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Melbourne Congress & Rise Up Policy Forum

Transforming approaches
to safety and healing

Sponsorship
Prospectus

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



About ISPCAN

ISPCAN is a global membership organisation for people working to uphold the rights, safety, and wellbeing of children and young people.

Wherever children live, learn, and play, there are opportunities to strengthen relationships, prevent harm, and support their wellbeing.

Our members work across research, practice, policy, and advocacy to move from aspiration to action, ensuring children's rights are not only recognised, but realised.

ISPCAN fosters a global community of learning where ideas are tested, assumptions are challenged, and evidence-informed approaches can take root.

Together, we accelerate progress toward safer environments and stronger systems that enable children and young people to thrive.

As proud Co-Convenors of the 2026 ISPCAN International Congress in Melbourne, Australian Childhood Foundation is delighted to welcome the global child protection community to Australia, partnering with ISPCAN to advance safer systems and stronger futures for children and young people.

Established in 1977 by Henry Kempe, ISPCAN has brought together a multidisciplinary community that recognises child protection as a shared global responsibility.



The Rise Up Policy Forum

The Rise Up Policy Forum - on the fourth day of Congress, 27 August 2026 - specifically gathers governments, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to catalyse progress in advancing child protection through a public health and system strengthening approach.

It is designed for ministers, commissioners, and senior public officials, and focuses on the practical work of governance, system leadership, and implementation.

Invitation to sponsor

Join us in Melbourne for the 2026 ISPCAN Congress, where more than 1,000 professionals from over 80 countries will gather to deepen knowledge, strengthen practice, and advance the rights of children and young people around the world.

We meet at a moment of rapid change. Digital environments are reshaping children's lives, families are under increasing pressure, and institutions face new forms of risk. These challenges require collaboration, innovation, and a willingness to rethink how systems respond. We invite you to take an active role in this global effort.

By sponsoring or exhibiting, you help accelerate solutions that prevent harm, support healing, and drive systemic change. Your partnership expands access to evidence, strengthens cross-sector collaboration, and contributes to real improvements in children's safety and wellbeing.

Be part of a global movement that is working to transform policy and practice.

We look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne in August 2026 as a valued partner in this important venture.

*Warm regards,
Pragathi Tummala and Janise Mitchell*

Co-Convenors



Pragathi Tummala | CEO
International Society for the
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect



Janise Mitchell | CEO
Australian Childhood Foundation

Why global collaboration matters now

Children and young people in Australia continue to experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation at rates that demand urgent attention. These experiences carry lifelong consequences for health, connection, identity, and opportunity.

At the same time, the forces shaping children's lives are evolving quickly. Digital spaces have become central to identity and relationships. Economic and climate pressures challenge family stability. Cultural norms around safety and risk are shifting across communities.

These challenges are not confined to one country or sector. They are global, complex, and interconnected and addressing them requires a unified effort.

The Melbourne Congress and Policy Forum invites us to learn from one another, test new ideas, and co-create solutions that are bold, practical, and grounded in children's rights. Global conversations help us move from isolated innovations to scalable change, strengthening the systems that support families and keep children safe.



What the Congress will explore

Under the theme **Transforming approaches to safety and healing**, the Congress will explore emerging insights across out-of-home care, youth justice, community prevention, digital safety, culture and diversity, and public health approaches to child protection.

By bringing together researchers, practitioners, advocates, policymakers, and young people, the Congress creates space to break down silos, challenge assumptions, and accelerate approaches that uphold children's rights and promote long-term healing.

Topics include:

Transforming approaches to **out-of-home care and youth justice** to achieve improved outcomes for children and young people

Preventing and responding to **abuse, neglect, and exploitation** within families, communities, and institutions

Culture, social norms, and diversity in safety, risk, and healing

Strengthening child protection through **primary public health approaches**

Centering children in family, IPV and gender-based violence

Rethinking child safety **in a digital world**

Why your organisation should sponsor

Sponsorship and exhibition presence at the 2026 ISPCAN Congress gives your organisation the opportunity to engage with key decision makers across medicine, social sciences, law, mental health, government, and public health.

It's a chance to demonstrate leadership, contribute to global solutions, and support efforts to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation. By participating, you'll help advance the evidence, innovation, and collaboration needed to strengthen systems that protect children and young people.

