

Working on shared goals

Eight in every 1000 babies are born with a heart defect, and other children acquire a heart problem as they grow up.

ECHDO works for CHD patients of all ages, gaining knowledge from parents of children with CHD and from adult patients to achieve common goals. As increasing numbers of heart children survive into adulthood, ECHDO members include both parent support groups and support organisations with a focus on GUCHs.

ECHDO members have a wealth of experience in overcoming the challenges facing new, growing and long-established support organisations, including raising funds, registering as a legal body, organising volunteers and staff, setting up events, lobbying and running campaigns.

Within the network, members exchange resources to raise awareness and understanding of CHD and they collaborate on events including summer camps for young people.



ECHDO youth camps welcome children from different countries

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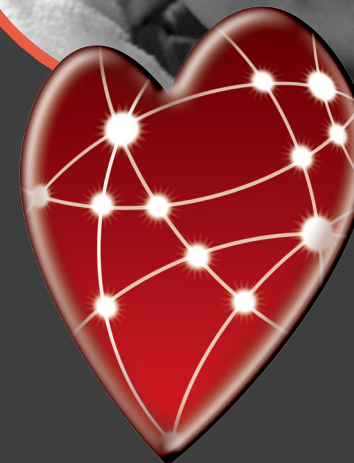
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Please see inside this leaflet for a list of ECHDO's member organisations.

For more information on ECHDO's vision and achievements and how you can support its work please visit: www.echdo.org

Workshops and conferences keep delegates up to date with research and new ways to tackle challenges



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Improving CHD care across Europe

Linking patient and parents groups

The European Congenital Heart Disease Organisation (ECHDO) brings together people affected by congenital heart disease (CHD) under a single umbrella to improve treatment and care across Europe.

Strengthening support networks

ECHDO extends CHD support networks within and between countries, bringing positive change through the exchange of ideas and experience.

ECHDO works to:

- Increase understanding of CHD and support for patients of all ages: babies, children and GUCHs (grown-ups with congenital heart disease) in Europe;
- Provide up-to-date information about CHD to patients and their families;
- Lobby for European standards on medical and psychosocial care of CHD patients, including access to safe medicines;
- Share information about research studies and patients' experiences within Europe;
- Stimulate the development of national CHD support networks;
- Increase its impact by liaising with other European networks.



Collaboration and friendship across borders changes lives

ECHDO Members

- Austria - Herzkinder Österreich
www.herzkinder.at
- Belgium - Hartekinderen vzw
www.hartekinderen.be
- Bulgaria - Child's Heart Association
www.childsheart.eu
- Catalonia - aacic
www.aacic.org
- Czech Republic - Srdickari
www.srdickari.cz
- Cyprus - The Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Cardiac Diseases
www.pediheart.org.cy
- Denmark - Hjerteforeningens Borneklub
www.hjerteforeningen.dk
- Estonia - MTÜ Südamelaste Tugiühing
www.sydamelaps.ee
- Finland - Sydänlapset ja - aikuiset ry
www.sydänlapsetja-aikuiset.fi
- France - Association nationale des cardiaques congénitaux (ANCC)
www.ancc.asso.fr
- Germany - Bundesverband Herzranke Kinder e.V.
www.bvhk.de
- Germany - GUCH Germany
www.JEMAH.de
- Great Britain - Children's Heart Federation
www.chfed.org.uk
- Great Britain - GUCH PA
www.guch.org.uk
- Greece - Kardiop Greek Child's Heart Association
www.kardiopaidiou.gr
- Iceland - Children's Heart Foundation Neistinn
www.neistinn.is



- Ireland - Heart Children Ireland
www.heartchildren.ie
- Italy - Associazione Italiana dei Cardiopatici Congeniti Adulti
www.aicca.it
- Italy - Kinderherz-Verein
www.kinderherz.it
- Lithuania - Vaiko Širdies Asociacija
www.vaikosirdis.lt
- Luxembourg - Lux Cordis asbl
www.luxcordis.org
- Netherlands - Patiëntenvereniging Aangeboren Hartafwijkingen (PAH)
www.aangeborenhartafwijking.nl
- Northern Ireland - Heartbeat NI
www.heartbeatni.org.uk
- Northern Ireland - Children's Heartbeat Trust
www.childrensheartbeattrust.org
- Norway - Foreningen for hjertesyke barn
www.ffhb.no
- Poland - The Dina Radziwillowa Child's Heart Foundation
www.sercedziecka.org.pl
- Poland - Corinfantis
www.corinfantis.org
- Romania - "My Child - My heart" Association
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- Romania - PROTCARD
www.protcad.org
- Slovenia - Drustvo za zdravje srca in ozilja Slovenije
www.zasrce.si
- Spain - Fundación Menudos Corazones
www.menudoscrazones.org
- Sweden - Hjärtebarnsföreningen
www.hjarteabarn.org