



# 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  
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## UPDATE ON SAVE THE IDS CAMPAIGN.

The campaign to save the Irish Deaf Society from closure is gaining support each day. In addition to posts across social media using the hashtag **#SaveIDS** there has been an increase in media coverage of the issue. The Minister of State for Disability Issues has released a statement on Twitter saying he is committed to funding the IDS in 2019 and that work is taking place around this matter in the coming days. However, the IDS is keen to get this commitment in writing and indeed a commitment to fund their service for the long term and not just 2019.

As part of their campaign to create more awareness of their financial crisis, the IDS has produced a template that people can copy & send to their local politicians and TDs. A copy of the template with more information in ISL is available on their vimeo channel at: <https://vimeo.com/313183175>

For more updates on this hugely important campaign, make sure to follow the IDS on their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishDeafSociety/>

## TEACHING DEGREE FOR IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) USERS.

Institute of Education

Bachelor of Education (Irish Sign Language) Restricted

BEDISL

Dublin City University (DCU) has launched a new primary school teaching programme specifically for Irish Sign Language (ISL) users.

In the past deaf & hard of hearing students were unable to train as primary teachers if they did not have Irish (Gaelic) to Leaving Certificate standard.

The Department of Education now officially recognises Irish Sign Language as a replacement subject to spoken/written Irish. As a result deaf & hard of hearing students who are fluent users of ISL can now apply via the CAO system for primary school teacher training.

For more info, go to: <https://twitter.com/DeafEdIreland/status/1088560210833215489> and [https://www.dcu.ie/courses/Undergraduate/institute\\_of\\_education/Bachelor-of-Education-Irish-Sign-Language-Restricted](https://www.dcu.ie/courses/Undergraduate/institute_of_education/Bachelor-of-Education-Irish-Sign-Language-Restricted)