

Time	Thursday 26th September	Venue
9.15	Registration opens	QFT Foyer
9.30	Coffee and welcome	QFT Foyer
9.45	Plenary Session	Brian Friel Theatre
	BSL Recognition or Acknowledgement? Historical Perspectives	
	John Hay, University of Wolverhampton	
10.45	Papers: Language Recognition	Brian Friel Theatre
	Sign Language Recognition: why, what and how? Maartje De Meulder	
	Recognition by what measure? Sally Gillespie	
	Northern Ireland: Two Traditions, Two Signed Languages, One Shared Future. Shane Gilchrist	
12.15	Lunch	QFT Foyer
13.15	Plenary Session	Brian Friel Theatre
	Mark Wheatley, European Union of the Deaf	
14.15	Papers: Language Recognition and Service Provision	Brian Friel Theatre
	The Impact of Sign Language Recognition on Deaf Blind People. Drena O'Malley	
	The SDQ Translation Project. Josie Smith	
	UK Welfare Reforms: Retrogressive and Retrograde? Andy Long	
	A Holistic View of Access for ALL Deaf Children, Young People and Families. Rachael Hayes	
15.45	Coffee	QFT Foyer
16.00	Panel discussion: The Politics of Recognition	Brian Friel Theatre
	Chair: David Johnston	
	Panel: Dr Stephen Kelly (QUB), Dr Sarah Maitland (University of Hull), David Buxton (British Deaf Association), and Damien Rea (Department of Culture Arts and Leisure).	
17.00	The Charitable Sector and Recognition	Brian Friel Theatre
	Jackie White (Action on Hearing Loss)	
	David Buxton (The British Deaf Association)	
18.00	Wine Reception sponsored by Significant't	The Cube, Crescent Arts Centre
20.00	Conference Dinner	Deanes at Queens

Time	Friday 27th September	Venue
9.15	Registration opens (Friday only delegates)	QFT Foyer
9.30	Plenary Session	Brian Friel Theatre
	Campaign for ISL recognition in the Republic of Ireland	
	John Bosco-Conama, Centre for Deaf Studies, Trinity College Dublin	
10.30	Coffee	QFT Foyer
10.45	Papers	Brian Friel Theatre
	BSL and ISL- the long road to recognition. Brian Symington and John Carberry	
	Word Made Flesh: Recognising Heritage BSL. Graham Turner	
	The Recognition of Flemish Sign Language (VGT). Maartje De Meulder	
	Deaf Art, Deaf Awareness: A celebration of deaf art. Christine Bithell	
12.15	Lunch	QFT Foyer
13.15	Plenary Session	Brian Friel Theatre
	The long winding road to BSL recognition in Scotland	
	Lilian Lawson, Scottish Council on Deafness	
14.15	Papers	Brian Friel Theatre
	The History and Future of Sign Language Interpretation and Regulation. Craig Crowley	
	When The Battle's Over, Everyone Goes Home: why hard won rights are sometimes not exercised.	
	Paul Belmonte	
	Let's Start a Conversation- Interpreters and deaf professionals working collaboratively. Dr Jules Dickinson	
	The Changing Face of BSL Teaching in Dingwall, Highlands of Scotland. Margaret Kinsman	
15.45	Coffee	QFT Foyer
16.00	Panel discussion: The Role of Academia in Recognition	Brian Friel Theatre
	Chair: Sally Gillespie	
	Panel: Jules Dickinson, Graham Turner, (plus others TBC)	
17.00	Plenary Session	Brian Friel Theatre
	Sign Language Recognition: the next steps	
	Jeff McWhinney	
18.00	Close	Brian Friel Theatre