



Deaf Village Ireland

Annual Report 2016

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MANAGER'S REPORT- SYLVIA NOLAN.

This annual report gives us the opportunity to report back on the activities and progress of Deaf Village Ireland (DVI) over the past year. Overall, the year 2016 was a good year for us but it also became clearer as we moved through it that there are many challenges ahead for our organisation.

To start on the positive side, we can say that the Deaf community has taken a strong ownership of Deaf Village Ireland. All of the organisations in the village continued to work in strong and close partnership with each other.

As an example, one of the biggest - and saddest - news stories of last year was when the Mc Carthy brothers were found dead at their home in Dublin. There was huge media interest in their story. Around the time when their funeral Mass was held at the chapel in DVI, all the organisations got together and talked to a number of journalists to highlight the need to have Irish Sign Language recognised as an official language. Not long after, Senator Mark Daly's Irish Sign Language recognition bill was passed at the second stage in the Seanad, which was a huge, huge achievement for the Deaf Community. Most of the credit for this must go to the Irish Deaf Society, but the other organisations in the village were keen to support them all the way.

I'm delighted to report that it is not just Deaf people who are using the facilities in DVI. Every Monday, we have a large group of hearing mother and toddler groups using DVI along with other groups from Dublin City Council and the Department of Social Protection, along with as groups of local people. This is helping us to promote Deaf awareness to the world outside the village. At the same time, DVI is very much about empowering Deaf people by enabling them to take charge and run their own affairs.

Even though we have been here for four years, there is still a lot of interest from people all over the world who want to visit DVI. We had a lot of visitors during the summer months of 2016, in particular.

I'm also delighted to see that some of the organisations in DVI, including the CIDP, IDS, DeafHear and Inspire, have recruited more Deaf people in 2016. Deaf Village Ireland itself has a great team of staff who work very closely together.

After four years, all the organisations within Deaf Village Ireland are well settled in and continue to maintain the spirit of co-operation with each other. We have many different organisations here, but all of them - no matter how big or small - are valued equally. The National Deaf Women Group of Ireland, is a small organisation but plays a huge role in bringing large numbers of deaf women from all around Ireland to the campus for various events.

However, there has been growing concern about some of the voluntary organisations in the village and their struggles to keep up with the costs of running

their operations. We are very mindful of this and hope to be able to assist these organisations in 2017 and beyond.

However, the NDVSLC has given the organisations who rent space in DVI a one-year 'break' from paying anything towards their electricity, gas and security bills from July 2016 to June 2017. This has been a huge support to organisations within DVI.

Looking at the financial side of DVI, things improved a little in 2016. The auditor's report of our financial statements for 2013 and 2014 had raised questions about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. However, the good news is that DVI received a very generous bequest (a financial gift left by a deceased person in their will) in April, which means the company's finances are more stable for now. At the same time however, it is hoped that the company can begin the process of making itself a more financially sustainable organisation that can help to maximise the full potential of the DVI campus and its facilities for the benefit of the Irish Deaf community.

One other very important development this year was the setting up of a cross-organisational working group between the DVI, CIDP and NDVSLC. This working group, which comprises the chairperson and manager/CEO of each of the three organisations, will discuss a range of issues about how they will work together in the future. To date, the group has been working together to sort out exactly what each organisation is responsible for in terms of running the campus, including security, heat and light and insurance. In the past there has been some confusion about how these responsibilities have been shared. So far the meetings have been going well, and the hope is that the three organisations can agree to meet regularly throughout the year to discuss more issues of common concern.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Deaf Village Ireland is a company limited by guarantee which was set up on the 6TH September 2012. The company is governed by a board of directors operating under a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The board comprises 12 directors, nearly all of whom representing an organisation within DVI. The board has an independent chairperson and an independent secretary. The board also has a sub-committee (called the audit committee) which looks more closely at day-to-day DVI's financial issues.

