



Deaf Village Ireland



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## Features

Sylvia Nolan Manager of Deaf Village Ireland said that her role as Manager in the first year was very challenging, in dealing with the Deaf community and hearing people in the settling in period for all of the organisations to collaborate and work together. This took some time and effort, where mutual trust and respect had to be earned in learning how to work with each other and each organisation. Thankfully, we have achieved this and employees from each organisation gather together for lunch or for coffee every Friday, different people bring in home -made cakes and treats and this is all part of the team building and effort in building up trust in working together with different organisations.

Deaf Village Ireland has become the topic of most countries and we had a huge number of curious visitors from all around the world. Many Deaf and Hearing people are really impressed with our Village and lots of people countries looking for advice and help in how, to set up a Deaf community centre in their own country.

Sylvia says she particularly likes seeing and meeting ordinary members of the Deaf community coming into the Village every day to participate in activities, having coffee, meet friends and make new friends! The Village has brought the Deaf community together again. There are all age groups that use our facilities. This was never the case in Drumcondra. The Deaf community was very split up over the last twenty years; various groups in the Deaf community went their separate ways. The Village has brought the Deaf community together, particularly thanking some of the organisations in the Village for organising on going social events. It is not only the Deaf community from Dublin that participates in these events we have Deaf people around Ireland enjoying the events which has proved to be very successful.

Sylvia would like to thank everyone for their on- going support in DVI and looks forward to working with everyone again in 2015. On behalf of all the staff, we wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Best wishes for 2015

Sylvia Nolan



## Past Events

### National Chaplaincy For Deaf People

During the month of November, there were opportunities for the community to pray for their loved ones at different times and places, such as St Joseph's past pupils, in Thomas Mahon Building at Deaf Village Ireland and St. Mary's past pupils in Dominican Convent Chapel, we also prayed for the recently bereaved during the last 12 months when we, as a community shared our support with the relatives whose loved ones were part of our community. Light refreshments were served afterwards.

At the start of celebrating our Christian year, we held several School Advent Prayer Services and provided annual Christmas Confessions in Emmaus Chapel. This gave people opportunity to reflect and to ponder on the goodness of God in their lives and to give thanks for all we have received and shared.

As part of our giving of our time, and to think of those less fortunate, we sought for donations which we got from kind people both known and unknown to us. These lovely attractive goods were won by lucky winners at the bumper raffle that took place on 17<sup>th</sup> December. This year, for the first time, we had non-alcoholic mulled wine with homemade tasty minced pies (by Deaf Baker). This was truly a treat for all and it was a happy occasion.

THANK YOU to one and all for your kindness and your support in making the bumper raffle a success. You have given these families a lovely surprise and made their Christmas a brighter one.

May we wish you and all every blessing and good health throughout this Christmas and all through 2015.

Christmas Greetings.

Frankie Berry & Fr Gerard.





## Features

Thank you   
For your support  
We made  
€1,680.00  
For families in Need



May we wish you ALL many  
blessings with  
God's love ,peace  
this Christmas

Frankie & Fr Gerard

## Past Events

### IRISH DEAF SOCIETY

#### Santa 5km Fun Run

The first fundraiser for the Deaf community of this kind was organised by the IDS and DSI, with the support of the Inspire Fitness Centre at the DVI. The day was a huge success, with a massive turnout of people from all over the country. The sun decided to join us for the day to distract us from the frosty wind, and the positive energy from everyone taking part made sure there was enough warmth to go around!

The Santa t-shirts and hats really got everyone into a Christmassy mood, with goodie bags for the kids and Santa Fun Run medals for all at the finish line, the smiles on the faces of all our runners were a testament to the atmosphere of the day!

First and second for men and women are

Cathy Sweeney 1st Place

Margaret Kelly 2nd Place

Kieran Nolan 1st Place

Joseph Maguire 2nd Place



The Irish Deaf Society held their annual Christmas party for students of the Deaf Adult Literacy Service and was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December during our last week of term. We served mulled wine and treats and the party was great fun over in the Thomas Mahon building. If you are interested in attending a class with us in future, you can contact us at [dals@irishdeafsociety.ie](mailto:dals@irishdeafsociety.ie) for more information



# News

## DEAF VILLAGE IRELAND

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Deaf Village Ireland had its own Christmas Market on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Market was organised by the Dublin Deaf Association and Deaf Village Ireland. The team worked incredibly hard to make this a huge success. This is the second year running with having the Christmas Market and everyone seemed to have really enjoyed themselves. There were over 26 stalls selling handcraft items. These handcraft items were mainly made from Deaf people around Ireland. These stalls included hand-made jewellery, flowers, cakes, Christmas decorations, knitted items, drawings and ornaments. Many Hundreds of people travelled all around Ireland to attend this fair. The atmosphere was fantastic and there was a lot of excitement here in the Village. Santa's grotto was in the Cabragh Hall and children were entertained watching movies from the big screen while parents went around and bought their Christmas items. Joan Burton Taniste for Ireland and Minister for Social Protection came as a surprise visit to our Christmas Market. Joan Burton got a very nice welcome from the Deaf community especially when there was a lot of controversy over the water charges! Joan Burton bought a hand craft of ISL "I LOVE YOU" sign.

The Market was a huge success and may this continue again next year. A big special thanks to John Fennell and all the volunteers who helped out on this day to make this a very enjoyable day for the members of the Deaf community.





## News

### DEAF VILLAGE IRELAND

Deaf Village Ireland has recently recruited more people on the C.E Scheme. The numbers have grown in the last few months

Receptionist: Robert Young, John Charles Connolly, Lisa Brennan

Social Media Officer: Alan Smyth

Maintenance: Kris Bury

On the 19th December, Deaf Village Ireland had a Christmas morning gathering with all the organisation. Sylvia supplied the Christmas pudding and DDA provided free teas and coffees. Everyone enjoyed themselves and afterwards everyone took part in the making of the Christmas video song. 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday'. There were more than 6,000 views and hits on facebook. Alan Smyth did an excellent job in getting everyone together





## Past Events

### Senior Folks

Senior Folks had a Christmas party in Deaf Village Ireland on the 21st December and a good number turned out. Everyone enjoyed the gathering. There was also a raffle with lots of prizes!



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