

Did you know?

Dr John Langdon Down first described the common characteristics of people with Down Syndrome, which is why it became known as Down Syndrome.

The chances of having a baby with Down Syndrome increase with maternal age BUT 80% of babies with DS are born to women aged under 35 (Simply because younger mothers have more children)

Many presume adults with Down Syndrome have a short life expectancy, BUT actually it has increased dramatically in recent years, with the average life expectancy now approaching that of their peers without Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome is the presence of an extra Chromosome in the body's cells. People with Down Syndrome as well as having the standard 46 (23 pairs) of chromosomes have an additional copy of chromosome 21

The incidence of Down Syndrome is not related to race, nationality, religion or socio-economic status and around 1,000 babies with Down Syndrome are born every year in the UK

Most people with Down Syndrome remember what they see far better than they remember what they hear

**People with Down Syndrome are NOT all the same!!
Just as people without Down Syndrome are different, unique individuals, so
are people with Down Syndrome**