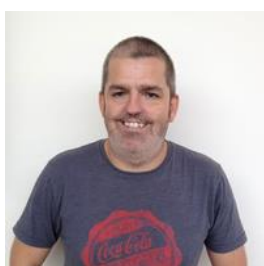
Deaf Village Ireland became a charitable organisation in March 2015, and is now registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority.



The Board meets every five to six weeks, while the audit committee meets more frequently, and usually before any board meeting.

There were some changes to the board in 2016. Damian Barry, who was the independent chairperson stepped down on 17th November, after four years in the role. He played a crucial role in getting all the organisations in DVI working together and we would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for all the time and effort he put in, which included travelling all the way down from Belfast for meetings. John Cradden was elected as an independent chairperson to replace Damian. Peter Murray from the Dublin Deaf Association DDA also stepped down this year and was replaced by John Fennell. Joey Watson is representing Deaf Sports Ireland DSI. All the board directors took part in a special governance training workshop, which was held over two days in September 2016 in Deaf Village Ireland.

New DVI Board members:



John Fennell
DDA



Joey Watson
DSI



John Cradden
DVI Chairman



Keith Adams
CIDP CEO

MISSION OF DEAF VILLAGE IRELAND

Now in its fourth year, Deaf Village Ireland created an inclusive space for community life that celebrates Deaf Culture. We saw lots of examples of this during 2016, with organisations like the Irish Deaf Women's Group, the Dublin Deaf Association, the Irish Deaf Society, NCDP, Deaf Sports Ireland, Irish Deaf Youth Association and Deaf Heritage Centre organise different events throughout the year.

The biggest events of 2016 in Deaf Village Ireland.

Zumba

Governance Training

Movie Nights

Poker Nights

ISL Drama Shows- 4 nights – Poetic Signing / ISL translation of the Proclamation.

170th Anniversary for St Mary's (350 in attendance)

1916 Exhibition

Summer Tea Party (100 women in attendance)

Teen Halloween Party

BBQ – Attracting hundreds of Deaf and Hearing people

Retreats

Lecturer on GP Access Presentation

ISL Christmas Carol Service

Bingo Nights

Grant awards- (100 attended)

Presentation on Meningitis

St Mary's remembrance Mass deceased of past pupils

Christmas Market in DVI

Old Train Engine Exhibition

Irish Deaf Youth Games

A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR DEAF AND HEARING PEOPLE.

There is a strong sense of trust, respect and cross organisational co-operation for everyone in DVI. Deaf Village Ireland is a meeting place for the Deaf community and it is not just a Dublin based center but nationally we have people travelling to DVI from all around Ireland visiting every week. Aside from different one-off events that take place in the centre, we have regular activities that are on-going every week. They include:



Day Centre for the elderly

Social Thursday Group

Women's Cuppa Group

Deaf Choir Group

Irish Folk dance Group

Basketball Group

Football group

Deaf Ladies Cuppa Group

Badminton Group

Drama Group

Dublin Deaf Women's
Group

Mother and Toddler Group

Mass in Chapel

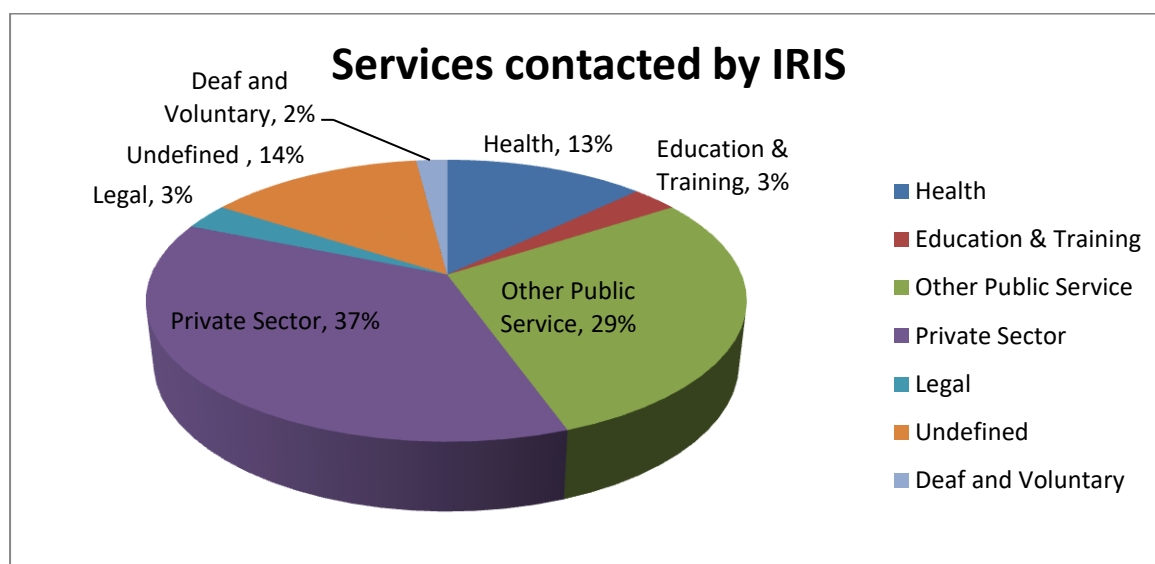
WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS HAVE ON DEAF PEOPLE?

