



Irish Deaf Society General Election Manifesto 2020

Access Equality Inclusion

The Irish Deaf Society asks all parties and election candidates to support our manifesto and champion access, equality and inclusion for the Deaf community.

By supporting the IDS Manifesto you commit to:

1. Supporting the legal commencement of the ISL Act in 2020. Making sure Deaf access and inclusion is considered and provided for in local government and workplace policies and strategies.
2. Meeting the commitments in the UN Convention on Rights for People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), of which 5 clauses relate to sign language.
3. Implementing the Interpreting Hours Voucher Allocation System. The voucher system, to provide interpreters for the Deaf community, has a budget of €150k approved and guidelines submitted but progress has not been made. We need answers as to why has this scheme not been started.
4. Support the campaign for an Irish “Access To Work” based on the success of the UK and European equivalent schemes and address Deaf communities struggle in the labour market.
5. Meet with members of the Deaf community on a regular basis and understand the issues they face.

The Irish Government has formally acknowledged that the Deaf Community is systematically excluded from State Services, and as a result, is marginalised.

Join our fight for access and equality, use the hash tag **#IDSManifesto** to show your support in social media.