

I CAN – Working to ensure that no child is left out or left behind because of a difficulty speaking or understanding.

[I CAN](#) is the children’s communication charity. We strongly believe that communication difficulties are life limiting. A child who struggles to speak will find it hard to read, write and make friends. Our vision is that no child is left out or left behind because of a difficulty speaking or understanding. We support children with speech language and communication needs (SLCN) at the most severe and complex end of the spectrum through to those with universal SLCN.

Our specialist schools, educational experts, teachers, speech therapists and health professionals provide a powerful hub of expertise to schools, local authorities and PCT’s. We support children at all ages and stages of development throughout the UK. Our Talk Programmes (Early, Primary and Secondary talk) are a key component of our portfolio of products and services. These have been implemented by a vast swathe of pre-school settings, and primary schools. These programmes are making a big difference for children in these environments.

I CAN has two very accomplished specialist schools for children with severe and complex SLCN. [Meath School](#) is based in Surrey and takes children from age 4-12 with severe and complex SLCN. [Dawn House](#) in Nottinghamshire provides education and Further Education provision to children and young people aged 4-19 years old, also with severe and complex SLCN. Both schools have achieved an outstanding grade in this year’s recent OFSTED Care inspection. Additionally, both schools have also recently been re-designated to take pupils with Aspergers.

Assessments for pupils

Our 48 hour multi-disciplinary [assessment service](#) is a unique fast track for families to get the support required to meet the needs of a child with suspected SLCN. The use of educational, health and speech therapy professionals during the assessment means that other Special Educational Needs can be identified alongside SLCN. This service is provided completely independently, the final assessment will contain recommendations on the type of support required, not who will provide that support. These reports have been proven to support applications to local authorities for SEN statements. The reports are delivered to parents 2-3 weeks after the initial assessment.

Training for Teachers

We provide a wide range of SLCN-based [short courses](#) and [workplace training](#) to educational practitioners covering a broad range of ages and special needs. These courses include SLCN, Autism, Additional Languages and Behavioural Emotional and Social Difficulties, to name but a few! These courses can be delivered at our site in Central London or at your premises.

I CAN provides professional development to a range of professional educational disciplines through the tailor made “Learning Through Practice” courses. Delegates are contacted prior to joining the course and the day is tailor made to meet attendee’s objectives.

Both schools provide outreach services to the schools, PCT’s, voluntary and commercial organisations. This outreach service can take the form of audit, guidance and advice in supporting children’s communication skills.

For further information about I CAN’s services are available at www.ican.org.uk or please call 0845 225 4073.