Many Deaf people have said that Deaf Village Ireland is their second home. There is a strong sense of ownership in the community. Many have found their identity here and they feel a strong part of the Deaf community. Being part of this community in Deaf Village gives a strong sense of self-worth as many were cut off from society before or felt isolated in hearing communities. Communicating through ISL helps peoples' social skills and minimises mental health issues because of the healthy interaction with both hearing and Deaf people. Deaf Village Ireland has helped Deaf people to feel valued and unique by creating this welcoming environment.

The Irish Remote Interpreting Service (IRIS)

IRIS provides an online video link to a sign language interpreter using programmes like Skype. The IRIS interpreter joins a meeting by video link and translates between ISL and spoken English for the participants. The Deaf person and the service provider need a strong internet access, webcam and speakers to use IRIS. Advance booking of the IRIS interpreter by email or text ensures availability and access.

In 2016, we increased IRIS capacity by 20% and offered a 5 day per week service (10am-4pm) all year round. 3,127 interpreting assignments were carried out, an increase of over 250% on the 2015 total of 1,223. SLIS plan for further expansion of IRIS in 2017. A video in Irish Sign Language with subtitles and audio shows IRIS works. [IRIS Video](#)



- 293 Deaf people used IRIS in 2016, averaging nearly one use per month. 46 (16%) of these used the service for the first time in 2016.
- In 2016, 5 subscribers paid for unlimited use of IRIS: Caranua, Irish Cancer Society, Rabobank, Trinity College Dublin and 123.ie, while EmployAbility Services are also regular clients.

Deaf people not only use IRIS to access public services and community organisations but also frequently to talk to utility companies and for personal calls (for example booking a hotel or planning a family holiday).

THE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

During the year, we had 34 participants on the scheme. At the moment, there are 22 participants on the Community Employment Scheme currently with one supervisor, Paul Ryder. Eight people have got jobs in 2016 since they started the employment project scheme. Three people went back into full time education. The Community Employment Scheme does not only provide job opportunities and training for Deaf people but it has really empowered and helped Deaf participants in gain so much confidence /self esteem in socialising and mixing with Deaf and hearing people in a very comfortable Deaf friendly place, where ISL is respected and is the preferred method of communication.

Training in 2016;

Training Completed in 2016		
Course	Award	Participants
Web Designer (WordPress)	QQI (old FETAC) Level 4	2
Occupational First Aid	QQI Level 5	14
Manual Handling	In-house Cert	7
Fire Basic	In-house Cert	10
Fire Warden	In-house Cert	4
Sport Surface Maintenance	QQI Level 4	5
Establishing Turfgrass	QQI Level 4	5
Public Area Cleaning	QQI Level 3	3
Pre-EDCL	In-House Cert	7
Creative Styling	QQI Level 5	1
Project Management	QQI Level 5	2

