



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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OUR MANAGER AT DÁIL ÉIREANN TO DISCUSS ISL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Last week, our Manager, Willie White was invited to our Government buildings 'Dáil Éireann' to a meeting to discuss the next stages of the official recognition of Irish Sign Language (ISL) Bill.

The meeting was hosted by the Chair of the Joint Committee on Justice & Equality, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. Our sincere thanks to him for hosting meeting & for his support of the ISL campaign.

Our service would also like to sincerely thank Gerrie O'Grady from Cork Deaf Association for organising the meeting. This was in support of the ISL Official Recognition Campaign being led by the Irish Deaf Society & we were thrilled to hear Dr John Bosco Conama lead the meeting.

The meeting also included Prof Lorraine Leeson from the Centre for Deaf Studies in Trinity College, Sargent Andrew Geary, a parent of a deaf child, Breda Brosnan of the Cork Deaf Club, Linda Mac Raing of Cork Deaf Enterprises, & Amanda Mohan of the Council of Irish Sign Language Interpreters

Our thanks to Cormac Ó Lóinín for his excellent sign language interpreting work also.

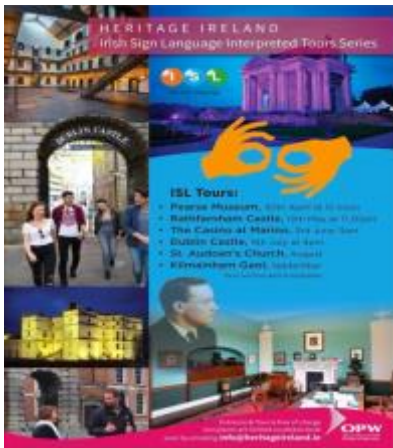
While, there is considerable amount of work to be done, our service will continue to support the work of the ISL Official Recognition Campaign, the Irish Deaf Society & will continue our work with our Government representatives to secure official recognition.

INFORMATION ON HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

In the meantime, if you would like information on how a Bill becomes Law, please contact us. We have information in our service that we would be happy to share with you.



SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING ACCESS AT HERITAGE IRELAND TOURS



Heritage Ireland has announced a number of tours with Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpreting access.

The next tours will include:

3rd of June 11am- The Casino at Marino.

9th of July 4pm- Dublin Castle.

August (to be confirmed)- St. Audoen's Church.

September (to be confirmed)- Kilmainham Gaol.

Entrance & tour is free of charge but places are limited so please book soon by emailing info@heritageireland.ie

CODA UK & IRELAND WEEKEND IN DUBLIN

CODA UK and Ireland will host a weekend in Dublin for adult CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults) from Fri 16th - Sun 18th of June.

If you are interested in joining our own CODA's, Catherine, Veronica & Willie for the weekend, please email Vicki@codaukireland.co.uk



REMINDER OF AMBO RAMBLE CHARITY CYCLE FOR ETHIOPIA



The Ambo Ramble Charity Cycle will take place on Saturday the 24th of June in Ballinhassig, Cork.

All income from this cycle go towards the Ethiopia Deaf Project (EDP) who support a deaf school in Ambo, Ethiopia.

The cycle is made up of 2 routes: 57km & 127km. A lot of cyclists like to participate in this event as its one of the last training spins before the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle.

It costs 30euro to participate and this includes food, drink, showers and parking. Registration on the day opens at 8am with a cycle start of 9am.

For more information, go to

<http://www.iregister.ie/v2/events/the-ambo-ramble17/>

Our Manager & KDRC Board members are hoping to volunteer on the day of the cycle, so if you register, we hope to see you at the starting & finishing line. Remember, this cycle is for a great cause. We know from our visits to the Ethiopia and from our work with the EDP committee, that the students & staff of the ALDS school in Ambo, Ethiopia really appreciate all the support shown to them over the years.