

LIGHT-UP-THE-BRIDGE

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FOR

INTERNATIONAL WEEK FOR THE DEAF



“Full Inclusion with Sign Language!”



INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF 2017 18 TO 24 SEPTEMBER

THEME: FULL INCLUSION WITH SIGN LANGUAGE!
 International Week of the Deaf 2017 takes place under the theme "Full Inclusion with Sign Language!". It is in tandem with the 5th International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf and focuses on full social inclusion of deaf people is possible when sign language is recognized and used widely within the society.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF 2017 addresses the importance of sign language. Without the actual recognition, facilitation and promotion of it, the rights outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the recently adopted 2017 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals cannot be fully achieved.

CAMPAIGN KEY MESSAGES

BIRTH RIGHT Deafness is the result of genetic, congenital or acquired hearing loss. It enables deaf children to have full participation and growth, including their cognitive and social skills. Deaf children need access to sign language.	DEAF IDENTITY Signlanguage deaf people are belonging to a cultural and linguistic community, who are not regarded as a medical target or educational target.	ACCESSIBILITY Deafness that deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.
EQUAL LANGUAGE Signlanguage is a natural and essential means of communication for deaf people. It is a fully functioning language and is not an auxiliary language for the hearing of a language. This is the linguistic condition of deaf communication.	FULL INCLUSION WITH SIGN LANGUAGE Deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.
THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION Deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.	WITH SOCIAL PARTICIPATION Deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.	LIFELONG LEARNING Deaf people need access to public information and services, full sign language interpreting, captioning, audio-visual captioning, a key factor is accessibility to public services such as health care, employment, social welfare and other governmental services.

