



# 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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## THANK YOU TO CORK DEAF ASSOCIATION (CDA)



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Cork Deaf Association for a new page they have put up on their website regarding the new national access policies for sign language users to DSP & CIB services.

In addition, CDA were also very kind & generous in recognising the work that our service did in securing these policies. Our service has a very close working relationship with the CDA and we appreciate their kind words. Our sincere thanks to them for this new page and for all their hard work also in securing better access for Deaf people throughout Cork city & county.

‘The Cork Deaf Association would like to thank Willie White of KDRC for working so hard to establish the right of Deaf people to have an ISL interpreter present when accessing services through INTREO, social welfare, community welfare officers, Citizen’s Information Centres, MABS and the National Advocacy Service.

The Cork Deaf Association are extremely grateful to Willie for passing on this vital information to CDA and thank him for his continued exceptional work done on behalf of the Deaf community’

<http://www.corkdeaf.ie/sign-language-interpreting-access-within-department-social-protection-citizens-information-board/>

## KERRY DEAF WOMEN’S GROUP (KDWG) SOCIAL LUNCH

KDWG will be hosting a social lunch in the Abbey Inn in Tralee on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January at 1pm.

This will be a lovely opportunity for a catch up with other Deaf people after the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

For more information on the lunch or to learn more about the Kerry Deaf Women’s Group, check out their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kerrydeafwomensgroup/>



## REMINDER OF 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR DCC LIMERICK

**Deaf Community Centre Limerick**

To celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Deaf Community Centre (DCC) in Limerick, join us for a Gala Dinner and entertainment.

**The Strand Hotel, Limerick**  
on Saturday 28th January 2017 at 6pm

GALA DINNER • HANDS IN HARMONY CHOIR • JOHN SMITH COMEDY SHOW

TICKET PRICE €50. ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY.

**BY CASH** - To pay for tickets by cash contact Ger Byrne  
By text 086 337 0643 or email ger@dcdlimerick.ie

**OR**

**BY CHEQUE** - Make cheque to: DEAF COMMUNITY CENTRE  
- Write your name(s) on the back of cheque  
- Post cheque to: 27 College Park, Corbally, Limerick

**OR**

**BY CARD** - Book online. Go to: <http://dcdlimerick.eventbrite.ie>  
- Pay directly using your credit card or paypal through our ticket system.  
(please note credit card charge of 0.2% is added)

Just a quick reminder that the Deaf Community Centre (DCC) in Limerick will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary on 28th of January.

Our Manager Willie White & our Board member Suzanne Carey will be there & are looking forward to the 10 year celebrations with DCC.

If you would also like to celebrate with them, book your tickets for a Gala Dinner and entertainment. The celebrations will include a 3-course meal, Hands in Harmony sign language choir will perform and you will also get to see Deaf comedian John Smith's Comedy Show.

The celebrations will take place in The Strand Hotel in Limerick at 6pm. Tickets are €50. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to extend our best wishes to DCC and wish them a very Happy 10-year anniversary.

## 12 REASONS TO LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE (FROM ASL GRADE)

As part of the Irish Deaf Society's campaign for official recognition of Irish Sign Language (ISL), they posted this interesting & funny '12 Reasons to Learn Sign Language' message recently that we thought we'd share with you.

- \*Sign language brings people together.
- \*You can make new Deaf friends.
- \*Hearing parents can communicate with deaf children.
- \*You can communicate through windows.
- \*Sign Language is a 3D language.
- \*You can sign underwater.
- \*Sign language is a great way to express yourself.
- \*You can talk across a room without shouting.
- \*Sign language is beautiful.
- \*You can eat and use sign language at the same time.
- \*Sign language is counted as foreign language credits.
- \*You get a useful skill for employment.

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2. YOU CAN MAKE NEW DEAF FRIENDS.
3. HEARING PARENTS CAN COMMUNICATE WITH DEAF CHILDREN.
4. YOU CAN COMMUNICATE THROUGH WINDOWS.
5. SIGN LANGUAGE IS A 3-D LANGUAGE.
6. YOU CAN SIGN UNDERWATER.
7. SIGN LANGUAGE IS GREAT WAY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF.
8. YOU CAN TALK ACROSS A ROOM WITHOUT SHOUTING.
9. SIGN LANGUAGE IS BEAUTIFUL.
10. YOU CAN EAT AND USE SIGN LANGUAGE AT THE SAME TIME.
11. SIGN LANGUAGE IS COUNTED AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE CREDIT.
12. YOU GET A USEFUL SKILL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE IRISH DEAF SOCIETY

On behalf of all of us in KDRC, we would like to wish the IDS a very Happy Birthday ☺