



# DHC Newsletter Christmas 2014

Welcome to Deaf Heritage Centre Ireland (DHC) first newsletter. We would like to keep in touch with our members. This first newsletter and appropriate timing is one of the way to do this. We hope you will enjoy this newsletter.



The Department of Justice and Equality has allocated €28,000 funding to the DHC to develop the educational, training and resources including the purchase of equipment, curators/archivist training, website, enhancing resources to share Irish Deaf history within the Deaf community and beyond. Kevin Stanley has been appointed to undertake this project including the development of the future plans.



The DHC has recently organised a successful fundraiser Cabra Cabaret at the DHC centre. It was attended by xx people that raised €xxxxx. The cabaret included several traditional music and the highlight of the evening was St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls' Choir. The DHC would like to thank Seamus Clandillion and Pat xxxxx for organising this event.

There will be more fundraiser cabarets in 2015.



DHC organised a conference/workshop called Introduction to Hidden History - Archiving, Collecting, Recording and Researching. It focused on hidden Deaf history with a mixture of presentation and workshop, which gave the participants opportunity to engage with the value of Deaf history in Ireland.

This conference provided the opportunity for participants to embrace history through archiving, collecting, recording and researching, leading to the future opportunities to study Deaf history and to develop Deaf history peers networking. It was facilitated by Dr. John Bosco Conama

with Dr. Kathleen McTiernan of TCD and DHC Chairperson, Liam Breen giving their presentations on archiving and research in order to preserve the history of the Deaf community whereby around 90% are probably currently untraced. It is hoped that it would encourage wider scope for further research with more people involved. 30 people took part in this successful event, DHC would like to thank Josephine O' Leary for coordinating this, assisted by Marian McKenna and Kevin Stanley.



Senator Mark Daly recently visited DHC with Liam Breen describing the rich history of the Deaf community with selected displays in the centre.

He was particularly interested in the origins of Irish Sign Language, tracing back to the VC of the 19th Century.





The DHC organised annual mass for the deceased on 16th November to remember the departed members of the Deaf community who died in 2013 and 2014 as follows:

Patricia Lynch (Dublin)  
Michael McDevitt (Donegal)  
Liam Foley (Cork)  
Patrick Byrne (Dublin)  
Mary Gahan  
Michael and Mary Norris (Tipperary)  
Vincent O'Connor (Kerry & Dublin)  
Thomas Cannon (Galway)  
Sean Boshell (Dublin)  
Patrick Newman (Cork)  
Michael Thomas (Mayo)  
Bernard Casey (Dublin)  
Tim O'Brien (Kerry)  
Patrick O'Rourke (Waterford)  
John Marren (Sligo & Dublin)

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22nd of November 2014 was a very special day for the Past Pupils of St. Mary's School. St. Mary's Deaf Heritage organised a Mass for the deceased Past Pupils of St. Mary's along with a tour to cemetery where few of the past pupils buried along with nuns, tour to both schools, old school of St. Mary's and Rosary School, and refreshments in the Atrium in Deaf Village Ireland in the evening. About 240 Ladies turned up. It was a lovely day for the Ladies – reuniting with old friends that have not been seen for 30-45 years and sharing the memories of school days

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#### DHC Events in 2015

January to June:

Opening of DHC library in January/February

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the death of Monsignor William Yore, the founder of Deaf schools in Cabra and Catholic Institute for Deaf People in 1846. Mass, lecture and related event takes place in February 2015 with venue to be confirmed.

Annual Deaf History Conference and Mass for the deceased Deaf people will take place in November 2015 with further details to be announced.

More events is planned in 2015 with further details to be announced.

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The Committee of the Deaf Heritage Centre wish you all Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

