



Speech and Language Advisor

Home-Based (with travel for delivery)

Sydenham and Hamp, Bridgwater, Somerset

Fixed term contract, two days per week up to 31 July 2021

Salary: £14,000 to £16,000 per annum for two days per week (£35,000 - £40,000 FTE, depending on experience)

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 communication. 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 specialist to work for I CAN towards the delivery of a new project funded by the Hinkley Point C Community Fund. The recently-won grant focuses on a collaborative approach to supporting local communities around the Sedgemoor Campus, starting from under 5s and their families, right through primary and secondary school and with a targeted intervention in years 10 and 11 when young people are preparing for life beyond school, whether towards further education, training, or the world of work. Through this piece of work, we hope to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities that living in such close proximity of Hinkley Point C brings.

The focus of the work will be in partnership with 4 settings – a Children's Centre, special school (Primary), secondary school and a PRU, and over the two years will include both practical and advisory support, in the shape of training, resources and coaching. Workforce development will entail the delivery of I CAN interventions and bespoke twilight sessions for each setting. Parent support will include delivering Tots Talking and signposting to the I CAN enquiry service and website.

The work will include an evaluation of effectiveness. This will be designed and supported by I CAN.

Training to deliver all the I CAN interventions will be provided. Project support will be provided in house by I CAN and you will be managed by I CAN's HPC project lead.

The successful candidate will be a home-based employee with demonstrable evidence of:

- Sector knowledge and experience/ qualifications relating to children's speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) from 0-19
- Membership of a relevant professional body and significant experience.
- The ability to travel

- A current valid DBS check
- Speech and Language Therapists will need to be registered with the HCPC and be members of the RCSLT

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

Candidates are encouraged to apply early as shortlisting will happen whilst the advert is live as we are keen to fill this opportunity quickly. To apply, please submit your up to date CV and a covering letter addressing how you meet the person specification to jobs@ican.org.uk by 10am, 17th June 2019.

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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