



Hi there, are you interested in joining the CI High Five (UK) support group?

This **voluntary** group is setup to support cochlear implant (CI) candidates and users across Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire and London. The group has grown rapidly since January 2017 and currently has nearly 300 members and growing by the day!

**How can you get involved?**

**Facebook Group** - A **CLOSED** Facebook group (online) has been setup for like-minded people who are at the start or progressing on their CI journey along with those who have been implanted. You may be a new candidate and have no idea where to turn to for support? You can be assured this group is here to help! There is a lot of experience readily available to those who need it or you may just want to chat with others? It's amazing what you can learn and how much support is available to you. Queries, concerns or just general chit-chat. We're here to help and are a very friendly group!

On Facebook search for:

**CI High Five (UK)**

**Join today!**

**Social Gatherings** - Since January 2017, the group has held CI socials in Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Reading, Oxford, St Albans and London. The events have been very successful, well attended and people depart feeling inspired by others. The event gives an individual the opportunity to meet face to face and chat in an informal setting with people who understand as they have first-hand experience. People find much inspiration from attending the socials and meeting others. Talking to others very often allays fears and concerns associated with being implanted and the whole process.

We have a full schedule of CI socials (one every month) for 2018 so make sure you hold the dates in your diary and contact us so we can include you into our distribution group. We shall send you details of future events as they are finalised.

| 2018                      |                        |                            |                           |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January  | 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 7 <sup>th</sup> July       | 20 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | 19 <sup>th</sup> May   | 18 <sup>th</sup> August    | 17 <sup>th</sup> November |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | 16 <sup>th</sup> June  | 15 <sup>th</sup> September | 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |

The CI social is informal and friendly with people that understand about hearing loss and the challenges it presents because we have been there ourselves! No need to worry or be stressed about struggling to hear as the venue will have no background noise (music) to aid better hearing for those who may be at the start of the journey or new to the CI hearing world! Whatever stage of the process, people will understand and be supportive.

Partners, parents of CI children and friends of CI users or candidates are also invited as well as Hearing Dogs.

We welcome people with a wide variety of backgrounds too – whether you are born deaf, late deafened, sign, don't sign or a bit of both.

This friendly and supportive group is for all brands of cochlear implants, **Advanced Bionics, Cochlear and Med-EI.**

Please do come along as you are most welcome. Let us know you are coming via email below:

Email Address:

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**Get in touch!**

And finally.... If you are wondering who we are. The organisers are profoundly deaf individuals who have been through the CI journey and implanted. Our lives have completely changed as a result of the implant and we now enjoy being part of the hearing world again. Helping others is a small token of appreciation for the fabulous gift of hearing we have been given. **YOU** could be the same! Join us on Facebook and come along to the group CI socials. It will change your life for sure!

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