



## **Interim Speech and Language Advisor**

London, EC1V

Contract: Full-Time and Fixed-Term contract to 31 March 2020

Annual Salary: £45,737 per annum

I CAN is the children's communication charity and our vision is a world where all children have the communication skills they need to fulfil their potential. Serving children and families for 130 years, I CAN today consists of two special schools, Meath School (Surrey) and Dawn House School (East Midlands); a social enterprise that develops and distributes a wide range of materials, training packages and interventions across the nation; the I CAN Help portfolio of information and advice for parents, carers and practitioners; and is the host for The Communication Trust, a consortium of over 50 organisations in the field of communications. I CAN's mission is that no child should be left out or left behind because of a difficulty speaking or understanding.

This is an exciting time to join our organisation. We are seeking an experienced speech and language adviser to work on multiple projects across the organisation as part of a well-established team of speech and language specialists across England.

The successful candidate will enjoy working across the organisation in leading on a variety of work, including:

- A national programme aimed at health visitors to increase their understanding of children's speech, language and communications needs.
- A programme of continuous professional development in an opportunity area in Norfolk.
- Various programmes to reduce disadvantage to children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).
- Supporting any associates, consultants and other staff members, as required to ensure contracts are fulfilled.

The successful candidate would be based in our central London office and would need to demonstrate in their application and, if invited, at interview:

- Experience and qualifications relating to children and young people's speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), preferably with a masters degree, or equivalent.
- Membership of a relevant professional body or significant experience.
- A background in speech and language therapy or an education background with significant experience of working with children's SLCN.
- Experience of leading, monitoring and evaluating projects.
- Experience of effective cross-organisational and cross-agency work.
- A self-starter with the ability to hit the ground running.
- Experience of developing and delivering training, sometimes to non-specialist audiences.
- A strong awareness of current issues and initiatives in special education, and in the field of SLCN.

Does this sound like you? We would love to hear from you if that is the case.

Full details on the role and supplementary information is available on the I CAN website [www.ican.org.uk/working-for-us](http://www.ican.org.uk/working-for-us) To apply, please submit your up to date CV and covering letter to [jobs@ican.org.uk](mailto:jobs@ican.org.uk) by the closing date.

Interviews will be held as soon as possible at I CAN's offices in London. Candidates are encouraged to apply early as shortlisting will happen whilst the advert is live as we are keen to fill this opportunity quickly.

*I CAN is the children's communication charity. We are experts in helping children develop the speech, language and communication skills they need to thrive in a 21st century world.*

*I CAN is committed to equality of opportunity in employment and the safeguarding and welfare of children. We carry out the appropriate vetting and verifications on all staff.*

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