

Deaf Culture Question of the Day - Day 3

What worldwide organization fights for the rights of Deaf people and the human right for all deaf children to grow up bilingual learning both the natural sign language of their country and the written/spoken language of their country?

- a. The Alexander Graham Bell World Foundation
- b. The World Federation of the Deaf
- c. The Worldwide Federation of Associations of the Deaf
- d. The United Nations

Do you know this answer? Scroll down to learn more.

Answer: "b" The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). The purpose of WFD from their website: "Established in Rome, Italy, in 1951, WFD is an international, non-governmental central organisation of national associations of Deaf people, with a current membership of associations in 127 countries worldwide. Associate members, international members and individual members also make up WFD's membership base.

WFD's philosophy is one of equality, human rights and respect for all people, regardless of race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual preference, age and all other differences. WFD supports and promotes in its work the many United Nations conventions on human rights, with a focus on Deaf people who use sign language, and their friends and family. WFD works with the aim of solidarity and unity to make the world a better place.

WFD has consultative status in the United Nations (UN) system, including the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the International Labour Organization (ILO); and the World Health Organization (WHO). WFD also co-operates closely with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has representatives on the Panel of Experts on the UN Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. WFD is a member of the International Disability Alliance (IDA).

Visit the WFD at: <http://www.wfdeaf.org/> Explore around. There is a lot of very interesting information about Deaf people all over the world.