Our international congresses bring together multidisciplinary professionals from more than 80 countries. Together, we explore global and regional challenges, share emerging research and treatments, examine prevention strategies and highlight effective practice.

Your sponsorship forms part of a global effort to accelerate progress in child safety, healing, and rights. Your partnership helps create environments where children and young people can thrive.

Benefits to your organisation:

- Recognition of your organisation in the lead-up to and during the Congress
- Strong networking opportunities with a highly relevant, multidisciplinary audience
- A platform to build new connections and strengthen existing partnerships
- The opportunity to launch new initiatives, programs or services directly to attendees
- Direct engagement with delegates who are committed to learning and advancing their professional practice
- Alignment with a global community working to improve outcomes for children, young people and families
- A meaningful opportunity for your staff to connect face-to-face with key organisations and leaders in one place



Sponsorship packages

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to start a conversation.



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Major Government Partner sponsors

\$50,000

There are four Major Government Partner opportunities available, and these partners enjoy the maximum level of benefits from their sponsorship commitment. As a Major Government Partner, you will have high brand exposure in the lead up to and throughout the conference, as well as opportunities to communicate with delegates before, during, and after the event.

Benefits

Opportunity for Government spokesperson to address delegates during one of the following (3-5 minutes each):

- Formal Opening of the conference
- Welcome reception
- Networking event

3 x acknowledgment of support in Australian Childhood Foundation and ISPCAN e-newsletters (EDMs) (approx 80,000 subscribers globally)

3 x social media posts on both Australian Childhood Foundation and ISPCAN social media channels (approx 50,000 followers nationally, and more globally)

Recognition by the Congress chair in the opening and closing day addresses

Opportunity to provide one pull-up banner in conference foyer, or by registration desk, for the entire event

Logo displayed on screen before and after all plenary sessions

Logo displayed in all Congress promotional and marketing material, such as media releases and in app

Logo displayed in the Congress program and on the website

125-word profile on website

Double trade display in preferred position: 2 trestle tables, 4 chairs, and power

8 x full conference registrations

8 x Welcome Reception tickets

8 x Networking event tickets

Delegate list (name, organisation and state/country only)

Principal Partners

\$24,000

There are two Principal Partner opportunities available.

This opportunity gives you a chance to show your commitment to the prevention of child abuse and reach a large network across Australia and globally. As a principal partner, your brand will have strong visibility in the lead up to and across the Congress.

Benefits

Freestanding banner positioned at registration area, and conference foyer for duration of Conference (sponsor to provide)

Trade display in prominent location including 1 x trestle table, 2 chairs, and access to power

Opportunity to address delegates at a morning/lunch/afternoon tea break (5 mins)

Opportunity to chair 2 x concurrent sessions during the conference (times and topics to be negotiated)

Acknowledgement by the Conference Chair in the opening and closing address

Logo displayed on the Congress website sponsors page with recognition as a Principal Partner

Prominent logo placement on all event communications

Acknowledgement of support via 2 x ISPCAN social media posts

125-word organisational profile on the Congress website

125-word organisational profile in the Congress program and app

3 x delegate registrations

3 x networking event tickets

3 x welcome reception tickets

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Advertising in the Congress app

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Opportunity to chair 2 plenary sessions, or have your logo featured. (To be negotiated, and at the discretion of the congress chair)

Collaborating Partners

\$17,000

With only three Collaborating Partner packages available, this opportunity not only shows your commitment to preventing child abuse, but you will also have high brand visibility in the lead up to and during the Congress.

Benefits

Each Collaborating Partner will have their branding/logo featured on one of three Conference high-visibility items, including lanyards, branded registration desk, and wayfinding signage

Trade display in prominent location including 1 x trestle table, 2 chairs, and access to power

MC acknowledgement in the opening and closing address

Logo displayed on the Congress website sponsors page with recognition as a Collaborating Partner

Prominent logo placement on all event communications

75-word organisational profile on the Congress website

75-word organisational profile in the Congress program and app

2 x delegate registrations

2 x networking event tickets

2 x welcome reception tickets

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Advertising in the Congress app

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)



Concurrent session sponsors

\$7,000

Support concurrent sessions that delve into the key themes of the congress:

- Transforming out-of-home care and youth justice
- Preventing and responding to the harm caused by abuse, neglect, and exploitation within families, communities, organisations, institutions, and businesses
- Culture, social norms, and diversity as mediators of safety, risk, and healing
- From prevention to healing: strengthening child protection through primary and public health approaches
- Centring children and young people in responses to family and gender-based violence
- Re-thinking child safety in a digital world



