

What our Members say . . .

"CanTeen is like one big happy family where I have loads of brothers and sisters, who have gotten me through some rough times in my life. I am proud to be part of CanTeen's future!"

Gordon

"CanTeen means a lot to me. It's great. You get to meet lots of new friends and everyone is always happy. The weekends away are class. When you come away on your first weekend you're a bit shy, but give it a couple of months and you'll be like everyone else."

Ciaran

"CanTeen has been a real life support when you need someone to talk to. Here you make real friends, people who treat you as you are, because they have something similar."

Ian

"CanTeen has given me more confidence in things I do, and has given me all of my best friends. I don't think I would have recovered as quickly without CanTeen."

Niall

"Having cancer has opened up a new world for me – from joining CanTeen and meeting new friends, going away on weekends, you get to share your experiences with other people who have experienced similar things."

Philip

"CanTeen is like a rainbow, it has many different colours or moods, happy or sad, good times and bad. But there is always someone to talk to and help."

Lindsey

"CanTeen helps you get through the hard times, and you have something in common with everyone."

Chris



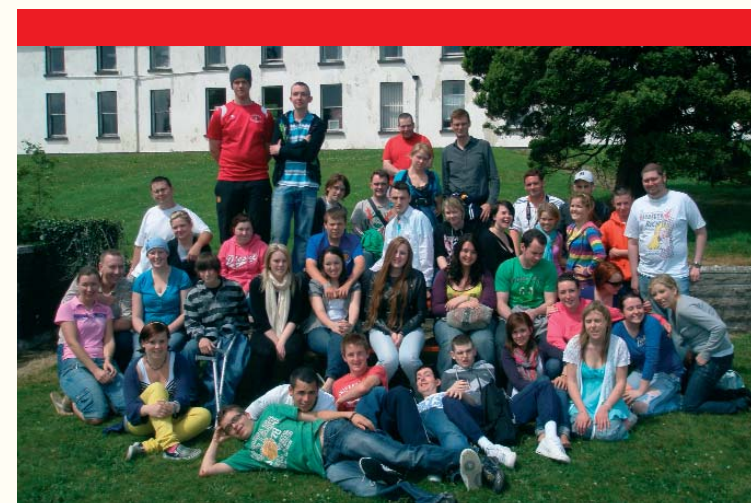
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



In Today's World

In today's world cancer is a commonplace illness that effects thousands of people. In many countries groups have been set up to help people with cancer, and some particularly to help young people who have to deal with such an illness in their lives.



What is CanTeen

CanTeen is a nationwide support group for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years who have or have had cancer, and for their brothers, sisters and friends. We were set up in 1990 and are associated with the Irish Cancer Society. We can be contacted through our address, which is given in the back, the Irish Cancer Society or through the social worker in the hospitals.



About our Members

Our members range between the ages of twelve and twenty-five. We have members from all over Ireland. Some members are bald, some have massive heads of hair, and some even have dandruff! Some members are newly diagnosed or on treatment or even finished months, some, years. We have experiences, that will help members through their experience with the world of cancer.



What we do!

As a group we meet up 6 to 8 times a year. At those meetings we have a chance to talk, share stories and have a bit of fun. After the meeting we organise activities like bowling, go-carting, and quasar etc. Throughout the year we have 5-6 weekends away. We have been to Alton Towers, Barretstown Castle, Carlingford Adventure Centre and Tanagh OEC, to name but a few.

To keep (you) the member up to date, we have set up a newsletter that is written by you the members. The Steering Committee is the group that runs CanTeen. It has a majority of teenage members, so it will be you the member who will be making the decisions on what activities etc., that you want to do.



Fundraising Campaign

CanTeen Ireland is currently doing a fundraising campaign in partnership with



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