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Re: Congratulations on the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill being passed

Dear Dr Riley,

On behalf of the World Federation of the Deaf Board, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the recent passing on the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill. I am certain that the active and excellent work done by the relevant group has been instrumental.

Not only is this recognition a remarkable step for deaf, deafblind people and BSL users in Scotland, it is also a significant achievement of realising and preserving linguistic rights as well as promoting opportunities to use and receive information in British Sign Language.

Your accomplishment serves as a great example to who are now in the process of recognising their sign languages.

I believe this step is to pave the trajectory of positive developments for the Deaf and Deafblind Community in Scotland. I wish continued success, strength and courage in your future endeavours regarding the accessibility to information in education, health, workplaces and cultural events.

Once again, congratulations to the British Deaf Association, the Deaf and Deafblind Community in Scotland.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Allen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colin Allen
President
World Federation of the Deaf