

Why Should I become an ICPIC Member?

Personal Membership

Personal membership is for individual citizens of the ICPIC community. This is your way of saying that you are part of something bigger, aligning yourself with an international community who support educational and social change not only in your own back yard, but around the world. It expresses your desire to being part of the global community of philosophical inquiry; listening, exchanging, and furthering ideas with others who are also committed to bringing philosophical inquiry into education and life.

Individual membership provides you with the opportunity to:

- Be an active part of the worldwide ICPIC community through the ‘members only’ area on the website (discussion groups)
- Find and communicate with any other ICPIC member in a secure environment (direct messaging through the website)
- Be a member of the ICPIC-Members listserve (email group)
- Celebrate your achievements with our global community.
- Share resources with your peers,
- Seek help from skilled practioners and theorists, and collaborate around projects with others who care about philosophy for children.
- List any publications in Philosophy for children that you have had published. (Books, articles in magazines).
- Discover members with similar interests r who live in your region

While personal membership allows you to share information through the listserve and take part in discussion groups on the web, it does not allow you to advertise events organizations you belong to are holding on the ICPIC homepage. For that, the organization itself needs its own institutional membership in ICPIC.

Organizational Membership:

Organizational membership is for organizations and institutions (rather than people) – it provides both non-for-profit and for-profit organizations with a way of expressing their commitment to the larger purposes and values of Philosophy for Children as an educational social movement. It can also be a vehicle for expressing your commitment and global responsibility to support and nurture the growth of P4C at an international level. ICPIC membership will also enable *your* members to come to see themselves as are part of a larger movement for educational and social change – a chance to “think globally and act locally.”

ICPIC membership provides organizations with the opportunity to:

- Gain global visibility on the ICPIC website through the 'location finder' on the ICPIC world map,
- Gain global reach to let people know of upcoming events through placing these on the ICPIC homepage.
- Giving your own members a connection to the global Philosophy for Children community and see their own efforts connected to the global movement.
- Enhance your organization's status with local authorities through its participation in a global network endorsed by UNESCO
- Provide evidence for local authorities and partners of "proof of concept": sound research, conducted internationally, that can be drawn upon to ground your efforts at a local level, both theoretically and practically, in circumstances where you may not have had the resources or context to conduct research for yourselves.
- Showcase projects and achievements of your organization on relevant pages of the ICPIC website.

Anticipated Questions + Frequently asked questions.

Q: What sort of membership do I take if I run a small P4C business (either for profit, or as a non-for profit) – I am really a one-person show.

A: If you run a P4C enterprise – for profit or non-for-profit - you do effectively have an organization, even if it is a small one. You will need an organizational membership for your business (so you can share what the organization is doing and planning) and you will also need a personal membership for your own interactions as person who chooses to be part of the global ICPIC community. As a small organization, you can take comfort in the fact that for this small financial outlay, your organization will get high exposure it otherwise may have found difficult to achieve.

Q: While my organization gives me autonomy to engage in P4C, they are not themselves committed to P4C as an institution. It is 'my baby' and I run it out of my office – indeed if I wasn't here it is not clear anyone else would continue this work). I have never established what I am doing at an institutional level.

A: While you may be the driving force behind the projects you have created, the institution under whose wing you are doing this is still involved. (for example, whether it is a university or a school, they are implicated legally for anything that might go wrong). So while they may not share your passion toward P4C, they are enabling you to do this work and it is worth acknowledging this through membership that enables them to gain visibility as the home of your work.