



# KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

*KDRC provides services to Deaf and hard of hearing people at county level and contributes to national issues of equality, access and rights.*

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## **SUCCESSFUL ISL AWARENESS WEEK**

We would like to thank everyone who made 'Irish Sign Language Awareness Week' a great success. In particular, we would like to thank everyone who organised & supported activities here in Co. Kerry.

## **EVENTS IN CO. KERRY FOR ISL AWARENESS WEEK**

A special word of thanks to Bernadette O'Connor & the Kerry Deaf Group (KDG) & the Kerry Deaf Women's Group (KDWG) for all their hard work last week. Bernadette organised a successful Coffee Morning in The Brogue Inn and a Deaf Awareness session in Tralee Library.

Our service was delighted to be invited to participate at both events. In addition, Bernadette invited our service & DeafHear Killarney to participate in an interview with our local newspaper Kerry's Eye. Lastly, Bernadette also gave an interview on Kerry Radio to highlight 'International Week of the Deaf'.



Our sincere thanks to everyone who turned up at the events and to Catherine White who acted as interpreter in The Library and on the interview with Radio Kerry.

## **UPDATE ON EQUIPMENT GRANT**

We are delighted to finally confirm that funding for equipment has been allocated for our service & DeafHear Killarney. For reasons outside of our control, funding was delayed and our service took the decision not to accept any further applications for equipment until funding was secured.

The funding allocated for this year is approx. 7,000 euro per organisations. We are in the process of reviewing applications and hope to order equipment within the week. Our sincere thanks to the new Disability Manager in the HSE for all her support in securing the funding for both organisations.

### **NATIONAL COCHLEAR IMPLANT EVENT FOR ADULTS WITH CI (OR ON WAITING LIST)**

DeafHear will host a national Cochlear Implant Event for adults with (or on waiting list for) cochlear implants on the 21st of October in The Heritage Hotel in Portlaoise.

The conference will run from 9.15am until 5 pm. The will give attendees the opportunity to hear about services, supports & latest technology from:

Beaumont CI Team

DeafHear staff

Hearing family member

Irish Tinnitus Association (ITA)

Cochlear Implant companies: MED-EL/ COCHLEAR/ ADVANCED BIONICS



**Our cochlear is the size of a 10cent coin!**

### **Programme includes:**

When hearing aids are not enough.

Impact of profound hearing loss on individuals, families and work colleagues.

Available support services for adults with CIs.

Discussion and feedback from groups 'Expectations & Rehabilitation'.

Time allocated to visit each CI company, ITA & DeafHear information stands.

Link with other participants.

Panel discussion: Your questions answered.

Completion of feedback form.

Cost: €20 per person attending – includes Information pack; tea/coffee & pastries on arrival, x2 tea breaks and a hot lunch. To book or for further information, contact:

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