

Introduction

The Regulatory Centre for Irish Sign Language Interpreters Ireland CLG was established for the purpose of maintaining 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 was established in December 2020 and aims to:

- To protect users of interpreting services, primarily the Deaf community and service providers, through a standards-based registration system for Irish Sign Language Interpreters
- To set and ensure adherence to standards for the provision of Irish Sign Language by public bodies
- To support public bodies to facilitate the use of Irish Sign Language services so the deaf community can exercise their rights and entitlements through access to services
- To support professional Irish Sign Language interpreters to meet and maintain standards
- To promote social inclusion of Irish Sign Language users including access to public bodies

RISLI is funded and supported by Citizens Information Board and the Department of Social Protection.

Registration Panel

RISLI is governed by a Registration Panel 7 members, who serve in a voluntary capacity to maintain the voluntary professional register. The Registration Panel currently meets monthly. SLIS provides secretarial support to RISLI and administers the decisions of the Registration Panel.

Following are the representatives appointed to the Registration Panel.

Name	Category
Michela Benassi	Chairperson
Ali Stewart	Professional Interpreting Representative
Anna Lena Nilsson	Member with international experience of sign language interpreting
Anne Coogan	Deaf expert in interpreting and the Deaf community
Bernadette Ferguson	Registered Irish Sign Language Interpreter

Denise Ryan (Department of Social Protection)	Nominee of the Department of Social Protection
Lorraine Leeson (Trinity College Dublin)	Academic expert in interpreting and Deaf studies
Teresa Lynch	Registered Deaf Interpreter

Register Policy and Procedures

The operations of the various components of the Registration System will be based on the following policy papers:

- Register Structure and Governance
- Registration Panel – Membership and Operation
- Registration Panel – Code of Conduct
- Registration Process
- Code of Conduct
- GDPR and Privacy Policy
- CPD and Mentoring Policy
- Complaints Committee – Membership and Operations
- Appeals Committee – Membership and Operations
- Complaints and Mediation Processes
- Appeals Processes

Further policies and procedures are in development.

Registered Irish Sign Language/English Interpreters

The following 86 interpreters were registered with RISLI, including 5 Deaf interpreters:

First Name	Surname	Category
Abbie	O'Neill	ISL Interpreter
Aisling	Dragoi	ISL Interpreter
Ali	Stewart	ISL Interpreter
Alison	Harrington	ISL Interpreter
Alissa	Dunsky	ISL Interpreter
Amanda	Dunne	ISL Interpreter
Amanda	Mohan	ISL Interpreter
Amanda	Coogan	ISL Interpreter
Andrea	Smith	ISL Interpreter
Anita	Cunneen	ISL Interpreter
Aoife	Blake	ISL Interpreter

Aoife	Harrington	ISL Interpreter
April	Drew	ISL Interpreter
Bernadette	Ferguson	ISL Interpreter
Bertha	Cohen	ISL Interpreter
Brenda	Quigg	ISL Interpreter
Caitriona	Finlay	ISL Interpreter
Caoimhe	Bennett	ISL Interpreter
Caoimhe	Coburn Gray	ISL Interpreter
Carmel	McGloin	ISL Interpreter
Carol	Mc Ardle	ISL Interpreter
Caroline	Corrigan	ISL Interpreter
Caroline	O'Donnell	ISL Interpreter
Caroline	O'Leary	ISL Interpreter
Catherine	White	ISL Interpreter
Christine	Green	ISL Interpreter
Ciara	Grant	ISL Interpreter
Clair	Sweeney	ISL Interpreter
Claudia	Matassa	ISL Interpreter
Clodagh	Gibney	ISL Interpreter
Cormac	Leonard	ISL Interpreter
Daniel	Crean	ISL Interpreter
Darren	Byrne	ISL Interpreter
Darren	Daly	ISL Interpreter
Dawn	Kelly	ISL Interpreter
Deirdre	Tobin	ISL Interpreter
Eileen	Doherty	ISL Interpreter
Elena	Gibson	ISL Interpreter
Fiona	Ivory Noonan	ISL Interpreter
Frankie	Berry	Deaf ISL Interpreter
Gemma	Shannon	ISL Interpreter
Geraldine	Parker	ISL Interpreter
Heidi	Veldheer	ISL Interpreter
Helen	Newman	ISL Interpreter
Helena	Saunders	Deaf ISL Interpreter
Imelda	Gibbons-Walsh	ISL Interpreter
Isabelle	Walsh	ISL Interpreter
Joanne	O'Donnell	ISL Interpreter
Kate	Cannon	ISL Interpreter
Kate	Privett	ISL Interpreter
Leah	Murray	ISL Interpreter
Leanne	Saurin	ISL Interpreter
Lisa	Dunne	ISL Interpreter

Lisa	Harvey	ISL Interpreter
Lorraine	Leeson	ISL Interpreter
Mairead	Hegarty	ISL Interpreter
Marcella	Dillon	ISL Interpreter
Margaret	Woulfe	ISL Interpreter
Mary	Stringer	ISL Interpreter
Mary	Dermody	ISL Interpreter
Michael	Feeney	ISL Interpreter
Michelle	McNulty	ISL Interpreter
Orla	MacCabe	ISL Interpreter
Pauline	McMahon	ISL Interpreter
Ray	Greene	ISL Interpreter
Robert	Ball	ISL Interpreter
Romy	O'Callaghan	ISL Interpreter
Sandra	Morrissey	ISL Interpreter
Sarah	Falconer	ISL Interpreter
Sarah	Garvey	ISL Interpreter
Sarah	Sheridan	ISL Interpreter
Senan	Dunne	Deaf ISL Interpreter
Susan	Foley-Cave	ISL Interpreter
Susan	O'Callaghan	Deaf ISL Interpreter
Suzanne	Carey	ISL Interpreter
Tara	O'Neill	ISL Interpreter
Teresa	Lynch	Deaf ISL Interpreter
Tony	Dolan	ISL Interpreter
Tracey	Daly	ISL Interpreter
Tracey	O'Kane	ISL Interpreter
Trisha	McMahon	ISL Interpreter
Valeria	Fullam	ISL Interpreter
Vanessa	Kelly	ISL Interpreter
Vanessa	O'Connell	ISL Interpreter
Veronica	White	ISL Interpreter

Registered interpreters are required to complete a set number of continuous professional training and work practice hours annually. Registered interpreters are also obliged to act in accordance with the professional Code of Conduct. RISLI operates a Complaints and Mediation policy, where complaints can be made against a registered interpreter, for failing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

The directory of registered interpreters and Guidelines for working with interpreters is available from www.risli.ie

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

RISLI hosted the following CPD training opportunities for registered interpreters:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Training provided by Sytorus.
- Interpreting in Video Relay Service (VRS) Settings provided by Brigitte Francois.

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

A Mentorship Training bursary funded by Citizens Information Board was issued to 9 Registered Interpreters.

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