Digital Media Technology	QQI Level 4	3
EDCL	QQI Level 4	1
Irish Sign Language	QQI Level 4	1
Guarding Skills	QQI Level 4	2
Reception and Frontline Office Skills	QQI Level 5	1
Ongoing (2016-2017)		
Bookkeeping and Accounts	QQI Level 4	2
Computer Literary	QQI Level 4	4

Interview with Clodagh Lawless



Clodagh Lawless said that before she had applied to go on the CE Scheme she had heard very negative comments about the CE Scheme. She decided to apply and found that, the negative comments were not true. She felt this scheme has given her a new lease of life after being at home rearing her children for many years. Clodagh said she looks forward coming into work everyday and meeting Deaf people socialising, learning and communicating in ISL with no struggles to communicate with anyone. Clodagh said she has learnt so much in book keeping and has really enjoyed her work experience. Clodagh said she feels very valued member of the team and was thrilled to be offered six weeks paid work experience in January in the hope that there will be a job opportunity for this position in the future. Clodagh is very excited to be working in an ISL environment in the Residence of St Mary's and said she could have not done this without the support of Paul Ryder and Sylvia Nolan.

Interview with Orla Grehan



Orla Grehan applied for the Community Employment Scheme Administration office work. Orla had been out of work for 7 years and it was hard to get back to work after many years at home. Orla enjoyed coming into work learning new things, meeting new people and thought that the other CE participants had a lovely attitude in working in this ISL environment. Orla felt very comfortable as there were no barriers and fitted in so well into this Deaf community project. Orla felt this really gave her an opportunity to her current job in the Irish Deaf Society. Orla had been offered a position to do office work. The CE Scheme had provided her the opportunity to employment as she had currently done 4/5 courses and this gave her a chance to grow in confidence and she looks forward to coming into work every day. Orla said the CE Supervisor was a great support to her. Being part of this community in Deaf Village gives a strong sense of self -worth and not feeling isolated in hearing communities. Communicating through ISL helps people social skills and Deaf Village Ireland has helped Deaf people to feel valued and unique by being in this welcoming environment.

Impact of the CE Scheme:

- Provides Training opportunities
- Provides Job opportunities
- On- going learning in tasks, work experience and training programmes
- Self Esteem and Confidence grows
- Social skills improve with no barriers in communications.
- Not being isolated in hearing communities, being part of the Deaf community.
- Proves mental health by inclusive inclusion.
- Strong sense of self -worth in ISL environment.
- Strong sense of Respect for ISL communication in environment.
- Learning to work in teams, delegating and sharing tasks.
- Working in a very happy, Deaf friendly environment.

- Meeting new people from the Deaf community/ Socialising.
- Respecting, listening and visually communicating to individual's needs.
- Supporting individual's personal problems
- Empowering Deaf People to participate socially and emotionally in everything.
- On- going support from Supervisor and Sponsor to any CE participant.
- A good sense of awareness in working with Deaf and Hearing people.
- Participants have said they look forward to coming into work to communicate with their colleagues. Some consider DVI to be their second home!

List of full time Education offered to CE Participants in 2016	Dates	Places
John Charles Connelly	September 2016	BA in Visual Merchandising & Display In DIT.
Lisa Brennan	September 2016	PLC in Hair dressing in Deansrath Community College
Christine Daly	October 2016	Art & Crafts Professional Practice in Liberties College

List of Employments offered to CE Participants in 2016

No.	List of Participants	Employment	Dates
1.	Alan Smyth	Office & Social Administrator in CIDP	October 2016
2.	Orla Grehan	Community Resource Officer in Advocacy in IDS	October 2016
3.	Gary Byrne	Security Officer in Kennedy's Security firm.	July 2016
4.	Barry Lohan	Landscape Gardener in Red Lough Landscape	March 2016
5.	Martina Emmett	Full time cleaner in CIDP Residences	February 2016
6.	Carmen Roman	Part time cleaner in CIDP Residences	January 2016
7.	Barry Flynn	Security Officer in Kennedy's Security firm.	January 2016
8.	Keenan Byrne	Warehouse Operator	March 2016
9.	John Fennell	J&S Property Management Cleaner in Inspire Fitness Centre	February 2016
10.	Krzysztof Bury	Van Driver for IDS	January 2016
11.	Clodagh Lawless	Chef in Residences in CIDP	January 2017

Numbers of people using facilities in DVI during 2016.

