both A and B

Active committee members are considered to be Officers, Programme Coordinators or Members who attend at least 8 committee meetings per year. (Note. Consideration will be given to previous years Branch Activity and Fundraising for the funding Scheme for 2020 due to the Government restrictions during 2020)
- Members should submit completed application forms, accompanied by receipts and details of fundraising undertaken or details of committee duties carried out to the Branch Administrator before the end of January for therapies/activities that took place the previous year (ex. activities/therapies that took place in 2020, application should be made between 1st January. – 31st January, 2021.) The Treasurer (who is a volunteer) will endeavour to process applications before the end of February. (Applications submitted after 31st January will be processed the following year)
- Therapies / Tuition must be undertaken by a qualified & registered therapist or tutor. Receipts must be verifiable with the Therapists full name, address, qualification, date when therapy was received, therapist's membership/qualification number and the nature of the therapy or activity received.
- If a member's health insurance covers the cost of any/all of the therapies on the list, a claim should be made in the first instance against their insurance. Only the balance that is not covered by the Health Insurance can be claimed against the funding scheme.
- Programmes and activities that are managed or organised by the Branch are excluded from inclusion in the Funding Scheme ex. Adult Literacy Programme, Speech & Drama.
- The scheme (as with all programmes/schemes managed by DSI, Louth / Meath Branch) is administered on a completely voluntary basis by parents of children with Down syndrome.
- When lodging funds please ensure that the name of the member with Down syndrome, is included on the lodgement slip.
- Appeals regarding payment of subsidies must be made to the Chairperson at chairdslm@gmail.com
- Parents may be contacted directly should a clarification be required regarding the application by a member of the Funding Scheme Sub Committee.
- Misuse of the Funding Scheme will result in your application being cancelled & you may be prohibited from further participation in the future.