Benefits

Freestanding banner positioned on the stage during the concurrent session (sponsor to supply)

MC acknowledgement as sponsor in opening and closing ceremonies

Opportunity to chair a concurrent session during the conference (time and topic to be negotiated)

1 x delegate registration

1 x networking event ticket

1 x welcome reception ticket

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between sessions

Logo displayed on holding slides for concurrent session

Logo on website, Congress program and app, and event communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

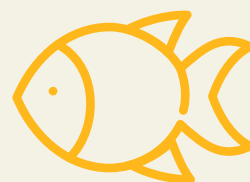
Welcome reception sponsor

\$15,000

Help to set the tone for the Congress, enabling an evening of connection and conversations with your sponsorship of an exclusive Welcome Reception at SEA Life Melbourne Aquarium. Delegates and guests will enjoy private, after-hours access to the aquarium while networking with fellow delegates among stunning sea animal displays. Food and drinks will be served in this immersive setting, offering a memorable and relaxed start to the Congress.

Benefits

Recognition as the exclusive Welcome Reception Sponsor for the Congress	Verbal acknowledgement of the host by the Congress MC during the Welcome Reception
Opportunity to welcome and address guests (3 minutes)	1 x delegate registration
Freestanding banners in venue (sponsor to supply)	5 x Welcome Reception tickets + opportunity to invite additional guests at cost
Host acknowledgement included on the Congress website and in the Congress program and app	1 x networking event ticket
Host logo displayed on Welcome Reception signage provided by Congress organisers	Logo on website, program and app, and event communications
Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions	Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)



Networking event sponsor

\$15,000

Help us to enable an evening of networking, collaboration, and fun as delegates immerse themselves in Melbourne's iconic laneway culture at this vibrant Cultural Social Networking Event. Hosted at the Showtime Events Centre, the evening will feature roaming food stations, entertainment, and informal networking in a lively, urban-inspired atmosphere celebrating the city's spirit.

Benefits

Recognition as the exclusive Networking Event Sponsor for the Congress

Opportunity to welcome and address guests (3 minutes)

Opportunity to provide a promotional item or gift to delegates

Freestanding banners in venue (sponsor to supply)

Host acknowledgement included on the Congress website and in the Congress program and app

Host logo displayed on Networking Event signage provided by Congress organisers

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement of the host by the Congress MC during the Networking event

1 x delegate registration

5 x networking tickets and the opportunity to invite additional guests at cost

1 x welcome reception ticket

Logo on website, program and app, and event communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Technology sponsors



We can't have a conference without technology. From microphones to streaming, translation support to the conference app - be the driving force that helps to power the conference.

There are two exclusive Technology sponsor opportunities available under this category.

Tech Opportunity 1: App Sponsor

\$15,000

Recognition as the exclusive App Sponsor for the 2026 ISPCAN International Congress

Acknowledgement included on the Congress website and in the Congress program and app

Prominent logo on the app homepage and splash screen

Verbal acknowledgement of the host by the Congress MC during the Congress

2 x delegate registrations

2 x networking tickets

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Tech Opportunity 2: Translation Services Sponsor

\$15,000

Recognition as the exclusive Translation Services Sponsor for the 2026 ISPCAN International Congress

Acknowledgement included on the Congress website and in the Congress program and app

Prominent logo on the translation browser for the Congress

Verbal acknowledgement of the host by the Congress MC during the Congress

2 x delegate registrations

2 x networking tickets

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Opportunity to provide branded headphones at own cost for additional exposure (subject to approval by the Congress Organisers)

Trade display

Connect with attendees and continue the conversation in every break across the two days.

Trade displays give you an opportunity to talk more about your work and how you can support the sector.

ACCOs and First Nations led organisations are eligible for 30% off the Trade Display cost.



Option 1 - \$3,300

Benefits

Trade display space including

- 1 x trestle table and 2 chairs
- Access to power

1 x delegate registration

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Additional exhibitor staff - discounted rate \$550

Option 2 - \$6,000

Benefits

Trade display space including

- 2 x trestle table and 4 chairs
- Access to power

2 x delegate registrations

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Additional exhibitor staff - discounted rate \$550

Barista sponsor

\$8,000

Become a Barista sponsor and fuel the Congress, one cup at a time. This is one of the most visible and popular sponsorship opportunities, placing your brand directly into delegates' hands throughout the day.

