



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 & FAREWELL TO CDS STUDENT ON PLACEMENT.

We would like to say a big thank you & farewell to Catherine Murphy, a 3rd year Deaf Studies student from the Centre for Deaf Studies (CDS) in Trinity College.

Catherine was on placement with our service for the past 4 weeks and finished up with us on Friday. Catherine was a pleasure to work with & had a fantastic rapport with our staff & service users. We hope she learnt a lot from her time with us.



Catherine Murphy (front & right of photo)

On behalf of our team here, we would like to thank Catherine for all her hard work while she was with us. We would also like to wish her all the best for her remaining time in CDS. We look forward to seeing her complete her studies and graduating. Hopefully we will see her work professionally in the Deaf community thereafter too.

KRISTA & STEVE WALKER FROM THE USA ON A FLYING VISIT TO CO. KERRY.



Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming our long time friends & colleagues, Krista & Steve Walker from Maryland in the USA.

Many of you will remember Krista from her 1st research trip to Ireland back in 2008 where she looked at supports & services for Deaf parents with hearing children. In the Deaf community, kids of Deaf parents are known as KODAs. Krista's research was valuable to those of us who work with Deaf parents & their KODA children.

Krista & Steve were back in Ireland on a surprise visit to celebrate our Board member, Susan O'Callaghan's surprise 40th birthday & baby shower. Before they headed back to the USA, we also got the chance to celebrate Krista's birthday here in the office. As always, it was a pleasure to welcome them back to Ireland and to their home from home here in Kerry Deaf Resource Centre.

CONGRATS TO DEAF ENTRANT IN ROSE OF TRALEE CLARE SELECTION NIGHT

We would like to congratulate Gillian Lafferty who competed in the Clare Rose of Tralee selection night on Saturday night in The Dromoland Inn in Co. Clare.

Gillian's was sponsored by & represented DCM Compliance. As Gillian is Deaf & a sign language user, she also represented the Deaf community too.

We were delighted to hear via an interpreter colleague Carri O'Donnell that funding & sponsorship for a sign language interpreter was sourced which meant Gillian had full access at the event too. Our own Catherine White was the interpreter on the night.



During her interview on stage, Gillian chatted about many things ranging from the support she receives from her family & friends and about the importance of sign language. Gillian also had the opportunity to talk about the Irish Sign Language (ISL) Official Recognition Campaign too.

On behalf of all of us in KDRC, we would like to extend our hearty congratulations to her for participating in the Rose Selection night. It was fantastic to see another Deaf woman compete in the regional selection nights. Fingers crossed it won't be too long before we see a Deaf Rose being crowned the winner.

IRISH DEAF SOCIETY (IDS) SPRING ROADSHOW IN CO. KERRY



The Irish Deaf Society (IDS) Spring Roadshows are taking place around Ireland from the 19th- 28th of April.

We are delighted to hear one of their information roadshows will take place in Tralee in the Grand Hotel on the 22nd of April from 11am-1pm.

For more information, you can contact the IDS via their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IrishDeafSociety or their website www.irishdeafociety.ie

EASTER OPENING HOURS

Finally, on behalf of our Board & staff, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

We will close this Thursday at 5pm. We will be closed Good Friday & the Bank Holiday Monday & will re-open again on Tuesday at 10am.



A sincere thank you to everyone who brought us Easter Eggs, chocolate & cakes during the week. We are very grateful for your kindness. We hope everyone has a fantastic Easter & hope the Easter bunny is kind to you & you get lots of yummy Easter Eggs.