Cabragh Hall / Rathmines Room / Atrium space.



Deaf Village Ireland	13,694
Rathmines Room	1,725
Cabragh Hall	2,940
Atruim/ Café Area	7,685

NB: These figures may not be 100% accurate, but these are the average figures for DVI.

Organisations working together in DVI



DSI are always looking for opportunities to bring the deaf community together under sport and we try to partner with other organisations to do this. For example, we recently organised a 'Santa Obstacle Course' close to Christmas in partnership with IDS, which was a great day out for all. We hope to partner with more organisations throughout 2017. DSI received a Women in Sports grant from Sports Ireland. DSI will leverage this money to make an impact for deaf women in sport. We chat to various members every day, whether its in person or online. Their feedback holds us accountable and we are able to make changes to how we run events, processes and administration in order that they get the most from us as well as providing more opportunities for attending external sports events nationally. DSI provides training and a wide range of sporting activities.



The Deaf Heritage Centre (DHC) enjoys good co-operation with all tenant-organisations in Deaf Village and also has interested visitors who wish to visit the centre. These visitors come from all over the country as well as all around the world. The objectives of DHC are to showcase collections of well-preserved historical data and records about Deaf history in Ireland. DHC is grateful for the continued support from Deaf Village Ireland. Among the highlights of the DHC's events in 2015-16 was the St.Mary's Deaf Heritage conference, which attracted over 350 Deaf people, as well as hundreds for the Easter Rising exhibition and Drama play by Deaf actors, which was enjoyed by everyone.



The mission of the Sign Language Interpreting Service (SLIS) is to ensure that Deaf people live as full and equal citizens by ensuring that:

- Deaf people can exercise their rights and entitlements to interpretation, including under the Equal Status & Disability Acts.
- Deaf people can easily access public and social services in Irish Sign Language (ISL)

SLIS is funded and supported by the Citizens Information Board, and provides a number of services including the Irish Remote Interpreting Service (IRIS). IRIS provides an online video link to a sign language interpreter using programmes such as Skype, ooVoo or Microsoft Lyncs (also called Skype for Business). SLIS provides sign language-interpreted information, referral and access service for Deaf people to enhance equality and inclusion in Irish society and remove barriers. SLIS is delighted to be based in the heart of the Deaf Community in Deaf Village Ireland (DVI).



DDA is an important organisation for the social life of the Deaf community. It works regularly with other Deaf organisations to organise social events such as BBQs and anniversary celebrations, such as for the past pupils of Claremont and St. Mary's schools, and for funerals. It also hosts many large events such as Christmas markets, parties and bingo. The DDA currently has four clubs: the Day Centre, which has around 50 regular members), Bowling, Folks Dance and Theatre. We are open to any ideas for new clubs, too. We had a lot of plans and setting up small groups like the walking group and for activities at night-time, such as pool and dart tournaments, video gaming competitions and board games. The DDA runs The Hub in Deaf Village Ireland, and relies on its volunteers to help out with serving teas and coffees and even purchased a new coffee machine to encourage more members of the Deaf community into DVI. Recently, we have purchased a new pool table for our members. We work really well with DVI and we are very happy to be a part of this centre.



The aim of the Sign Language Association of Ireland (SLAI) is to promote the importance of sign language and support the use of ISL in frontline health, education and social services and helps Deaf people to access these vital services

The Citizens Information Service in Deaf Village Ireland continues to go from strength to strength. It is a happy, welcoming, bustling office serving the Deaf community as well as the wider Cabra community. Since opening in March 2014, the office had dealt with in excess of 6,000 clients with over 10,000 queries.

