



National
Association
for Deaf People



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National Association for Deaf People is a voluntary body, which provides a range of services for deaf and hard of hearing people and their families. These services include Family Support; Deaftech – an Information and Technology Centre; Communication Support; Training and Employment; Sign Language Classes; Lipreading Classes and Aural Rehabilitation, Citizens Information Centre Literacy Classes; Tinnitus Support via the Irish Tinnitus Association (ITA); Meniere's Support Group and Information and Advocacy.

What is Deafness?

Deafness means that the person has some difficulty hearing sounds. Deafness can be seen as a communication impairment rather than merely a loss of sound perception. Therefore, it affects all personal, social, educational and business situations where information is given or received via speech or sound.

Statistics on Deafness

Around 17% of the population of Ireland have some form of hearing loss. This loss ranges from a mild hearing loss to a profound loss.

Description of Hearing Loss	% Total Adult Population	Number of Adults
Mild	11.33%	399,201
Moderate	4.99%	175,818
Severe	0.54%	19,026
Profound	0.14%	4,933
Total	17%	598,978

Mild	25-40
Moderate	41-70
Severe	71-95
Profound	96+

Sign Language and Interpreters

You may also attend sign language classes which are being held around the country – this would assist communication. Contact us for further information.

You can also hire interpreters. Should you need assistance with communication, contact Irish Sign Link Ltd.



Deaf Awareness Training

One day's Deaf Awareness Training will give participants the confidence to communicate politely and efficiently with deaf and hard of hearing people. Read our leaflet on DAT or contact us for further information.

Deaftech

Deaftech is a national resource centre, run by NAD, to demonstrate and provide information on non-medical assistive technical aids and appliances and equipment for deaf and hard of hearing people, both in the home and commercial environment.

Deaftech equipment is displayed in all NAD Resource Centres Nationally, where people can drop in and try out any of the equipment on display. Many of the items displayed can be purchased from Deaftech with the reassurance of a 30-day, no questions asked, money-back guarantee.

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See our leaflet for our Resource Centres and Outreach Centres

Check out our range of leaflets or visit our website at www.nadi.ie for further information.

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