



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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HSE SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION COURSE



We would like to congratulate our Manager, Willie White on being selected to participate in a Sexual Health Promotion Course organised by the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Willie will also be joined on the course by Christina O'Donoghue, our Deaf Adult Literacy Tutor, along with Aileen Curtayne, Social Worker with DeafHear Killarney and Mary Duggan, Communication Support Worker for Deaf trainees in Rehabcare.

The course will run for 2 days per month for the next 5 months. The aim of the course is to enhance participants' capacity to incorporate sexual health promotion into their work through the development of their comfort levels, confidence, knowledge & skills in relation to sexual health.

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CONGRATS TO OUR MANAGER- CODA INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

We would also like to congratulate Willie White on being selected as Chairperson of CODA International's Social Media Committee.

CODA International celebrates the unique heritage and multicultural identities of adult hearing individuals who have Deaf parent(s).

For the past year, Willie has been actively involved in developing CODAs online presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & other online platforms. It looks like his work is being recognised with this new appointment. Congrats to Willie & best of luck him & the committee with their work.



LAUNCH OF NEW DEAF PROJECT- DESIGNS



A new European funded project 'DESIGNS' will be launched in Dublin this Thursday in Deaf Village Ireland at 2.45pm.

The DESIGNS project aims to bring together 7 partners from 4 EU countries who are renowned experts in the fields of Education & Training, Employment, Sign Language Interpreting and Deaf Community Advocacy.

The overall aim of the project is to create VET and CPD training resources and exchange best practices across Europe to facilitate greater participation of Deaf sign language users in employment.

A number of presentations will be given on the day including our own Willie White, Eddie Redmond (CEO of IDS), Haaris Sheikh (DESIGNS Project Chair), Prof. Lorraine Leeson (Director of CDS), Mark Wheatley (Executive Director EUD), Prof. Jemina Napier (Dept. Head Heriot Watt University), Christian Rathmann (Professor Humbolt University, Berlin), Mary Quirke (Assistant Director WAM/AHEAD) & Ivana Bucko (President of EFSLI)

For more information on DESIGNS, go to

http://designsproject.eu/DESIGNS_project/About.html

APPEAL FOR 2nd HAND HEARING AIDS

As many of you may know our service has been supporting a number of Deaf projects in Ethiopia.

One of our most recent trips was with Visions Global Empowerment to a Deaf Centre & school in a region called Bahir Dar.

During our time there, we worked with a US audiologist Catherine Clark who in turned trained up local Deaf people to test and fit hearing aids to local people with a hearing loss.

Catherine is returning to Ethiopia in August and we are working with her to secure 2nd hand hearing aids which she will re-programme & donate to local people in Bahir Dar.

If you have a 2nd hand hearing aid that is still in working condition and you are happy to donate them to us, we will in turn send them to Catherine who is based in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester.



NEW CE STAFF MEMBER

We would like to welcome Jacquelyn Etches who is joining us on our Community Employment scheme. If you would like to say hello to Jacquelyn, she will be with us on Wed, Thurs & Friday for the next year.