



# 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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## LAUNCH OF DESIGNS EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Haaris Sheikh from Interesource Group for inviting our Manager to the launch of a new EU funded Deaf Employment project last week at Deaf Village Ireland.

Willie was also given the opportunity to give a 'Case for Equality' presentation on two new national access policies for sign language users for services that come under the Dept. of Social Protection (DSP) & the Citizens Information Board (CIB).

These policies were secured as part of an equality case that we supported over the past 3 years.



## PRESENTERS & PARTNERS AT DESIGNS LAUNCH



Willie also had the privilege of working with a number of well-known academics & experts from Ireland & Europe on the day.

These included: 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)

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR DESIGNS- DEAF COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Would you like to learn more about the DESIGNS project?

If so, you can get more information, including their email & Twitter details at [http://designsproject.eu/DESIGNS\\_project/About.html](http://designsproject.eu/DESIGNS_project/About.html)



In addition, there was a live feed shown via Facebook Live of the presentations on the day. At one stage, this live feed was viewed more than 16,500 times.

To view the presentation, go to <https://www.facebook.com/IrishDeafSociety/?pnref=story> and scroll down to the post-dated 12<sup>th</sup> of January 14.55

## NATIONAL POLICIES & COPY OF POWERPOINT ALSO AVAILABLE



If you would like a copy of the two-national sign language interpreting access policies that Willie mentioned in his presentation, we would be happy to send them to you by email or post.

In addition, if you would like a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, that is also available.

The DSP policy covers: Social Welfare (SW) Offices, Community Welfare Offices (CWO) and Intreo (FAS) Employment Support.

The CIB policy covers: Citizen Information Centres (CIC), Money Advice Budgeting Service (MABS) & the National Advocacy Service (NAS)

Willie is also happy to share this information via Skype & FaceTime to organisations and individuals. You can contact Willie on email at [kdrc@eircom.net](mailto:kdrc@eircom.net) to arrange a date & time.

## UPCOMING CHURCH COLLECTIONS- VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

To meet our shortfall in funding, we are looking for volunteers to support us with a number of Church collections in Co. Kerry:

Church dates: **Currow & Currans** 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March. **Listowel** 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of April. **Duagh** 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of June. **Killarney & Muckcross** 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of July. **Castleisland, Cordal & Scartaglin** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of October. **Castlegregory, Cloghane, Brosna & Knocknagoshel.** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of November. **Ballymacelligott, Firies, Ballyhar & Lyreacrompane** 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of November

