

# ING CENTRE FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION



*“All things are made to feel important in Conductive Education. It’s about your whole being, not just about being taught to speak or walk” (Parent of a six year old boy)*

## What is Conductive Education?

Conductive Education is neither therapy, treatment nor cure. It was devised by Professor Andras Petö (a Hungarian physician) who recognised motor disorders as chronic conditions, resulting in problems of learning or relearning, which can respond to appropriate teaching. Conductive Education’s aim is ‘learning to learn’. Individuals learn to problem-solve and achieve their own personal goals, experiencing greater independence and exercising choice.

## The Four Main Elements of Conductive Education are:

- **The Conductors** - Conductors complete a four-year degree and their roles include that of a coordinator, integrator and educator. They teach, guide and motivate the group, constantly observing each child’s performance and progression, and accordingly modify individual programs and timetables, to ensure that the child works to their potential.
- **The Group** - Working with others gives motivation, positive expectation and success, so that the child enjoys on-going practice of new meaningful skills, which are integrated into everyday living.
- **Task Series** - The tasks to be learned are analysed and divided into a series of small steps, which are then practised and built into an entire skill.
- **Rhythmical Intention** - Assists the child to use their speech or inner speech to express their intention. Repeating the intention gives the child a rhythm or pace at which to carry out the movement. Language therefore is used to help them overcome their movement problems.

## Who Can Come to the Program?

Children with a cerebral palsy/physical disability, between the ages of 0 – 18 years. Children attending the program have access to all other services of The Spastic Centre.

## Programs Offered:

- Children and parent class
- Pre-school program
- Kindergarten program
- Intermediate program
- Junior and teenage program

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## What Does the Program Cost?

Fees will apply. However, Rotary has offered to provide sponsorship to families who are in genuine need of financial assistance.

Referrals can be made by the child's family, caregiver or by another agency or professional person in consultation with the family.

*The Spastic Centre acknowledges the support given by ING and Rotary to the Program.*

## Further Information

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