



# 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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## BACK HOME AFTER CODALOVE PARIS CONFERENCE.



Four adult CODAs (children of deaf adults) from Co. Kerry have just returned home after a wonderful few days at the international CODALove conference in Fontainebleau in France.

The conference hosts were CODA France & CODA International. Here is what one of the participants had to say about the unique event that was organised specifically for hearing adults who grew up with deaf parents.

“So, we are now back home after our **#CODALove** conference in France and what an experience it was!!! To meet 244 fellow **#CODAs** from around the world was amazing, inspiring, enjoyable and it felt like we were immersed in a **#motherfatherdeaf** bubble.

It's bizarre to think that just because we all had deaf parents, that we would bond across languages, cultures, identities, intersectionalities and countries. We had CODAs from near & far...Ireland, the UK, Europe, the USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Brazil, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia & countless more countries.

Regardless of our age, our gender, our experiences both personally & professionally, we have a unique multi-coloured thread that binds us all together. We shared stories, laughed, cried & danced together. We listened to powerful story tellers recount their life stories through speech, sign language or a mixture of both. We were immersed in stunning performances from CODAs across the globe and we identified with it all.

Only those who have grown up with **#deafparents** truly understand that experience and to be in France with an international mix of fellow CODAs was stunning.

It felt like we were sprinkled with CODA magic dust and we were wrapped up in an international, linguistic, cultural & intersectionality CODA bubble. Add in the tremendous hard work of **#CODAFrance** & **#CODAInternational** & we had the perfect recipe for success.

To everyone that made this a special conference and for helping to inflate our international CODA identities again, a huge thank you & merci beaucoup”.