



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

4 Gas Terrace
Tralee, Co. Kerry
Ireland

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KDRC IS NOW 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS.

On this 1st of February, our service reached an important milestone, we are now up & running for 20 years. We first opened on the 1st of February all the way back in 1999. Like all other businesses, we have faced many challenges but we have also celebrated major achievements. We have had our ups & downs and weathered many a storm including the collapse of the Celtic Tiger economy that forced many businesses to shut down. While we have been lucky to be part funded by the HSE, we have struggled to secure funding to meet the actual costs of running a full-time service. We have been reliant on a team of part time staff and a full-time manager. However, with their support and the support of countless deaf, hard of hearing, deafened and hearing supporters, we have stood the test of time. To meet our shortfall in funding, we have also been reliant on the goodwill of countless supporters who have helped us bring in vital funds from a range of fundraising activities including street & church collections. Together, we have managed to stay open throughout it all. To everyone who has supported us since 1999, we are truly grateful for your support. We couldn't have done it without you. To our staff, our Board, the HSE, all customers & supporters, and to everyone who has inspired us, past & present, a huge thank you, here's to the next 20 years!!!

Kerry Deaf Resource Centre (KDRC) is 20 years old. Thanks to everyone who has supported us since 1999.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE NEXT 20 YEARS- A NEW IMAGE, A NEW BRAND.



As we enter the next stages of development and growth, we are now considering a re-brand and a new focus. Over the past 20 years, our service, our customer needs and indeed the political & legal framework we work in has changed dramatically. Our customer base has also expanded to include hard of hearing, deafened and hearing customers with an interest in deaf & hard of hearing issues. We want our name, our logo and image to reflect all these changes. In 2019,

we will be exploring this more and welcome your feedback. Have you any thoughts on a new name for us and a new logo? We hope to secure for grants & sponsorship to cover all costs, so send us your creative ideas as we plan what's in store for the next 20 years.