

INSIGHT IN iC2 PREPHOUSE

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Focuses On One Of Anza Action's Smaller Charities Who Will Benefit From April's Hilarity For Charity Event

Tucked away in a shopping centre in Boon Lay, iC2 PrepHouse provides a wealth of resources and teaching for young people diagnosed with visual issues. If not addressed, some of these conditions could prevent them from either attending main stream schools or studying for exams, so ANZA Action is committed to helping in any way we can.

Whether the children go to iC2, or as is more often the case now, the teachers visit them, there are many ways that the young people can learn with the help of this worthwhile charity. For example, they are given the opportunity to gain some independence by reading volunteer-made books – which have a story line in braille and tactile illustrations made with the help of the recently donated scanner from ANZA's Wandering Yogis. As they become more proficient, specialised computers aid with magnification or by using software to convert text to speech.

Volunteer-produced tools such as these make a real difference to the children suffering from visual impairment – and there are numerous ways you too can get involved.



- **JOIN ONE OF OUR TACTILE PRODUCTION WORKSHOPS**
Come along to iC2 and help make the books for young children to read. A simple book can be done in a morning, whilst a more complicated project could take 2-3 sessions.
- **BE A MENTOR**
Go directly to the children's homes, to read with them or help with their homework. We have been fortunate to have had a few ANZA members who have been involved in this aspect of iC2 life for some time now.
- **EDIT NOTES AND MATERIALS**
Work on notes and info' used with the JAWs (text-to-speech software) programme, which can easily be done from home.
- **ATTEND HILARITY FOR CHARITY**
Register for this inaugural ANZA event on Wednesday 11 April at the Hard Rock Cafe and help raise funds for much-needed equipment. Check out the What's On section of the ANZA website for details: <https://anza.org.sg/events/#!event/2018/4/18/hilarity-for-charity>

GOOD NEWS! AN iC2 SUCCESS STORY

Joshua is a 20-year-old university student just beginning his undergraduate studies at the SMU School of Information Systems. However, a few years ago and after rapid deterioration of his vision, Joshua was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma and lost his vision during his 'O' level year, forcing him into home-study using a scribe and reader for his exams.

Joshua and his parents knew this was not a permanent option hence they sought iC2's advice. With the support of iC2 and Joshua's high expectations, he is now a competent JAWs user and is able to independently and confidently access most of his study and leisure materials. iC2 still responds to requests for support from Joshua when he meets a challenge that he cannot independently resolve, whether it be inaccessible materials or new computer software. A classic example proving the good work of iC2.