



**On Friday 09th October
Wear a Hat for Children's
Palliative Care
Everywhere!**

**Wear a Hat
to help Close
the Gap**



Close the Gap: Palliative Care for Children Everywhere

Millions of children around the world continue to experience preventable pain and suffering because they lack access to palliative care and essential health services. A global coalition of organisations, led by ICPCN, is calling for urgent, coordinated action to ensure equitable access to CPC for all children, everywhere.

Join the movement, wear your hat, share your story, and help us raise awareness for equitable care for every child, everywhere.
#HatsOn4CPC #CloseTheGap



#HatsOn4CPC is more than just wearing a hat – it symbolises solidarity. Many health and social care professionals, doctors, nurses, parents and siblings wear different 'hats' every day as they navigate the complex challenges of caring for a child with a life-limiting condition.

"Over 21 million children worldwide would benefit from quality palliative care, especially in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). Please join us by wearing a hat to help close the gap to raise vital funds and awareness on children's palliative care. We need to advocate for better palliative care services and unite together to help achieve equity worldwide."

Prof. Julia Downing –
Chief Executive, ICPCN



Improving palliative care for the world's children

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Our Vision and Mission

The International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) is recognised as the world leader in children's palliative care (CPC) and has a globally renowned expert leadership, a wealth of educational resources and a network of members in over 140 countries.

Our vision is that all children living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition and their families will have seamless access to palliative care to alleviate serious health-related suffering and enhance their quality of life.

Our mission is to achieve the best quality of life and care for children and young people with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, their families and carers worldwide.

- **82% of countries are still at the lowest levels of children's palliative care development**
- **57% of countries do not have access to essential medicines for children**
- **Only 11% of countries have a national policy for children's palliative care**

ICPCN is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1143712) and a registered company in England and Wales (number 7675172)

ICPCN is also a registered company in South Africa (number 2011/001648/08) and a registered Public Benefit Organisation (number 930043272)

Will you
Wear a Hat to
help Close the
Gap?



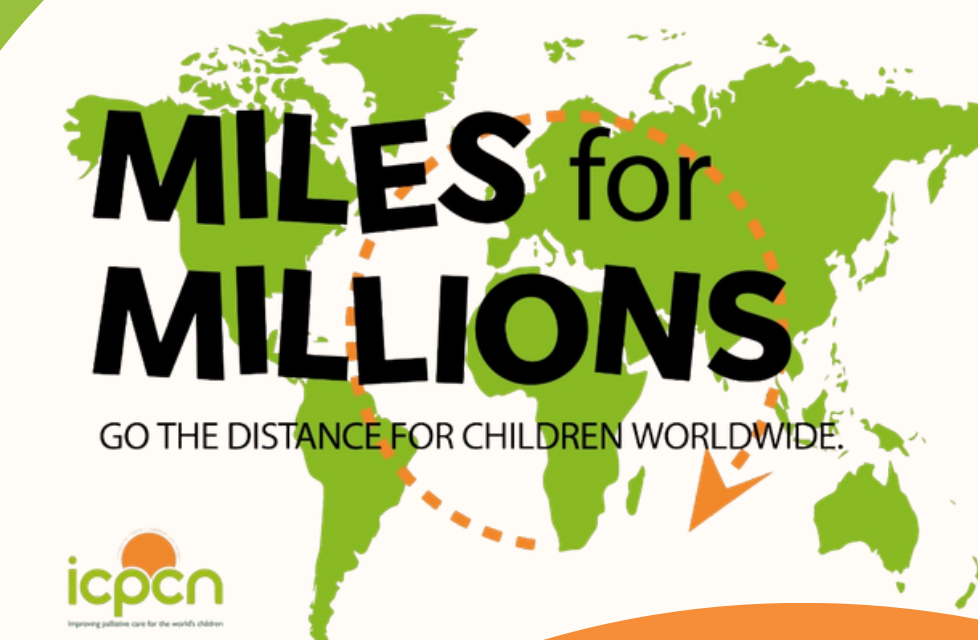
Help make a difference to children around the world

Encouraging employees to wear hats to work is how you can help achieve our vision of a world where all children have access to palliative care and can live their lives to the fullest.

You can help by simply wearing a hat to work and making a donation. Or why not organise a bake sale or hat-wearing competition?

We are looking for families, businesses, and community groups to join us around the world to wear a hat and help us close the gap.

Share photos or reels using the hashtag **#HatsOn4CPC** and help us to get this important conversation going!



**Make a
Donation**

You can donate on our website and also register your **#HatsOn4CPC** events.

Or, why not take part in Miles for Millions?! Walk, run, cycle or swim while wearing your favourite hat and help raise awareness and funds for children needing palliative care.