Branded coffee cups supplied by your organisation ensure ongoing exposure, with the option to extend your presence through branded aprons, hats, or other accessories worn by barista staff. There are 4 Barista Sponsorship opportunities available.

Benefits

Recognition as a Barista sponsor of the 2026 ISPCAN International Congress

Branded coffee cups supplied by sponsor, & opportunity to provide branded aprons, hats, or accessories for barista staff

Freestanding banner at the coffee station (sponsor to supply)

1 x networking event ticket



Pay it forward scholarships

Make a positive impact for young people, those with lived and living experience, First Nations practitioners, and delegates from the Global South who may be facing financial barriers to attending the Congress.

The ultimate pay it forward is to give practitioners, knowledge holders and researchers from these groups an opportunity to attend the Congress, to connect, and share learnings.



Pay it forward scholarships

Scholarships for young people and those with lived and living experience

This Congress is dedicating a significant part of the program to hear from the wisdom of children and young people, and those with lived and living experience. You can make it possible for young people and those with lived and living experience to attend the conference by sponsoring their registration, travel, and accommodation costs.

The Congress is wanting to welcome young people and those with lived and living experience from across Australia, New Zealand, and our neighbouring countries to join in this important conversation.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

\$25,000

Supports up to 10 young people or those with lived and living experience with registration, travel, and accommodation

\$15,000

Supports up to 6 young people or those with lived and living experience with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

\$7,500

Supports up to 3 young people or those with lived and living experience with registration, travel, and accommodation

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Pay it forward scholarships

Scholarships for First Nations delegates

This Congress is dedicating a significant part of the program to hear from the wisdom of First Nations delegates from across Australia, New Zealand, and the world.

You can make it possible for First Nations delegates from across Australia and New Zealand to attend the conference by sponsoring their registration, travel, and accommodation costs.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

\$25,000

Supports up to 10 First Nations delegates with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

\$15,000

Supports up to 6 First Nations delegates with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

\$7,500

Supports up to 3 First Nations Delegates with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Pay it forward scholarships

Scholarships for delegates from the Global South

This is the first time in many years that this Congress has been held in the Global South. We want as many of our regional neighbors to be able to join in this important conversation.

You can make it possible for delegates from across the Global South to attend the conference by sponsoring their registration, travel, and accommodation costs.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

\$24,000

Supports up to 6 delegates from the global south with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

\$16,000

Supports up to 4 delegates from the global south with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

\$8,000

Supports up to 2 Delegates from the global south with registration, travel, and accommodation expenses

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Wellbeing sponsorship

The conversations held over this Congress can be confronting, distressing, and overwhelming.

Help us to support the wellbeing and self-care of delegates as they engage in these important conversations in the name of preventing and healing child abuse.

There are three opportunities available: therapy dogs, breathwork classes, and a wellbeing lounge.



Wellbeing sponsorship

Option 1: Therapy dogs

\$5,000

Therapy dogs can provide meaningful emotional support to delegates. Their calm, gentle presence helps reduce stress, ease anxiety, and create moments of grounding amid difficult discussions. Therapy dogs contribute to a safer, more supportive environment that helps delegates sustain their wellbeing throughout the event. You can assist us to enable delegates to access professional therapy dogs which will be made available to delegates during breaks.

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Freestanding banner in appropriate area of the venue (sponsor to supply)

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Wellbeing sponsorship

Option 2: Breathwork classes

\$5,000

Breathwork classes can offer valuable support to delegates where the material discussed can be emotionally demanding and, at times, deeply activating. Breathwork can enhance grounding, restore a sense of safety in the body, and reduce accumulated stress throughout the day. By fostering calm, clarity, and emotional resilience, these practices can help delegates stay present, engaged, and well-supported as they participate in important and often challenging conversations.

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Freestanding banner in break out area where classes held (sponsor to supply)

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Wellbeing sponsorship

Option 3: Wellbeing lounge

\$5,000

Support delegate wellbeing by providing a safe, quiet space equipped with soft furnishings and sensory aides - and supported by a counsellor who is available to debrief and support delegates if needed.

