



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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KDRC NEWSLETTER BACK AFTER A SHORT BREAK

Hello everyone. Our newsletter is back after a short break due to Easter and a number of Bank Holidays.

We generally take a break with our newsletters for our summer holidays in August, our Christmas holidays in December & any Bank Holiday. However, as two Bank Holidays came together so closely this year as well as Easter, we decided to take a longer break than normal. We are now back on track and hope you continue to enjoy our newsletter.

HOW TO ADD A NEWS ITEM TO NEWSLETTER

If you would like us to consider adding a news item to our newsletter, send an email to kdrc@eircom.net and in the subject line say 'Add to Update?'. We will then review the information piece. If it's of interest to the Deaf, hard of hearing community, their family members and services providers in Co. Kerry, we will add it to an upcoming update. As we have readers outside of Co. Kerry, we also welcome news items if the Deaf/hard of hearing related piece is of national or international interest.

Our staff also look online for published news items too as another option to add news to our updates.

If you want to submit news to us, we would appreciate it if you could do so before Monday. We try to get newsletters out on Monday lunchtime as local newspapers print our newsletter every so often & they require the information by Monday lunchtime.

KERRY DEAF WOMEN'S GROUP SOCIAL LUNCH

The Kerry Deaf Women's Group (KDWG) will host a social lunch on the 31st of May at 12.30pm.

The lunch will be held in Benners Hotel, Upper Castle Street, Tralee.

If you would like to attend, please contact KDWG via their Facebook page. If you have any diet requirement, they would appreciate knowing this in advance.



COMPLETION OF HSE SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION COURSE

In previous newsletters, we mentioned that our Manager, along with two Deaf professionals, Grainne Moloney & Mary Duggan and DeafHear Killarney's Social Worker, Aileen Curtayne were participating in a Sexual Health Promotion course run by the HSE.

The course ran for ten days over 5 months. The course came to an end last week and all participants received a Foundation Certificate in Sexual Health Promotion.

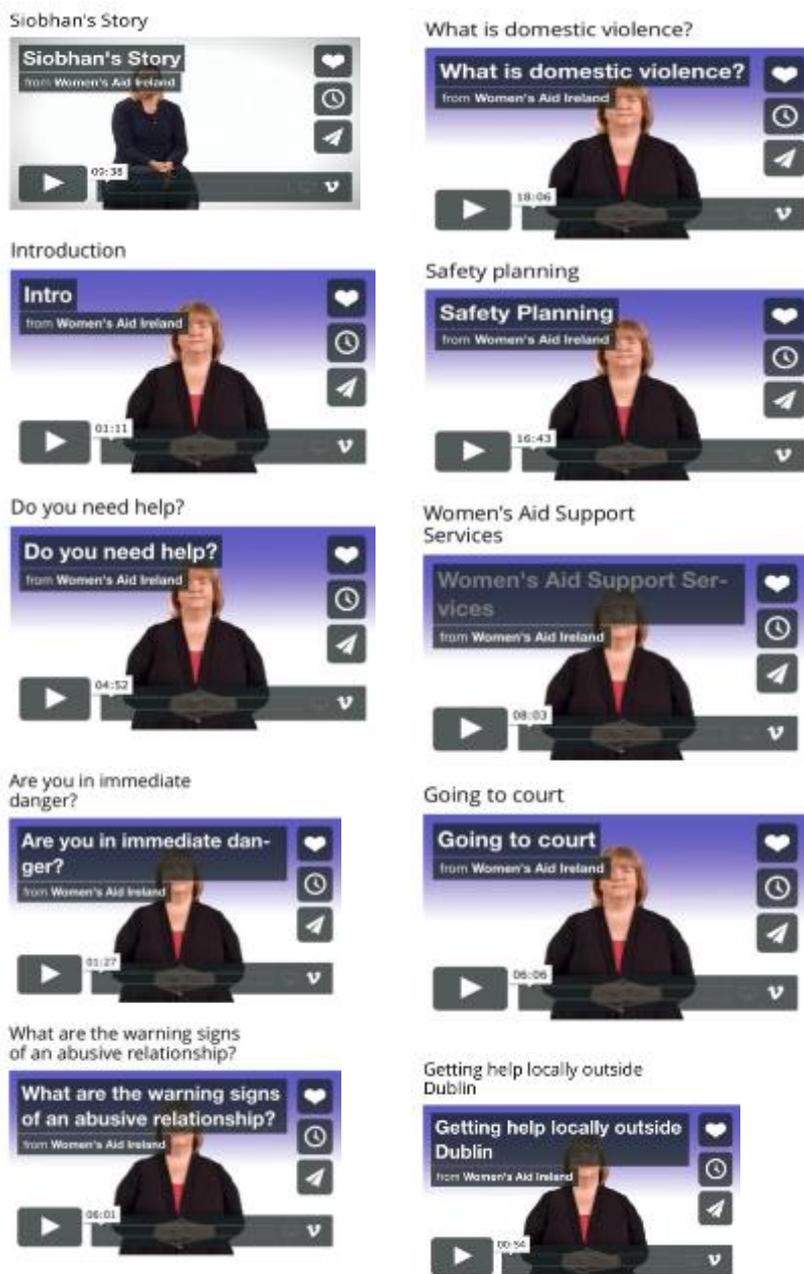
Over the coming months, these four participants are hoping to organise training for our clients on some of the issues covered in the course. If you are interested, please let us know.

INFORMATION IN SIGN LANGUAGE FROM WOMEN'S AID

As part of the course, all participants had to facilitate a workshop on a Sexual Health related topic. Our Manager & Grainne Moloney presented a workshop on the range of sign language access policies available in Co. Kerry that support access for Irish Sign Language (ISL) users.

In addition to local policies, they also talked about the fantastic resources available in ISL for Deaf & hard of hearing women if they required support from services such as Women's Aid.

If you have an interest or query on Women's Aid, they have a section on their website for ISL users at <https://www.womensaid.ie/help/information-sign-language.html> and they also have a text service **087 959 7980**. For information on ISL access policies in general, please contact us, we would be happy to share the information with you.



Text Service for Deaf or hard of hearing women



If you are deaf or hard of hearing, we can help you.

The Women's Aid [National Freephone Helpline](#) can offer support to deaf or hard of hearing women through our text service.

- Text us on **087 959 7980 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.**
- We will text you back
- All texts are treated in the strictest confidence
- We will support you face to face by using an interpreter
- The interpreter can be someone you feel comfortable with or Women's Aid can arrange an interpreter through the [Irish Deaf Society](#).

