



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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IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

As many of you may know, the Irish Deaf Society (IDS) have been leading a campaign to get official recognition of Irish Sign Language (ISL).

This a campaign that our service strongly supports & we are committed to working closely with the IDS to secure official recognition.

As part of their campaign, a number of posters have been developed that the IDS are keen to share with everyone. We are asking everyone to copy these posters and share them on your Facebook & social media pages and to send to your local Government TD's & Senators.

10 REASONS TO RECOGNISE IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) IN IRELAND POSTER.

Towards Full Citizenship & Equal Access for All
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1. ISL is the second indigenous language of Ireland, alongside Gaeilge. 5,000 Deaf people use ISL. An additional estimated 35,000 "hearing people" also use ISL.
2. More than 40 local authorities across Ireland have already voted to recognise ISL.
3. Ireland is one of the last remaining countries in Europe with no formal legal protections in place for its indigenous sign language.
4. Despite the work of Eileen LeMass MEP on the European Parliament Resolution on Sign Languages in 1988, Ireland has not yet formally recognised Irish Sign Language.
5. An ISL Act will formalise interpreter provision and provide for greater quality control.
6. ISL is recognised in Northern Ireland – but not in the Republic.
7. An ISL Act will ensure the right to greater access to information- for example, ISL translations need to be available on websites on par with spoken language translations which are currently available.
8. An ISL Act will ensure that deaf children can acquire Irish Sign Language via a fluent, qualified ISL teacher.
9. An ISL Act will ensure deaf people have access to emergency services in ISL.
10. An ISL Act will ensure the right to an ISL interpreter in all aspects of the judicial system, not just in criminal law settings.

Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
IDS
Show your hand and vote YES

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ISL POSTER FOR DÁIL ÉIREANN MEMBER/ TD & MINISTERS.

A poster for your local Government TD, Minister or Senator has also been created.

The poster is entitled “Irish Sign Language- be part of history”.

The wording is “On behalf of the Irish Sign Language recognition team, we ask for your support once again so you can become part of Irish history as Irish Sign Language is voted as an official language in Ireland by Dáil Éireann.

Please canvass on our behalf among your party and secure the necessary votes to pass the Irish Sign Language Recognition Bill, so we can be positioned alongside our many EU counterparts as a country that promotes equality, linguistic diversity and active citizenship.



Contact details for TD’s:

<http://www.oireachtas.ie/members-hist/default.asp?housetype=0&HouseNum=32&disp=mem>

ISL POSTER FOR YOUR SENATOR.



Here is another poster that you can send to your local Senator. Remember in order for the Bill to become law, we need Yes votes from Dáil Éireann (TD’s) and Seanad Éireann (Senators)

The title of the poster says “Towards Full Citizen & Equal Access for All”.

The wording is as follows “As your Senator, I will be supporting equality and full citizenship of the Irish Deaf Community and voting #yestoISL for Irish Sign Language recognition.

Contact details for Senators:

<http://www.oireachtas.ie/members-hist/default.asp?housetype=1&HouseNum=25&disp=mem>

ISL POSTER TO TWEET & TAG.

If you have access to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or other social media pages, here is a poster to help spread the word about the campaign.

The title of the poster is “International Tweet & Tag Campaign”.

The wording is “Please tweet or tag senators and get them to vote YES in the upcoming vote for Irish Sign language in Dáil Éireann

#yestoISL



ISL PHOTO FRAME FOR FACEBOOK.



Lastly, a photo frame has been developed to use on social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.

You can post the image as a stand-alone image or you can add your photo to it. This is a great way to create awareness online about the campaign. Don't forget to use the hashtag **#yestoISL**

We know from meeting with some of the ISL Recognition team, that they really appreciate everyone's support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ISL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION CAMPAIGN.

As the campaign continues to grow & progress, the IDS will share posters & updates on their Facebook page including videos in Irish Sign Language (ISL).

If you can support the campaign in any way, we know the IDS would really appreciate the support.

If you participate in any activities to support this campaign, please share this information with the IDS. We know they would love to hear from you.



To get updates, like their page at

<https://www.facebook.com/IrishSignLanguageRecognitionCampaign/>