Benefits:

Logo and acknowledgement on Congress website and program and app

Freestanding banner in quiet room (sponsor to supply)

Logo included in all Congress communications

Delegate list (name, organisation, and state/country only)

Logo included on sponsor acknowledgement slides shown between plenary sessions

Verbal acknowledgement by the Congress MC during the Congress

Opportunity to have a branded trestle table in the lounge

Design your own sponsorship package

We welcome suggestions for a custom-made package using a mixture of the inclusions/benefits listed throughout this prospectus.

Alternatively, custom sponsorship could include sponsoring something specific - such as a keynote speaker. Perhaps you have some ideas in line with your organisation's strategic goals?

Contact: ISPCANsponsorship@childhood.org.au
to start a conversation.



Sponsorship Terms & Conditions

1. Sponsorship Enquiries and Applications

All sponsorship and exhibition enquiries should be directed to ISPCANsponsorship@childhood.org.au

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are allocated on a first-confirmed basis and remain subject to approval by the Congress Organising Committee (COC). The COC reserves the right to decline sponsorship or exhibition applications that do not align with the values, objectives or integrity of the Congress.

2. Pricing and GST

All prices listed are in Australian Dollars (AUD) and are exclusive of GST.

3. Confirmation and Payment

Sponsorship and exhibition bookings are confirmed only once a signed agreement (or written confirmation) and deposit payment are received.

- A tax invoice will be issued upon confirmation
- Full payment must be received by the due date outlined on the invoice
- The COC reserves the right to release sponsorship or exhibition allocations where payment deadlines are not met

4. Sponsorship Inclusions

Sponsors will be advised of all deadlines for submission of logos, profiles, artwork, promotional materials, and other deliverables.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide all required materials in the correct format by the nominated deadlines.

Where materials are not received by the due date:

- inclusion in printed or digital materials cannot be guaranteed, and
- no refunds or discounts will apply for missed opportunities.

Sponsorship Terms & Conditions

5. Changes to Program or Delivery

The Congress Organising Committee reserves the right to:

- adjust the program and app, venue layout, or event schedule where required;
- substitute comparable sponsorship benefits if necessary due to operational changes.

Every effort will be made to maintain the value and intent of the sponsorship package.

6. Cancellation and Refund Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Congress Organising Committee.

Sponsorship packages

- Deposits are non-refundable unless the sponsorship is re-sold.
- Cancellations received:
 - More than 90 days prior to the Congress: 50% refund of funds paid (excluding deposit).
 - Within 90 days of the Congress: no refund.

Trade displays

- If payment is not received by the due date, the COC reserves the right to cancel the allocated space.
- No refunds will be provided unless the space is reallocated.

7. Exhibition and Trade Display Conditions

Exhibitors must:

- operate within the allocated booth space.
- ensure displays do not obstruct neighboring exhibitors.
- comply with all venue requirements and safety regulations.

Trade displays must remain in place for the three days of the conference and cannot be dismantled prior to official close. The COC reserves the right to request modification or removal of any display deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or inconsistent with the Congress values.

Sponsorship Terms & Conditions

8. Insurance

Exhibitors and sponsors are responsible for arranging their own insurance, including:

- Public and Products Liability Insurance
- Insurance covering loss or damage to property and materials

The Congress Organising Committee, venue, and event partners do not accept responsibility for loss or damage to sponsor or exhibitor property.

9. Liability

Sponsors and exhibitors participate at their own risk and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Congress Organising Committee, ISPCAN, the Australian Childhood Foundation, and event partners against any claims, losses, or damages arising from their participation.

10. Delegate Information

Where included as a sponsorship benefit, delegate lists will contain name, organisation, and state/country only, in accordance with privacy requirements.

Delegate contact details will not be shared unless explicit consent has been provided.

11. Use of Logos and Branding

Sponsors grant permission for their organisation name and logo to be used in Congress promotional materials in accordance with the benefits outlined in their package.

All branding use remains subject to Congress style and placement guidelines.

Sponsorship Terms & Conditions

12. Custom Sponsorship Packages

Custom sponsorship opportunities are available and may combine elements from multiple packages or support specific Congress components (e.g., keynote speakers, scholarships, wellbeing initiatives).

Please contact: ISPCANSponsorship@childhood.org.au

13. Force Majeure

If the Congress is postponed, cancelled, or materially affected by circumstances beyond the control of the organisers (including but not limited to natural disasters, public health events, or government restrictions), sponsorship benefits may be adjusted accordingly. Funds paid may be applied to a rescheduled event or alternative agreed arrangements.