This fully accessible office caters to the Deaf community with competent and trained information and advocacy officers, who are either fluent in Irish Sign Language or are learning ISL. The Deaf community is welcome to interact with this confidential drop-in service during office hours or by text, by email, by face to face skype calls, Facebook Messenger, and through the (IRIS) Irish Remote Interpreting Service. The C.I.S can provide outreach information talks to Deaf organisations, schools and any other organisation within the Dublin North West Area.

The C.I.S also provides two specialist services from the office in Deaf Village Ireland. **The Free legal Advice Clinic** operates twice monthly where clients can seek free legal advice. An ISL interpreter is provided for this specialised service.

The second service is **Caranua**, the agency responsible for administering funds to survivors of institutional abuse. It provides an information clinic from the C.I.S office specifically for Deaf clients on the first Monday of every month. This service is for Deaf clients making or querying their Caranua application. An ISL interpreter is provided for this clinic. The C.I.S. is funded and supported by the Citizens Information Board, which is the national agency responsible for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy on social services, and for the provision of the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).



National Deaf Women of Ireland (NDWI), formerly the Irish Deaf Women's Group (IDWG), was set up in 1992. We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year. Our aim is to empower and encourage deaf women all over Ireland to understand and support the fight for their equal rights and to break down many barriers we face everyday in every aspect of life. It's a constant battle and we pray for the day we get our first language, Irish Sign Language, officially recognised as a language. We have worked with Women's Aid, National Women's Council of Ireland, and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, which has made a submission to the UN and many more bodies to spread awareness of our plight. We also do some social events and attract huge crowds at various events. Seven of our deaf ladies swam the English Channel to raise a lot of money for deaf women all over Ireland. We hosted huge parties and many large events attracting women to come together as a community. This year we will be organising a major conference in September which will be attended by hundreds of women to mark our 25th Anniversary. We have also set up small women's groups around the country and are supporting their social events. NDWI is a voluntary organisation and getting funding is our huge battle. We

are very grateful to DVI for allowing us a year free of rent at the Hot Desk which has helped us hugely.



Inspire Fitness Centre, is a wholly owned subsidiary of CIDP. We operate under the trading name Inspire fitness centre, but the corporate entity is National Deaf Village Sports and Leisure Company Ltd. (NDVSLC). NDVSLC have a long term lease agreement with CIDP and rent the DVI campus from CIDP. In turn NDVSLC licence DVI to manage the estate. We offer personalised training program for all members and have highly qualified staff, (both Hearing and Deaf), who are always at hand to help clients achieve their goals. We have over 40 classes per week to cater for all the fitness needs of our members. Ranging from Aqua classes, to Zumba Dance class, with spinning, kettlebells, pilates, circuits, boxerfit classes and suspension training thrown in for good measures. The club currently has approximately 2,300 members, out of which 130 are from the deaf community. We have a good mix of hearing and deaf member-based activities as well as Deaf-specific classes and swim times. Over the past few years we have developed a good working relationship with various Deaf organisations and have sponsored some fund-raising events for IDS, DSI and the DDA on an annual basis over the past three years. In 2015 we were proud to be the sponsors on the jersey of St. Vincent's football club. In 2016 we were also delighted to be in the position to give all the organisations on the DVI campus a holiday from heat and light utility bills for a one-year period.





The Catholic Institute for the Deaf (CID) was established as a charitable institution in 1845. In 2007, the name was changed to the Catholic Institute for Deaf people (CIDP). It is a not-for-profit organisation, providing a range of services to the Deaf Community. CIDP focuses on the areas of education, care and pastoral work.

- St Joseph's Boys and St Mary's Girls Residences
- St Joseph's House, for Deaf and Deaf blind adult
- The National Chaplaincy for Deaf People
- Holy Family School for the Deaf
- Deaf Education Centre

CIDP receives funding from the Health Service Executive for the two boarding school residences accommodating children attending the Holy Family School for the Deaf and for St. Joseph's House in Brewery Road that accommodates Deaf and Deaf Blind adults. CIDP directly manages these residences and is the trustee of the school. The National Deaf Village Sports and Leisure Company Limited, which now trades as the Inspire Fitness Centre, is a subsidiary company of CIDP.

