

Join iCAN



Get involved

iCAN is 100% run by volunteers. We are working to improve the lives of those effected by Juvenile Arthritis in Ireland. We do this in a variety of ways - from supporting parents to fundraising and advocating for better care for children with JIA. Please tick any areas below that might be of interest to you at this time. (Again there is absolutely no obligation):

- Facebook Private Forum** - lend and receive support and information with other Juvenile Arthritis parents
- Meeting up** with other families and children effected by JIA for coffee mornings, chats, fun days etc
- Fundraising** with iCAN to improve medical facilities and services for children with JIA (bake-sales, mini marathon, parachute jumps or whatever you can think of!). Because we are 100% volunteer based, 100% of funds raised go directly to helping kids with Arthritis in Ireland!
- Communicating** with politicians/National & local press to lobby for better medical facilities and services for children with JIA
- Nothing at this time - but I am happy to be in touch with iCAN.

NEWSLETTER

Would you be interested in receiving iCAN's quarterly email newsletter? **Yes** **No Thanks**

Please complete and post to:

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Kids get arthritis too!

About Juvenile Arthritis

Currently there are over a thousand children under the age of 16 with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA). JIA differs from Adult Onset Arthritis in that it is caused by the immune system which starts attacking the body's own joints. The cause of JIA is multifactorial and includes genetic predisposition and environmental factors.

Because children are growing, any extended period of inflammation can effect their joint formation. Therefore early and aggressive treatment of Juvenile Arthritis results in the best outcomes for children. **You can find more specific information on Juvenile Arthritis and iCAN on our website: www.icanireland.ie**

Awareness

Many people don't know that children can get arthritis - or how it can effect the lives of children with this challenging condition. Despite the significant impact JIA can have on families, it has remained somewhat of a 'hidden disease'. iCAN is working to raise awareness of Juvenile Arthritis in Ireland.

Support

Parenting a child with Juvenile Arthritis can be a rollercoaster. iCAN has a very active support network of parents. We interact on Facebook, telephone and on iCAN Family days. The support and information from other parents can be invaluable and it is great to know you are never alone.

Advocating for best care

To date, iCAN has funded the first ever dedicated rheumatology assessment suite in Crumlin National Children's Hospital. iCAN has other goals to continue to improve the medical facilities and care for iCAN kids. We also lobby to improve the medical conditions for children in Ireland with Juvenile Arthritis. We have a long to-do list, but we have a great start so far.



About iCAN

We are 100% volunteer based. No one takes a salary from iCAN - all funds raised go towards making things better for kids in Ireland with Arthritis!

iCAN Mission statement

The object of iCAN is to provide a national support network for children with arthritis and their families through the provision of factual, practical and emotional support. It aims to pull together the wider community of affected children in Ireland as well as raise public awareness of childhood arthritis. It endeavours to ensure that all Irish children receive the minimum standard of medical care recommended for children with juvenile arthritis as set out by the World Health Organisation.



OUR RED BALLOON

The red balloons in our logo were carefully chosen symbols.

RED = the pain and inflammation in our child's joints.

BALLOONS = the hope all children with arthritis have to one day be able to 'let go' of their pain and be free to run and play like any other child.

What parents say about iCAN...

"iCAN are truly amazing. They are there day and night to support listen and advise. Can't thank these guys enough."

"I felt so alone before i found iCAN. With all the great advice and support that iCAN has given me I don't feel alone anymore. iCAN understand."

"The support iCAN has given us is invaluable, it such a relief to speak to other parents dealing with this disease."



Join iCAN today

Being a member of the iCAN network is **FREE** and anyone affected by Juvenile Arthritis can join - parents, extended family members, teens and friends.

iCAN membership doesn't come with any obligations or assumptions but is a great way to be put in touch with others effected by Juvenile Arthritis.

Privacy policy:

iCAN will never use your contact information other than in conjunction with iCAN or share it with any 3rd party.



Parent/s First Names: _____

Parent/s Surname: _____

Address: _____

Landline: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Parents' occupations: _____

Are you on Facebook? _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

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Child's First Name: _____

Age: _____

Approx diagnosis date: _____

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