



## What are the community saying about the Village?

"We meet new people, more so than in the club, there are more young people coming here"

"There's a lovely atmosphere, it's my second home"

"I love the Village. This has changed my lifestyle; I found my identity in the Village"

"I love the surroundings, swimming pool and I love chatting to my friends in this open space"

"I just love this place"

"It's a great hub, there are always people about, and faces from the past are coming back. It's a one stop, where we all are working together"

"I am always here, I love meeting people here and I love my swim"

"I feel happy here, I love it"

"I love the space here; it's nice for Deaf people to have their own space"

"There's a great network here in terms of easy access to all the organisations, everything is here religious, culture and communication support for the community"

"There's good contacts here and we see more of the Deaf community"

"It's a great place for hearing people to become more Deaf aware, some hearing people can learn from a Deaf environment"

"We use never see much of the Deaf and now we see each other a lot, it's good that the Deaf and hearing mix with each other. I feel very comfortable and relaxed here"

"We meet a lot of Deaf people here"

"It's bright, airy and everyone is in the one area which is great, easy access for all"

"This is my second home, a big difference to the old club. I love meeting people here"

"I think this place is great, it's bright, cheerful and it's good to see many young people coming in"

"This is a brilliant place, a bit disappointed the DDA lounge is a bit small but the centre piece for me is the Café. It's brilliant to have our own Café"

"Communication is tops here! All the staff has good communication skills here. I love the gym and the pool"

"It's very modern and it is great to see the Community coming together again. There's a very welcoming atmosphere here. It is great to have both Deaf and hearing people mixing together"

"There is a real friendly atmosphere in the Village and many say there is a real 'Buzz' in the centre"

## Activities/Facilities in Deaf Village Ireland for the Deaf community

### Sports

Aqua- aerobics for men/ women, Bowls, Badminton, Men's/Ladies Football, Darts, Irish Deaf folk dance, Swimming, water polo, Gym, classes – spinning, kettle bells, circuit training, and boxercise classes.

### Activities

Drama, Training, Workshops, Social hub for younger and older Deaf people, Sign Language classes, Remote Interpreting service, Launches/Shows, Support and information services for Deaf people such as mental health, Easy access and community services, Events, Religious services, Adult Education classes, Computer classes, Kids parties, Bingo, Presentations on different topics.



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### Welcome to Deaf Village Ireland.

We hope that you will enjoy your visit to the Village.

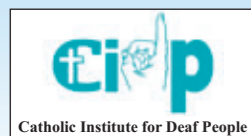
Deaf Village Ireland is an inclusive state of the art social, administration, religious, community, sports, heritage and education complex providing a range of facilities for both Deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people. DVI is Deaf led with an unique integrated communication ethos where both Irish Sign Language (ISL) and spoken English are used. The Deaf Village Ireland is a collaborative organisation represented by all Deaf organisations in Dublin.

The organisations involved include:

- Catholic Institute for Deaf People
- Citizen's Information Centre
- DeafHear.ie
- Deaf Heritage Centre
- Dublin Deaf Association
- Deaf Sports Ireland
- Irish Deaf Society
- Irish Deaf Women's Group
- Irish Deaf Youth Association
- National Chaplaincy for Deaf People
- Sign Language Association of Ireland
- Sign Language Interpreting Services

Deaf Village Ireland is a limited company set up to manage the Village through a central support structure and aims to provide a location where the Deaf community can thrive and work together. The facilities are used by a wide variety of other Deaf groups such as the Deaf scouts, schools, drama as well as many groups from the local community.

# ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE



**Catholic Institute for Deaf People (CIDP)** is an enabling organisation which seeks to support the development of the Deaf Community. It provides chaplaincy services to the Deaf Community, manages St Joseph's and St Mary's boarding school, Residences in Cabra and St Joseph's Residence, in Stillorgan for vulnerable Deaf and Deaf Blind adults and is the trustee for the specialist Deaf schools in Cabra. CIDP also manages the Deaf Education Centre in partnership with DeafHear, IDS and CDS Trinity College. [www.cidp.ie](http://www.cidp.ie)



**Citizen Information Centre (CIC)** Citizen Information Centre (CIC) provides free and confidential information services. They are supported and funded by the Citizens Information Board. The website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland. It is provided by the Citizens Information Board (CIB). St Vincent's Deaf CIC is located at DVI. Email address: [stvindeaf@citinfo.ie](mailto:stvindeaf@citinfo.ie)



**Dublin Deaf Association (DDA)** provides a social meeting place for Deaf people, one that is pleasant with up to date amenities. It is situated in the heart of DVI and is known as the Hub. Their lounge provides tea and snacks at all times and a drinks bar in the future. It also provides information about Deaf activities and supports a number of Deaf clubs. Everybody is welcome to the DDA. [dublindeafassoc@gmail.com](mailto:dublindeafassoc@gmail.com)



**DeafHear** is a national organisation providing specialist services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and their families. It also campaigns for their right to equal access to services and to promote awareness of the impact of hearing loss on individuals and public health. Key services include Specialist Information, Family Support Service, Assistive Technology and Community Services. [www.deafhear.ie](http://www.deafhear.ie)



