

- The Bumpy Journey towards the Irish Sign Language Act: Critical Considerations and Personal Reflections of a Deaf Activist -Scholar *In the book by Clare Cunningham and Chris Hall (York St John's University) Vulnerabilities, Challenges and Risks in Applied Linguistics* De Gruyter
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Research publications

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- John Bosco Conama. ISL recognition and its implementation, *DFIG conference, University of Wolverhampton, 13th February 2019, University of Wolverhampton*.

John Bosco Conama. Irish Sign Language Act 2017, Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), *South Dublin Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght,, 4th April, 2019, South Dublin County Council*.

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Specific Research Interests / future considerations

- Translation issues in relation to the websites
- The current situation of Deaf Studies as a discipline and future challenges (may co-author with several in the think tank group in Utrecht)
- Social media influences
- Socio-economic issues facing D/deaf people
- Political engagement between Deaf communities and the political process
- History of deaf people as 'clients' of charities or social services in Ireland – especially during the 18th and 19th century.