



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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UPDATE ON IRISH DEAF SOCIETY'S (IDS) FINANCIAL CRISIS.

In our update last week, we referred to an open meeting that our friends & colleagues in the Irish Deaf Society were holding over the weekend to inform every one of their ongoing financial crisis.

The meeting was attended by over 200 individuals & organisations on Saturday in Dublin. The turn out and support for the IDS was clearly evident on the day. Unfortunately, as of Saturday, the IDS had not yet received any written confirmation from the Government that their requests for financial assistance i.e. core funding would be approved. This places the organisation in a perilous position and may result in staff being placed on protective notice. The closure of the IDS could happen as soon as March if action is not taken now. As one person on the day said "it will be a black day for the IDS if it is forced to close down".



WHAT SERVICES WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE?

Will the Government really allow the Irish Deaf Society to Close in March?



Irish Sign Language Rights
Education & Advocacy
Equal Access to Services
We Need Annual Funding Now!

Support the Deaf Community at a time of crisis, share our message
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The IDS has been in existence for over 38 years and has contributed to thousands of issues across Ireland & abroad. The Irish Sign Language Act would not be in existence if it wasn't for the hard work of the IDS & their supporters. Their track record on ISL rights, human rights

& their commitment to equality & justice for the deaf community is well documented. In addition to a Drop-In service in Blessington St in Dublin before moving into Deaf Village Ireland, the IDS run very successful projects including a Deaf Advocacy Service, Deaf Adult Literacy Service and the Irish Sign Language Academy. The closure of these services would be detrimental to its members not only in Dublin but across Ireland.

#SAVEIDS CAMPAIGN.

The IDS is now calling on everyone to support their campaign to keep this vital service open. They are looking for letters of support as well as media coverage to get the

#SaveIDS

message out there. They would also like people to use the following hashtag on any social media posts **#SaveIDS** We have all benefited in some way from the IDS, so it's time to show your support. For more info <https://www.facebook.com/IrishDeafSociety/>