



KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

KDRC provides services to deaf, deafened, hard of hearing & hearing customers on deaf and hard of hearing related issues. Appointments can be arranged via our Drop-In Centre in Tralee.

Charity No: CHY20854

**4 Gas Terrace
Tralee, Co. Kerry
Ireland**

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1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE ACT.

The Irish Sign Language Act 2017 was passed into Law last December. This campaign was led by the Irish Deaf Society (IDS) and supported by countless individuals, groups & organisations throughout Ireland and indeed abroad.

To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the ISL Act, the IDS are organising an event in Dublin on the 14th of December. If you are wondering why the 14th has been chosen? This is the day ISL was officially recognised by the Government in the Dáil.



The IDS would like to invite you to join them in their celebrations at Deaf Village Ireland (DVI) at 11 am. They will have a brief review of the last year since ISL was officially recognised.

If you can't make it early in the day, they will also have a get-together at 7 pm downstairs in Doyle's Pub. If you are not able to attend either event, the IDS are happy for people to organise their own events around Ireland to celebrate National ISL Day! They are also looking forward to seeing your photos from the celebrations, so make sure to share them with the IDS afterwards.

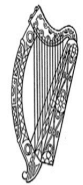
If you know of any local celebrations and would like to share them with us, please let us know. We would be happy to share the details on our Facebook page. For further information on the IDS event in ISL, check out <https://vimeo.com/302461016>

WHAT DOES THE ISL ACT COVER?

For those of you who are not familiar with the ISL Act, here is a brief explanation of what the Act covers?

ISL is now recognised as the 3rd official language in Ireland. Prior to this, only English & Irish were recognised as official languages by the Government.

ISL users have legal rights to access Government Departments via Irish Sign Language. This means that all Government Departments that come under the responsibility of a Minister are legally obliged to provide access through ISL.



Irish Sign Language Act 2017

Public Bodies that receive funding via Government sources are also covered by the Act. In addition, all Courts must provide ISL access. An important aspect of the legislation is that the provision of interpretation shall be of no cost to the person concerned.

If you would like to read more about the Act, a full version of the Act is available online at: <https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/act/2017/40/eng/enacted/a4017.pdf>

REMINDER OF OFFICE HOLIDAYS.

Just a quick reminder of our upcoming holidays. We will close at 5pm on the 21st of December and will re-open again on the 7th of January at 10am. As always, don't forget you can contact SLIS or Bridge Interpreting outside of office hours & during holidays for any legal or medical emergencies.