

Introduction

The Register of Irish Sign Language Interpreters (RISLI), a voluntary, national, professional register.

The registration system is referenced in the [2017 Irish Sign Language Act](#) (referred to as an ‘accreditation scheme’) and the [National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017 – 2021](#)

RISLI is funded and supported by Citizens Information Board and the Department of Social Protection. SLIS provides secretarial support to RISLI and administers the decisions of the Registration Panel.

Policies and Procedures

The purpose of RISLI was amended in the Register Structure and Governance paper, to the following:

- Establish and maintain a standards-based registration system for Irish Sign Language Interpreters to ensure protection primarily for the Deaf community and service providers.
- Set the standards for the provision of Irish Sign Language interpreting that all public bodies require.
- Support public bodies through access to a public register of interpreters.
- Support professional Irish Sign Language interpreters to meet and maintain standards.
- Promote social inclusion of Irish Sign Language users by supporting the use of registered interpreters including access to public bodies.

RISLI continues to develop and review the policies and procedure of RISLI.

Once the policies have been approved by the Registration Panel, they will be updated on www.risli.ie

Registration Panel

RISLI is governed by a Registration Panel 11 members, who serve in a voluntary capacity to maintain the voluntary professional register.

The following 4 new members were appointed to the Registration Panel:

Name	Category
Rachel Downes	Chairperson
Brendan O’Dea	Member with experience in the establishment and/or operation of an established Register

Eamon Power	Member with expertise in law/governance
Kevin Stanley	Deaf expert in interpreting and the Deaf Community

Note Claire Kellegher served an Interim Chairperson in May and June 2021.

Registered Irish Sign Language/English Interpreters

There are a total of 91 interpreters, including 5 Deaf interpreters registered with RISLI.

The following 5 interpreters were registered with RISLI in quarter 2:

First Name	Surname	Category
Áine	Nally	ISL Interpreter
Sandra	Ivory	ISL Interpreter
Sean	Gilligan	ISL Interpreter
Shelley	Parkinson	ISL Interpreter
Willie	White	ISL Interpreter

The directory of registered interpreters is available from www.risli.ie

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

RISLI hosted three CPD training opportunities for registered interpreters:

- ISL Interpreting in Religious Settings, with Frankie Berry
- Effective English Skills for ISL Interpreters, with Catherine White and Janie Lazar
- ISL Interpreting in Domestic Violence Setting with Clare Chilton

A monthly Newsletter is distributed to Registered Interpreters providing information on CPD and updates on the register.

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