



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 AWARENESS WEEK.

Did you know that Irish Sign Language Awareness Week takes place from the 18th-24th of September?

This ties in with International Week of the Deaf & its theme "Full Inclusion with Sign Language".



To learn more, search for the following hashtags on the internet **#YestoISL** or **#ISLWeek** & check out the IDS Facebook pages at: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishDeafSociety/> & <https://goo.gl/FP54P9>

IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) CLASSES.

As part of ISL Awareness Week, here is some information on sign language classes that take place in Co. Kerry.

All sign language classes in Co. Kerry are provided by freelance tutors. These are normally in group settings in different locations & are ideally accredited by Signature or QQI.

Throughout the year, tutors may inform us of their freelance classes. If this information is provided to our Centre, we are more than happy to share this information with you. Here is an example of Signature or QQI classes.



Signature Level 1 ISL: This course is designed to teach learners to communicate using Irish Sign Language (ISL) on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use.

Level 1 is approx. 60 hours in total and is divided into three units (Unit 101, Unit 102 & Unit 103). Classes are usually two hours long. When a student passes all three Units, they receive the Level 1 Certificate awarded by Signature.

Signature Level 2 ISL: This course enables learners to develop an ability to communicate with Deaf people using ISL in a range of familiar contexts, participating in lengthy and open-ended exchanges.

Level 2 is approx. 82 hours in total and divided into three units (Unit 201, Unit 202 & Unit 203). Classes are usually two hours long. When a student passes all three Units, they receive the Level 2 Certificate awarded by Signature.

For more information go to: <http://www.signature.org.uk/irish-sign-language>

QQI Award Level 3 (Irish Sign Language 1) is a beginner's or breakthrough course where students will learn to understand and use



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familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases of ISL such as daily greetings, social courtesies, food and drink, social and simple work-related signs as well as learning your own personal sign immersing you in many aspects of sign language and Deaf culture.

QQI Award Level 4 (Irish Sign Language 2) is a pre-intermediate course where students understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of everyday life such as very basic personal and family information, shopping, geography, employment and communicating in simple and routine task to produce simple and direct conversation with ISL users with a degree of fluency immersing you further into the language and culture of the Deaf community.

QQI Award Level 5 (Irish Sign Language 3) is an Intermediate course coming soon

For more information on QQI classes, check out the IDS website at:

<https://www.irishdeafociety.ie/irish-sign-language/booking-an-irish-sign-language-classes/>

FURTHER TRAINING- CENTRE FOR DEAF STUDIES (CDS).

Please remember, having a beginner or intermediate level of sign language does not qualify you to teach or interpret in ISL. Further intensive training will be required.



The Centre for Deaf Studies in Trinity College in Dublin is the main training provider in Ireland.

For more information on their range of courses, check out <http://www.tcd.ie/slscs/cds/>

HOME TUITION IN IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL).

If a family has a deaf child & wants to learn sign language, The Dept. of Education provides payment to parents for sign language tuition in the deaf child's home. For more information, have a look at:

<https://www.education.ie/en/Circulars-and-Forms/Popular-forms/Irish-Sign-Language-ISL-Application-Form-2017-18-.pdf>



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MORE INFORMATION ON ISL

There are a number of apps with information on ISL that you can use on your smartphone or tablet. These can be found on the Apple Store/ Play Store. You can also find a range of videos on the internet and on YouTube by searching Irish Sign Language or ISL.