



# 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 Centre in Tralee.

Charity No: CHY20854

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## HAPPY 1<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY TO THE IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE ACT.

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to the Irish Sign Language Act as it reaches its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday this week.

The ISL Act came into effect in December 2017. This followed a 30 year campaign to secure official recognition which was spearheaded throughout by our friends & colleagues in the Irish Deaf Society (IDS).



## NATIONAL IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE DAY 2018.



As part of the celebrations, the IDS have designated 14th of December 2018 as 'National Irish Sign Language Day'.

This marks the day that the ISL Bill was passed making ISL the 3rd official language in Ireland. The IDS acknowledge that ISL belongs to the deaf community & at the same time is a language for everyone. As part

of this special day, the IDS want everyone to see ISL as a language for life that also encompasses inclusion & equality. To learn more about this celebratory day, look out for the following hashtags online #YestoISL #NationalISLDay2018 #NationalIrishSignLanguageDay

You can also email the IDS for more information at [info@irishdeafociety.ie](mailto:info@irishdeafociety.ie)

## EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND IRELAND FOR ISL DAY 2018.

If you would like to know what events and celebrations are taking place this week in the deaf community to mark this special day, check out the IDS E-info newsletter.



This weekly email newsletter is a great way to hear of social events & activities that are taking place throughout Ireland. If you would like to sign up for their newsletter, send your details to [e-info@irishdeafociety.ie](mailto:e-info@irishdeafociety.ie)

If you have any friends or family who wish to receive the newsletter, E-info would also encourage them to send their email address so they can also be added to their email mailing list.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IDS ON THIS WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the IDS and all their supporters for this fantastic achievement. For many, many years people questioned if ISL would ever achieve official recognition. Thankfully, those who supported the dream did not give up and continued their campaign. Slowly but surely the campaign grew strongly and gained support from both the deaf & hearing community. Together with the IDS, Senator Mark Daly and Minister Finian McGrath, the dream of recognition became a reality. Our sincere thanks to everyone involved in this historic achievement.