St Joseph's House - The residents in St Joseph's House take a regular weekly trip to Deaf Village Ireland to socialise, swim and also attend Mass. We see DVI as an important link for our residents outside of St Joseph's house, creating opportunities to meet other people in the wider Deaf Community.

St Mary's/St Joseph's Boarding – Many of the children use the sports facilities in DVI and are members of the Inspire Fitness Centre. This is a great outlet for our young people and it is fantastic to have this facility on site in Cabra. Our boarders also engage with the IDS, attending many classes organised by DALs.

Holy Family school for the Deaf -The Holy Family School for the Deaf use Deaf Village Ireland and Inspire Fitness Centre. From time to time organisations within DVI provide work experience to our students in Transition year. We also use the services of the chaplaincy for Confirmation and Holy Communion services.



The National Chaplaincy for Deaf People

Our work in Deaf Village Ireland brings the Deaf Community together every week through the celebration of Mass in the peaceful Emmaus Chapel. We also celebrate special masses and prayer services in Emmaus regularly for our Tuesday and Thursday Groups. This mass is signed in ISL. Weddings and Baptisms are part of the joy of bringing our Deaf community together but also we come together in grief to mourn our loved ones. No time was more important than when William and Daniel McCarthy so tragically passed away. For the friends and family and the wider Deaf community to be able to come together in grief was comforting for all.

The year 2016 was a very busy and positive year for Irish Deaf Society and the Deaf community in Ireland. On 28th September 2016, a historic conference on “Multilingualism and Equal Rights in the EU: the Role of Sign Languages” organised by MEP Helga Stevens, took place at the European Parliament in Brussels. More than 832 people, the majority of them Deaf, came from all over Europe and beyond including 46 Irish Deaf and hearing delegates, to discuss and learn about this important topic. We would like to thank three Irish MEPs, Liadh Ní Riada, Luke Ming Flanagan and Sean Kelly for sponsoring the Irish Delegates to attend the EU Parliament. On 19th October 2016 a motion for recognition of Irish Sign Language was tabled by Senator Mark Daly in the second stage of the Seanad. This motion was passed by majority and now moves on to 3rd stage. On 10th November 2016 a debate on the motion of ISL Recognition took place in Dáil Éireann following a report by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality. This report was published calling on the Government to recognise ISL after Wendy Murray, Brian Crean and John Bosco Conama each gave testimonies on the importance of ISL Recognition to the committee. About 35-40 Deaf and hearing people attended the debate including many who travelled from counties like Cork and Monaghan. Two interpreters were present and interpreted from the press gallery. The debate was both interesting and positive. Sinn Féin TD Caoimhghin O’Caolain, Spokesperson on Disability Rights started the debate and spoke about the need for ISL recognition. The Minister of State for Disability Affairs, Finian McGrath responded to say that he agreed with the need to recognise ISL but that he had concerns with some clauses in the ISL Recognition Bill.

Services we provide:

DALS- the Deaf Adult Literacy Services (DALS) provide classes for Deaf people all over Ireland. We provide day and evening courses for Deaf adults nationwide, taught by Deaf tutors using Irish Sign Language. We also provide classes for Hard of Hearing students. Examples of our classes include English, maths, arts and crafts, personal development, Deaf history, social media, driving theory test and QQI accredited computer courses.

Deaforward- the IDS Advocacy Service is a unique Deaf-led confidential service established in 2004 that provides support and information for Deaf people through their first and preferred language of Irish Sign Language (ISL). The service bridges the gap that exists for Deaf people in accessing public and private services and information which often tend to exclude and isolate Deaf people. Deaforward also provide Deaf Awareness Training to different organisations and companies around Ireland, providing information on Deaf people, Deaf culture and ISL to parents, teachers, and professionals.