**Deaf Heritage Centre (DHC)** was set up in 1999 by a group of past pupils of St Joseph's School for Deaf Boys. Its aims are to collate, maintain and protect artefacts, materials and records of the Deaf Community, tracing back 200 years. The objectives of DHC are together with the ex-pupils from St Mary's school for Deaf girls and other Deaf schools. The objectives of DHC are to showcase collections of heritage preserve data and records in its archive-room and to provide education on Deaf history in Ireland. It seeks to promote the history of the Deaf Community in Ireland and to encourage the Deaf Community to take pride in their history. [deafheritagecentre@eircom.net](mailto:deafheritagecentre@eircom.net)



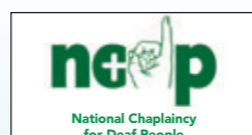
**Deaf Sports Ireland** is an organisation which promotes the social and community benefits of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people participating in sports. DSI encourage participation at all levels and looks for potential athletes to take part in competitions national and international events. DSI provides training and a wide range of sporting activities. See [www.deafsportsireland.com](http://www.deafsportsireland.com)



The **Irish Deaf Society** is a the Deaf-led National Representative organisation that recognises Irish Sign Language as a means towards Deaf empowerment and equality. The IDS works to support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, promoting education and access as both citizens of Ireland and individuals. The IDS provides Deaf Awareness Training, an adult literacy service, an advocacy service and ISL classes. See [www.deaf.ie](http://www.deaf.ie)



The **Irish Deaf Youth Association (IDYA)** is a not for profit organisation which welcomes Deaf and hard of hearing youths aged 18-30. The IDYA also caters for children aged 13-17 through organised activities run by Irish Deaf Teens. The IDYA's aim is to provide a social outlet for young people to gather together to learn about their culture, promoting inclusion through events, activities, workshops, youth exchanges (internationally and nationally) and providing information through Irish Sign Language. See [www.irishdeafyouth.com](http://www.irishdeafyouth.com)



**National Chaplaincy for Deaf People (NCDP)** provides chaplaincy services to Deaf people of all ages throughout Ireland. Fr Gerard Tyrrell, Frankie Berry, John Patrick Doherty, Denise Flack and Annie Egan work as a team to serve and work with Deaf people and the community. The team provides liturgical services and pastoral support. NCDP welcomes all people to The Emmaus Chapel situated at the heart of Deaf Village Ireland. [www.ncdp.ie](http://www.ncdp.ie)



**Irish Deaf Women's Group (IDWG)** was set up to organise social events for Deaf women. This includes parties, social events, presentations and workshops. The aim of the IDWG is to empower Deaf Women and to bring equality among Deaf women. [www.deafwomen.ie](http://www.deafwomen.ie)



**Sign Language Association Ireland (SLAI)** The aim of Sign Language Association of Ireland is to promote and advance the educational skills of Deaf people. It provides an effective forum for the exchange of information on teaching methods and classroom materials. It promotes the importance of Irish Sign language and supports the use of ISL in frontline health, education, and social services and supports Deaf people in accessing these vital services. In order to continue improving their services SLAI develops new programmes to upgrade teaching procedures and improve skills in relation to ISL. Email: [developmentsslai@gmail.com](mailto:developmentsslai@gmail.com)



**Sign Language Interpreting Services (SLIS)** is a voluntary not-for-profit organisation which promotes, represents, advocates and ensures the availability of quality interpretation services to Deaf people in Ireland. The overall vision is to ensure Deaf people can easily exercise their rights under the Equal Status and Disability Acts and can access their rights and entitlements to public and social services. See [www.slis.ie](http://www.slis.ie)



## Some Facts about Deaf Village Ireland

- The Village has brought the community together again after twenty years or more! The young, middle aged and older Deaf people are mixing again.
- There are over 2,200 people using the gym/Pool in the Village of whom 240 are from the Deaf Community.
- Visitors have come from all around the world – England, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Norway, Europe, Africa, Australia and America.
- The Deaf Community chose the name DVI and named the various community facilities within the Deaf Village after well-known Deaf people/locations.
- There is a high demand to use the new Cabragh Hall, with all the activities amongst the Deaf community.
- Almost every organisation has Deaf people employed in Deaf Village Ireland.
- The first wedding ceremony was held in the Emmaus Church in Deaf Village Ireland on 23rd February 2013. There have been Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Book Launches and some major Functions held by the Deaf Community. On several occasions hundreds of Deaf people have gathered together from all over Ireland to celebrate special community events.
- There are more Deaf people involved in sports since the opening of Deaf Village Ireland.
- There are over 120 students studying with the Irish Deaf Society in the Thomas Mahon building every week in DVI.
- The day centre for older citizens has 70 members and most of them meet every week in DVI.
- There are regular events arranged by the Deaf community – Coffee Mornings, Parties, BBQ's, Bingo, Poker, Book Launches, Lecturers, Mass, Film festival parties, Table quiz, Games, Cheese and Wine parties, Educational Seminars, Film nights, Drama Shows, Garage Sales, Training and Sporting events.
- All the organisations within the Village meet for coffee every Friday and get to know each other and enhance co-operation.
- ISL is the priority language of the DVI campus. New staff employed are encouraged to attain FETAC standards of communication in ISL.
- DVI represents the best opportunity to present the Deaf message about communication, culture and language in a coherent, fresh and visible way.
- DVI operates a Community Development model promoting and improving the lives of Deaf people through sports, social interaction, education, training and career development.

