

[Rollover of 2020 Líofoa Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme into 2021](#)

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA has announced that in view of the cancellation of this year's Gaeltacht Summer Courses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Líofoa Gaeltacht Bursary scheme will be rolled over into 2021.

[Economy Minister announces details of free online courses for furloughed workers](#)

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today launched a new learning resource for furloughed workers and others who have lost their job as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Deaf Links services during Covid-19 crisis](#)



Following government advice, [Deaf Links](#) has temporarily suspended its normal 1:1 Sensory Advocacy Service, Social Groups, BSL Classes, Activities and Training. Tayside Deaf Hub Community Centre, the Charity Shop and No 23 Café are also closed until further notice.

All Home visits and 1:1 appointments with Advocacy Staff are cancelled, but if a Deaf Links service user had an appointment booked, a staff member will be in contact with you.

However, its 1:1 Advocacy Service staff are still working hard and support will continue via phone calls, text messages, video calls and emails across Dundee, Angus and Perth & Kinross. Please do not feel lonely or afraid, just get in touch.

If Deaf Links Service users need other support such as help with shopping, collecting medication, pet care or hearing aid battery supplies please get in contact one of its staff :

Vix Paulo: 07745 347567

Tricia Mill: 07926 568529

Lucyanna McLaughlin: 07721 866937

Alana Harper: 07711 462385

No.23 Café will be offering local groups and charities a range food while the café is closed to the public, which is great news. Contact Brian Jones at brian@deaflinks.org.uk for more information.

DAERA welcomes gradual re-opening of marts

The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural affairs has welcomed the decision by the Northern Ireland Livestock and Auctioneers' Association (NILAA) to open Livestock Marts on a gradual basis from 27 April 2020.

Poots launches Tranche 4 EFS (Higher)

DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots MLA, has announced that the Higher Level of the Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) Tranche 4 will open for applications on 24 April.