



# KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

*KDRC provides services to Deaf and hard of hearing people at county level and contributes to national & international issues of equality, access and rights.*

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## **IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) LINGUISTICS CLASS.**

As many of you may know our Centre provides DALs adult literacy & personal development classes in our Centre Tuesday & Thursday morning.

We are delighted to let you know that our service is now providing introductory classes in linguistics in Irish Sign Language (ISL). These classes will run every Tuesday from now until Christmas.

Our sincere thanks to our Manager Willie White has agreed to tutor the classes. Our thanks also to the students who expressed an interest in learning more about the grammar & linguistic features of ISL. We would like to wish them all the very best and hope they benefit greatly from the classes.



## **THANK YOU TO GRAINNE MEEHAN- PhD RESEARCH STUDENT.**



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Grainne Meehan, who spent time with us last week as part of her PhD studies & research.

We would also like to thank Mary Duggan, Grainne Moloney, Aileen Curtayne & our Manager, Willie White for meeting with Grainne in our Centre.

This was a great opportunity for them to learn about Grainne's research which is looking at the area of: Relationships/Accessing Services for Sexual Health/ Accessing Information for Sexual Health.

The meeting also gave them an opportunity to share their learning from the recent HSE Sexual Health Promotion course that they participated in earlier this year.

While in Co. Kerry, Grainne also got to meet other members of the Deaf and hard of hearing communities to get a personal insight into this important subject.

We would like to thank Grainne for taking the time to travel to Co. Kerry & to meet with so many of us here. We wish her well with the remainder of her research and we look forward to learning more from her as her research progresses.

### **THANK YOU TO ROBYN WHITE- STUDENT ON PLACEMENT.**

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Robyn White on placement to our Centre for the week.

This was a great opportunity for Robyn to learn about the supports & services we provide to the Deaf & hard of hearing community in our Centre.

Our sincere thanks to our staff and clients for the warm welcome shown to Robyn. Huge thanks also to Robyn for all her hard work. Our thanks also to her school for allowing Robyn, the opportunity to have her placement with our service.



### **CODA VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR CODA UK & IRELAND SUMMER CAMP 2018.**



CODA UK & Ireland will be holding their annual summer camp in Mold, North Wales from the 16th -20th of August 2018.

They are now looking for CODA volunteers to join their team for this fantastic camp that caters to CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults) aged 7-17 years.

Our own Veronica White volunteered as a leader for the 2017 camp and can vouch it was a fantastic camp to be a part of!!

**Here is what CODA UK & Ireland are looking for:** A team of enthusiastic volunteers who are confident in supervising young people and can create a safe environment for them to explore 'CODA'. Volunteers should be able to use their initiative, be energetic and ensure campers have lots of fun! It would also be desirable if applicants have experience of working with children.

What you get: All accommodation, food and travel expenses will be covered and you get to take part in all the adventure activities too. You will also receive full training, including safeguarding and DBS checks will be undertaken.

The 2018 camp will be welcoming 75 CODA children aged 7-17yrs to take part in a jam-packed weekend of outdoors activities. The campers will be learning skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication and most importantly discovering more about their CODA identity.

If the above sounds like something you would like to get involved in, please send an email to Debbie at [volunteers@codaukireland.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@codaukireland.co.uk) for an application form or to ask any questions. Deadline for applications: 1st Jan 2018

### **THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR TRALEE STREET COLLECTION.**

Finally, we would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with our Street Collection in Tralee last Friday. We are grateful for all your support.