



ACT Down Syndrome Association Presents:

***“Diversity in the classroom: tips for teaching students with
Down syndrome”***

Presented by Sharon Melhuish, Karen Garrity, and Kelli Gowland.

“Reading Our Way: Literacy in the classroom”

Presented by Alicia Flack-Kone

Friday 2nd March 2018: 9.00am—3.00pm (Registration from 8.45am)

Building 1, Pearce Community Centre, Collett Place, Pearce

Cost: ACTDSA members \$120, Non-members \$170

Cost includes morning tea, lunch and reference text:

Faragher, R.; Clarke, B. (2017) “Educating Learners with Down Syndrome”, Routledge, Oxon, United Kingdom

To register please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diversity-in-the-classroom-tips-for-teaching-students-with-down-syndrome-tickets-42929091067>

Topics covered will include:

- What does it mean for a person to have Down syndrome?
- How could it impact their learning and integration in the classroom?
- Practical strategies to support classroom teaching
- Understanding the link between communication and behaviour
- Transition—why is it important and how to do it successfully?
- Simple strategies to support behavioural management
- Reading Our Way—Designed to teach reading and word recognition to children and adults

Presenter Information:

Sharon Melhuish and Karen Garrity are both teachers and Learning Support Officers in schools in the ACT. Kelli Gowland is a Biologist and former Education Officer for the ACT Down Syndrome Association. Alicia Flack-Kone has a Bachelor of Education with many years experience in the education system and is currently the President for the ACT Down Syndrome Association. All are parents of children with Down syndrome and passionate advocates of informed teaching practices.