



Planning ahead

Strategic Plan

Down Syndrome Victoria strategic priorities

Membership

Down Syndrome Victoria represents the needs of all members, and the planning process regularly incorporates member feedback.

Goal #01

Down Syndrome Victoria will increase the proportion of Victorians with Down syndrome and their families represented by Down Syndrome Victoria to 75 percent

Information

Down Syndrome Victoria is the pre-eminent source of quality information and training for families and professionals in the field of Down syndrome.

Goal #02

Down Syndrome Victoria will continue to support the high-quality quarterly journal and further development of the website

Goal #03

Down Syndrome Victoria will fulfil the demand for quality Down syndrome specific resources in a variety of media

Goal #04

Down Syndrome Victoria will build the capacity of families, volunteers and professionals

Goal #05

Down Syndrome Victoria will identify areas where research will provide maximum benefit to members and be an active participant in the research community

Support

Down Syndrome Victoria is committed to a model of peer support and empowerment to build resilience in people with Down syndrome and their families.

Goal #06

Down Syndrome Victoria will provide a genuine state-wide and whole-of-life peer support network for people with Down syndrome and all their family members

Goal #07

Down Syndrome Victoria will provide support for students with Down syndrome

Goal #08

Down Syndrome Victoria will organise a calendar of community activities that includes opportunities for members to socialise and network

Advocacy

Down Syndrome Victoria identifies areas where systemic change is required and adopts an appropriate strategy to ensure sustainable change.

Goal #09

Down Syndrome Victoria will be an active partner in the disability community and a leading advocate in matters relating to intellectual disability

Empowerment

Down Syndrome Victoria empowers individuals with Down syndrome to be the key decision-makers in their own lives.

Goal #10

Down Syndrome Victoria will develop and implement a strategy for adults with Down syndrome combining support, advocacy, self-advocacy and skills training

Changing community attitudes

Down Syndrome Victoria recognises social discrimination as the most significant problem experienced by people with a disability.

Goal #11

Down Syndrome Victoria will be strategic and opportunistic in changing people's attitudes to disability in general, and Down syndrome in particular

Resources

The long term sustainability of Down Syndrome Victoria is dependent on the development of robust resources.

Goal #12

The committed and passionate Down Syndrome Victoria staff and volunteers will work in a safe, fully resourced office in an appropriate, accessible location

Goal #13

Down Syndrome Victoria will develop sustainable funding streams

A full copy of the Strategic Plan July 2008 – June 2013 is available on the website www.downsyndromevictoria.org.au

