



# KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

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## **SUCCESSFUL CODA UK & IRELAND WEEKEND IN DUBLIN.**

CODA UK & Ireland held a wonderful gathering of adult CODA's (Children of Deaf Adults) over the weekend.

CODA's who ranged in age from 19-71 years old from Alaska, Australia, Brazil, England, Ireland & Wales spent a fantastic time together in Dublin. CODAs also came from diverse Deaf cultural backgrounds including American, Australian, Brazilian, Caribbean, English, Indian, Korean, Hong Kong & Welsh.



As part of the cultural weekend, they were given a guided tour of the capital by Deaf tour guide Alvean Jones. They also got to visit Deaf Village Ireland for a CODA book launch where we met more CODAs including a number of newcomers to the CODA family. Finally, they got a chance to sample some of Dublin's famous nightlife. A sincere thanks to the organisers of the weekend. A particular word of thanks to Vicki Wan Slattery & our own Catherine White.

## **LAUNCH OF BOOK BY AUSTRALIAN CODA.**



During our CODA UK Ireland gathering in Dublin, we had the honour of being invited to a book launch written by fellow Australian CODA, Bernadette Wallis.

Bernadette has written a book that looks at how Irish Sign Language (ISL) came into use in Australia when her parents were young deaf children.

This came about when an Irish nun from the Dominican order in Ireland worked with deaf children in Australia & taught through ISL. Bernadette's book is entitled

**“The Silent Book: A Deaf Family and Disappearing Australian-Irish Sign Language”.**

The book is on sale for 19euro, which you can buy on Bernadette's upcoming book tour across Ireland.

The book tour will visit Limerick (8<sup>th</sup> of July), Cork (11<sup>th</sup> of July), Kerry (16<sup>th</sup> of July), Galway (21<sup>st</sup> of July). Dates are to be confirmed for Castlecomer, Westport, Sligo, Derry & Belfast. We would like to wish Bernadette well with her book launch & thank her for recording the unique history of ISL usage in Australia.

### **CODA UK & IRELAND SUMMER CAMP IN WEYMOUTH.**

The UK section of CODA UK & Ireland will be having a busy few months with a number of camps for KODAs (Kids of Deaf Adults) a camp for adult CODAs too.

These camps are also open to participants from Ireland and abroad. The great thing about these camps is that all the volunteers & leaders are all CODAs which make the camps very unique!!!

The camp for KODAs takes place from the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of August in Osmington Bay in Weymouth and caters to KODAs 7-17 years old. It cost £175 sterling. If the camp

gets booked out, let the organisers know if you are

interested in future camps. For more information, you can email [camp@codaukireland.co.uk](mailto:camp@codaukireland.co.uk)



### **CODA UK & IRELAND ADULT CAMP IN WALES.**



For adults CODAs who would like to get-together with fellow CODAs over 18 years of age, the UK section of CODA International is organising a camp in the UK from the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of October.

The camp will be held in Mold in North Wales. Participants will be staying in luxury warm bell tents.

We have heard a number of Irish CODAs are hoping to attend. If you are interested and want more information, email [info@codaukireland.co.uk](mailto:info@codaukireland.co.uk)

### **MORE INFORMATION ON CODA RELATED ORGANISATIONS.**

If you would like more information on CODA UK & Ireland, their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/codaukireland](http://www.facebook.com/codaukireland)

CODA Ireland also has a page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/164122216995343/>

For news& activities from CODA International, check out

[www.facebook.com/CODAIternational](http://www.facebook.com/CODAIternational) & don't forget our own Willie White is the Chairperson of their Social Media Committee

