

International Plain Language Day, 13 October 2017

This Friday is International Plain Language Day. It is hosted by the [Plain Language Association International](#) (PLAIN), an international association for plain language supporters and practitioners around the world.

All around the world there are talks and webinars about plain language on this day. In many respects Ireland is to the forefront of plain language. For example, the European Ombudsman, Emily O'Reilly, is an important and regular [speaker](#) about plain language at international events including PLAIN's 2015 conference in Ireland. The President of [Clarity](#), an international association promoting plain legal language, is Irishman [Eamonn Moran](#). And, Ireland's [National Adult Literacy Agency](#) is a leader in plain English. Just last week, its spokesperson addressed 28 OECD-country delegates in Paris to share her expertise.

For our part, we celebrate International Plain Language Day by reflecting on our work to use [plain English](#). We have trained our staff how to write in plain English. External communication experts have commended some of our most important documents like our Glossary of Adoption Terms. And, we get many of our documents externally edited and reviewed in plain English so that they achieve [international plain English standards](#).

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