



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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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER AT ANNUAL MASS IN TRALEE.



A sign language interpreter will be available at the annual mass in Rath Cemetery in Tralee on the 12th of July at 7.30pm.

This is the 20th Anniversary Mass of the Blessing of the People's Altar.

The celebrant is Fr. Dan O'Riordan and members of the Deaf community are welcomed to attend.

This is a very popular mass so if you want to see the interpreter, it is advisable to arrive early to secure a place near where the interpreting access is provided.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS MUNSTER (SLIM) TRAINING.

A workshop for members of Sign Language Interpreters Munster (SLIM) will take place in Limerick on the 20th of July.

The workshop will explore how interpreters as individuals manage our daily lives & how to look after ourselves if we work with sensitive information or challenging settings.

The workshop will also look at the concept of **MEDS** which covers Meditation, Exercise, Diet & Spirituality & promises to be a great day.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR TRALEE STREET COLLECTION.

We are looking for volunteers for a Street Collection that will take place in Tralee on the 21st of July.

If you are able to volunteer for any length of time, please contact Therese in our office.



BACK TO SCHOOL ALLOWANCE GRANT (BSCFA) NOW OPEN.

Schools have only just closed for the summer holidays. However, if you are a parent of a child attending school in September, don't forget you can now apply for the Back to School Allowance Grant. This grant helps parents with the cost of uniforms and footwear for school going children.



There have been a number of changes to the grant including an increase to €125 for children under 12, and €150 for secondary school students.

Applications for the 2017 grant opened on the 1st of June & the closing date for applications is the 30th of September.

Parents or guardians must be getting certain social welfare payments or taking part in training, employment or adult education schemes. Your child/children must be aged between 4 and 17 on or before 30 September of the year you apply, or aged between 18 and 22 on or before 30 September if still in second-level education.

If you received this grant before, the Department of Social Protection pays BSCFA automatically to many customers. This means that they do not have to apply for the payment. If you qualify automatically, you should receive a letter stating when and how your allowance will be paid. (These customers will be notified of their entitlements approx. 23rd of June. The payment will be made during the week ending 14 July 2017.)

Social Protection Minister Regina Doherty says families should check if they are eligible. **"The children are only getting their holidays from school last Friday but I think as you can see all the shops at the moment the uniforms are out, they're up front in all of our supermarkets, in Dunnes, Marks and Spencers - all of them have their back to school wear ready. To avail of the grant to get onto the website," she said.**

For more information, check out <http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Back-to-School-Clothing-and-Footwear-Allowance.aspx>

OFFICE CLOSING FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST.



It's that time again, where our office staff are looking forward to their annual summer holidays.

We always like to give advance notice of when we are closing up and re-opening again.

This year we will close on Monday, the 31st of July at 5pm. We will re-open again on Monday the 4th of September at 10am.

If you would like an appointment before we close for holidays, please let us know.