



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.

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#DEAFACCESS RESEARCH PROJECT (WITH UCC, CDA & KDRC).

Our service is delighted & honoured to be invited to participate as project partners in research with **University College Cork** & our colleagues in the **Cork Deaf Association**.

The project aims to support public bodies increase their level of deaf awareness & access



Coimisiún na hÉireann
um Chearta an Duine
agus Comhionannas
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for members of the deaf community whose first language is Irish Sign Language.

The project is supported under the **Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission (IHREC)** Grant Scheme. The project is also linking with representatives from the **Centre for Deaf Studies (CDS)**, **Irish Deaf Society (IDS)** and **AHEAD**.

The project partners have created a video in Irish Sign Language (ISL) which gives full information about this project. We are also happy for you to share this video with friends, family & colleagues. To view the video, go to:

<https://vimeo.com/335905603>

So what happens next? We are looking for members of the deaf community to let us know what **access** means to you? If you need to access information or a service from a Government Department or Public Body, what access is required?

With the passing of the **Irish Sign Language Act** in December 2017, ISL is now considered the 3rd official language of Ireland alongside English & Irish. This Act places clear legal obligations on Government Depts/Public Bodies to provide access to ISL users.

If you have any thoughts on what access means to you, we would love to hear from you. We are happy to accept feedback in sign language or email. To contact the project partners, please email: deafaccessandawarenessproject@gmail.com

What will happen after feedback has been collected? Once all information has been gathered & reviewed, an access template will be developed. This will list the access requirements of ISL users & other useful information to enable access for members of the deaf community when meeting with Govt Depts/Public Bodies. To make sure this access template represents your needs, we'd love to hear from you.