DeafHear is the largest national organisation in Ireland for people with a hearing loss and Tinnitus. We also provide support and advice to parents of deaf and hard of hearing children. DeafHear's multi-disciplinary team based in 13 locations nationwide, encompasses a wide range of services including one-to-one confidential support and information for people with an acquired hearing loss, Cochlear Implant users and Deaf adults through their preferred choice of communication; Family Support Social Workers; Mental Health service; assistive technology for home, school and the workplace; we also provide social outlets and activities for our service users and their families.

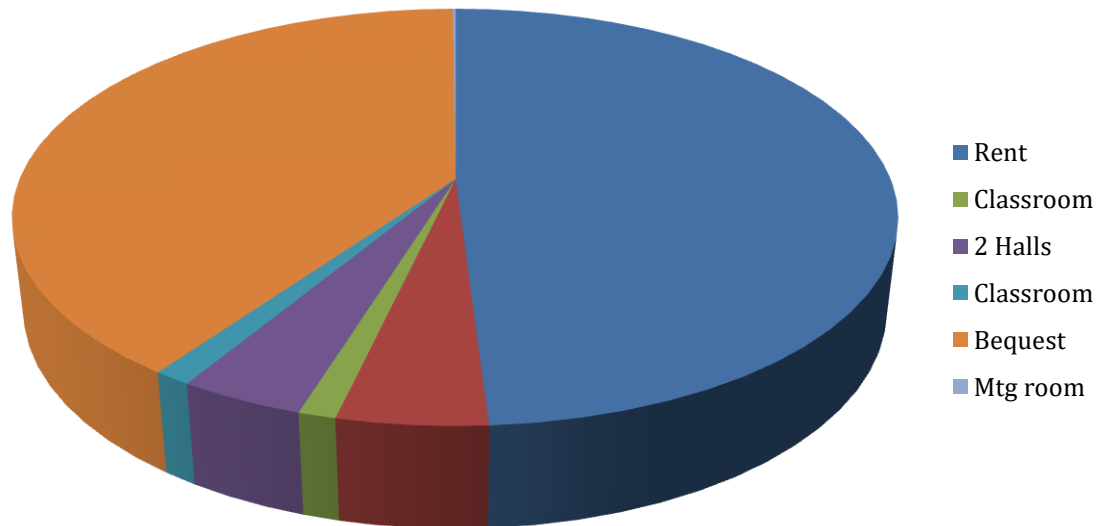
Our flagship Centre in DVI facilitates a lot of organisational collaboration with other DVI organisations; we work closely with them on key projects and activities. For example: DeafHear and the IDS work together producing ISL information videos, and along with SLIS, in promoting the development of the Irish Remote Interpreting service (IRIS). We regularly use the facilities in Inspire and facilitators from Deaf Sport Ireland for our annual children's activity camps, teenage trips and our social support groups, and receive a lot of support from the DDA for setting up the hall for the Christmas Party for families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.

DeafHear also facilitates other organisations support through various visiting groups, from our other resource centres, coming to the DVI. For example: we have a group coming from Kildare/Wicklow/Dublin South area in April, for some it will be their first visit to the DVI. They will be visiting the Deaf Heritage centre, attending a mass conducted by the National Chaplaincy for Deaf People and be treated to refreshments organised by the Dublin Deaf Association. Without the DVI, we would be unable to access these holistic partnerships, which are beneficial to our organisation and service users.



The Irish Deaf Youth Association has maintained good working relationships with other organisations within Deaf Village Ireland. This year we have collaborated with Deaf Sports Ireland and the Irish Deaf Society to share resources, such as sports equipment and meeting facilities. Our two biggest projects for this year will be the Peru Trek and the European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY) General Assembly being held in Deaf Village Ireland this summer, 2017. The successful planning and organisation of the Peru Trek by our young deaf members has seen a group of committed young deaf people working together. and often gathering at DVI, to fundraise for this exciting adventure. The proceeds from this trip will be donated to the Irish Deaf Youth Association. Secondly, the Irish Deaf Youth Association will be hosting a large group of young Deaf people attending the European Union of Deaf Youth General Assembly in Deaf Village Ireland from the 1st - 4th June which is another exciting event to look forward to! A busy year lies ahead for the IDYA board and its members!

Income



Expenditure

